

PADDLER PROFILE

2009 FENN CUP OCEAN SERIES

Tony Schumacher



Place of Birth: 19 November 1976 (32y/o)

Married / Kids / Pets: Married to wife Kristy, one 2 year old son named Jack and one dog named Rex

Occupation: NSW Police (Water Police on Botany Bay & Port Hacking River)

Nick Name: Schuey or Schuman

Type of Craft: Think UNO ocean ski

Career Highlights:

Kayaking

- Selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team to compete in the k4 1000m race at the Beijing Olympics,
- 2nd World Cup 3 (Poland) k4 1000m,
- 3rd World Cup 2 (Germany) k4 1000m,
- World Championship Finalist k1 200m,

- Australian Champion k4 1000m,
- Australian Champion k1 200m,
- NSW Champion k1 500m

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- 2nd Australian Surf Ski Championships,
- 2nd World Surf Ski Championships,
- NSW Champion in the Surf Ski,
- Winning 4 gold and 1 silver at the NSW championships out of 5 events

Favorite food before a race: Battered fish and chips. Oh yeah throw in some potato scallops!

What does your weekly training entail? A normal week training for these ocean ski races this winter has built to about 100 - 120km per week paddling and if I can fit it in around work I like to get in at least 1 run or bike ride and a maybe a swimming session. If I am training for a sprint season I will throw in some gym about 3 times per week, drop the miles back on the ski and drop the swimming session.

Biggest Weakness: Early morning sessions. I avoid them like the plague..... gentlemens hours only for me! I can't say I'm a big fan of the cold either.

Favorite pass time: Playing with my son Jack and of course if i get the chance an afternoon nap doesn't go a stray either

What is the most frustrating or difficult sport you have ever tried: Sorry I don't do sports I'm not good at!!!! But in saying that, the boat rowers drinking game I struggle at.

Comments:

I'm really looking forward to racing the Fenn series and testing myself against the best ocean paddlers in the world, namely Tim Jacobs, Jeremy Cotter and Dave Kussaine and also the young guns like

David Smith and Murray Stewart. Hopefully my Think UNO can do the job for me.

Also Knowing the guys running the series, you can garrantee the races are going to be organised and run professionally and with some great prizes on offer I can't wait to get on the water!



Schuey at the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony and his K4 crew in action.

