



## Australian Parachute Federation News Broadcast

7th January, 2011

### Call for Expressions of Interest!

#### **Position Vacant**

The APF is seeking applications for the position of Director Competitions and Sport Development.

Qualifications required:

Preferably a highly experienced competitor with passion for competition skydiving.

The position requires:

- Supervision and attendance at National Championships and oversee the competitors meetings
- Assisting with the Annual Conference
- Representation on the APF Management Committee
- Liaising with the National Coach to develop the Sport and increase participation in Australian and international competition

[click here for position description](#)

Email your expressions of interest, along with a resume of relevant experience to [ceo@apf.asn.au](mailto:ceo@apf.asn.au)

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### Technicals, Safety and Rigging

#### **Vigil Ground Fire**

On the 31st December 2010 an incident occurred where a Vigil1 (DoM Jan 2006) fired on the ground at a SQ DZ.

Downloaded electronic information from the AAD has been forwarded to the manufacturer for their analysis and comment.

This incident remains under investigation by the APF.

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### **Leg strap slippage - Incident Report Dec 2010**

After an uneventful freefall and deployment, a tandem master using Sigma equipment decided to loosen his leg straps slightly. Under canopy, after loosening lateral quick ejectors, the instructor had lifted both left and right buckles to lighten tension in his own leg straps. After loosening the left one he then loosened the right, which loosened very rapidly and before he could arrest it, came undone completely leaving him suspended by only the left strap.

This incident was investigated by both the ASO and the Director of Safety, including attempts to recreate the situation - which was readily able to be done! The tests were made using the same rig involved in the incident.

Note it has the older style buckle design (PS22040-1). The results could not be replicated with the newer Sigma harness buckle.

A video is posted to show what could have occurred:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Lowerlighter>

Results were able to be recreated both in the loft and whilst suspended in the hanging harness.

These buckle types can be found pretty standard on ANY rig. All members are advised to take a look at their procedures.

*The Index of all Rigging Bulletins from Manufacturers, Federations, Aviation Authorities, APF and the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) can be found linked off the Rigging & Equipment Portal on the APF web site at: [Rigging and Equipment](#)*

## Administration

### **Note to all Members and Clubs**

Part Year membership and Student membership prices have increased. The membership forms have been updated to reflect this.

When renewing your membership, please download the new form from the APF website and return the completed form to the APF. [click here for the membership page](#)

Please do not use old forms, as your membership will not be processed.

### **APF Grey News-Sheet**

Deadline for submissions - Issue #181 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

The APF News-Sheet is an instrument for the exchange of views amongst Instructors, Packers, Riggers, Pilots, Judges, Administrators and other senior members of the Australian Parachute Federation.

It is aimed to be published bi-monthly or as the need arises for technical information to be distributed.

Do you have something to contribute to this publication? This is your vehicle that can be used for the exchange of information and ideas for educational purposes. It could be anything in the areas of:

- Safety
- Instruction
- Rigging/Equipment
- Competition
- Judging
- Aircraft/Piloting
- Regulations
- Displays

- Student Training
- And more!

If you've got something to say, say it here. There's plenty of space. Please forward your contributions for consideration to the APF National Office c/o [technical@apf.asn.au](mailto:technical@apf.asn.au). Items can be published if preferred with name withheld upon request.

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### Rating Application Process

Members should be aware that all Instructor, Tutor and Packer rating applications are available from the APF website [click here](#).

When applying for a rating including revalidations please check your paperwork is complete before forwarding to the National Office (NO). This avoids delay in processing your applications.

Those of you who have not received a card after becoming a member should check with the NO.

## What our members are up to

### Dubai Intenational Parachuting Championships and Gulf Cup 5 - 17th January, 2011



Australian's Michael Vaughan, Glenn Farrell and Ben Lewis have made the trip over to Dubai to compete in the Canopy Piloting event at this international event, with Ray Williams as the Event Judge of Canopy Piloting.

Competition starts on the 8th January.

Keep up with the scores as they happen:

<http://www.ipc-wcresults.org.uk/> and

<http://www.emiratesaviation.org/>

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### IPC Plenary Meeting

IPC president, Graeme Windsor and Australia's IPC delegate Lindy Rochow-Williams, and alternate IPC delegate Mark Szulmayer are travelling to Montenegro late this month to attend the IPC Annual Meeting.

The IPC plenary meeting will cover topics such as competition formats, selection process for international events and the promotion of safety.

[click here for more information.](#)

## Media Watch



[Skysisters take the plunge](#)

[Sky's the limit for he who dares](#)

[Why they do it](#)

[Falling for Skydiving](#)

[Tussle at 10,000 feet](#)

Check out our [media archive](#), and please keep sending in your media articles.

## APF Annual Conference 2011

WHEN: 23 - 25th May, 2011

WHERE: Pullman Reef Resort and Casino,  
Cairns

Awards Night: 24<sup>th</sup> May. Kicking off the evening in the Wildlife Dome on the roof of the Hotel.

Guest Speakers include Jay Stokes, World Record for most skydives (600) in 24 hours, also USPA President!

Accommodation bookings: There are a number of events taking place in Cairns over this period so to avoid disappointment we suggest you make your bookings early!



[click here](#) for more information

## Industry Vacancies & Classifieds



### Student Rig For Sale

Aerodyne Icon 59 SOS student system DOM 2005 under 100 jumps. 260sqft main Skymaster. 250 sqft Smart reserve, never used DOM08/03/05. Vigil 2 AAD. Cracked reserve window. Chest mounted rip cord, BOC throw away or SL \$6000.00 ONO.

Contact Glenn at [glenn@southernskydivers.com.au](mailto:glenn@southernskydivers.com.au) or 0424 174 197

**Tandem master wanted** for Coffs harbour. Must have display B with handycam. Contact Dave on 0433254438 or [skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com](mailto:skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com)

### For Sale - Cessna 182H (1965) VH-PLB

The aircraft is configured for skydiving operations with in flight door.

Has been hangared. Charter category. Total hours 6740. Engine to Run 1100. Prop to Run 1000. Fuel Flow 450. EDM(Engine Data Management) JPI 700. Radios ICOM 1A200. 300 COM. ADF - Bendix. Transponder Basic. GPS Garmin 100. GPS Map 96C. Tyres near new. Clean aircraft inside and out. New paint 3 years ago. Fresh 100 hourly. \$115,000 plus GST. (Negotiable). Janine Hayes. 0408 070 991



### TM's, Pilots, Admin, Packers, Dubbers and Drivers wanted

"Skydive the Beach" requires staff for a proposed St Kilda based skydiving operation. We require the following professional individuals. pilots, packers, IB HC Sigma rated TM's, drivers, dubbers and admin staff. Please call Tim on 0418 512 634



### Cessna U206G

1977. Total Time 10,980 hours. Engine 637 TSO. 218 hours since bulk strip by Hawkers. This is a particularly sweet running power plant. Able to be Charter until 2018. Aircraft fitted with in-flight opening parachuting door. Interior fair. Paint needs a good polish.  
\$130,000 ONO  
Phone Alan on 0428 457 840 email: [al208@aviationspecialists.com.au](mailto:al208@aviationspecialists.com.au)

More 2nd Hand Equipment including sports rigs can be found at: [APF classifieds](#)

## Calendar of Events

**[Victoria/Tasmania State Championships](#)**, 22nd - 23rd  
January 2011

**[Australian National Canopy Piloting Championships](#)**, 16th  
- 20th February 2011

**[Australian National FS, VFS, CF and Artistic Championships](#)**, 12th - 21st March 2011

**[APF Annual Conference](#)**, 23rd - 25th May 2011

### Event Advertising

If you would like your skydiving event published on the APF web site (no cost), please email details to [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au) But first, please open up a [Calendar Event](#) to look at samples for minimum information required. The following National and State events AND MORE (including club events, boogies and instructor courses) can be found at: [Calendar of Events](#).

### Cairns Adventure Film Festival

The 2nd annual Cairns Adventure Film Festival is open to film makers of all experience levels and ages. CAFF takes a broad approach to the definition of adventure activity and wishes to be an inclusive and approachable film competition that showcases the action, enthusiasm and nature of the adventures as well as the film maker's talent.

Organiser Rebecca Scott is calling for entries in any of the following categories :

- Short Adventures in Nature
- People's Choice Mad Minutes
- Caffeinated Adventures
- Adventure Features



The biggest condition is that all films must have written proof of music copyright permission.

Entries are due by April 8th 2011 with all details to be found on [www.caff.net.au](http://www.caff.net.au).

The best films will be shown at the gala awards night to be held on Saturday May 28th 2011 in Cairns, Queensland.  
[Click here for entry guidelines](#)

Have a great weekend!!!!

**Sincerely,**

The Australian Parachute Federation Team

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