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## WOW NEWSLETTER

### WOMEN ON WAVES

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#### Wavescape Film Festival:

will be screening 15 surf films from the 11-20 December. Movies will be shown at the Brass Bell and the Labia. The first movie (called The Present) kicks off on the 11 December on Clifton 4th Beach. Entry is free and starts at 9pm. If you would like to check out some of the movies or for more information, [click here](#).

Seeing that this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to you all for the fun, the laughs and for making WOWees what it is. Enjoy the festive season and **Merry Christmas!**



#### Help I pulled my LUNG!

Well, if one can pull a hamstring, then this seems fitting when the lungs come under a little too much pressure. This month we mostly had some lovely lake-like conditions, apart from one or two days, when I could see the swell from home (home is behind the dunes). On these days I know we are in for some 'largish' waves. It was on such an occasion that a WOWee went over the falls and was held under the wash a little longer than she would have liked. The waves were indeed big, (by our standards) and my call would have been—6ft. This leads me onto the topic, which attracts much debate, of how to measure the size of a wave. The surf report for the day was 3ft. Impossible I say, when I clearly saw the face of the wave larger than a surfer standing up. On further investigation, I find out that this measurement was for the back of the wave. Now, I am sure I am not alone, when I say.... **who cares how large it is from the back!** I would like to know the size I am facing when it crashes down in front of me or when I commit to rocketing down it's face. According to many sources, one should measure the size of a wave from it's trough to it's crest (the face of the wave). Another strange phenomenon is that even when surfers do refer to the face of the wave, they like to call the size 1-2ft *smaller* than it actually is. It would seem the more hardcore you are, the smaller you call it! My synopsis is—call it what it is—no less, no more and when it pumps through at 6ft, pack an extra pair of lungs in your beach bag. In the new year we will talk fat waves, skinny waves, swell size and wave periods... yeah baby!



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**WOWees growing...** great to see the car park filling up on Board Meeting mornings. Members arrive eagerly, ready to get their "weekly fix" and this month we would like to welcome: Cinzia, Charlene, Rene, Ronel and Kim! Yveta, our international guest was hooked and had 4 sessions in her 2 week stay! **Dedication sista!**

