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SURFING MAGAZINE

SURFS THE PASHA BULKER

It was Australia's newest and most dangerous surf spot, with ship debris and oil spills a very real and possible hazard. But that didn't stop Waves magazine from surfing it. The exclusive story and images feature in August issue of Waves Magazine, on sale Wednesday 18th July.

With so many people surfing nowadays it's not often you can nail a world exclusive, but that's exactly what Waves did with the Pasha Bulker. Within an hour of it being stranded at Nobbys Beach Waves senior photographer Peter 'Bosko' Boskovic was on the phone to Waves editor, Roghan McKerlie, working out ways they could sneak in there and surf it.

Recruiting Pasha Bulker local Rhys Smith, a former Pro Junior Series surfer and current Nobbys Beach Surf School Manager, Waves magazine went to work on the 70,000 tonne stranded tanker.

"Every surf mag in Australia was trying to get photos of one of their boys surfing next to it. I mean, seriously, for the 20-odd days it was stranded at Nobbys Beach it was the hottest thing in Australian surfing. Sure enough 48-hours or so later Bosko and local pro surfer Rhys Smith had snuck out at first light and scored some fun left-hand waves next to the 70,000 tonne ship. As soon as the photos landed across my desk I knew we had nailed something special." McKerlie said.

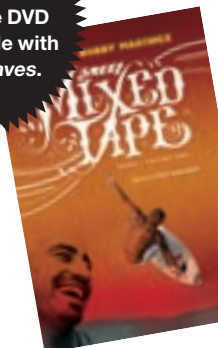
"We hit at first light and only had 25-odd minutes to surf it before security clocked on for the day. It was crazy," explains Waves senior photographer Peter "Bosko" Boskovic. "The pressure was on, mate. It was cold, the waves were wedging up all over the place and the cops were literally around the corner."

Knowing full well what was on line, including the very likelihood of landing a front cover with Australia's best surfing magazine, Rhys went to work.

"It was pretty intimidating surfing next to it; the whole vibe in Newcastle at the time was pretty bad because peoples' homes were flooded and the wild weather had caused thousands of dollars worth of damage... We didn't have long because security started at 7.30am and there would have been serious consequences for us if we'd been caught surfing in a restricted zone... The whole encounter was surreal?"

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Bonus Bobby Martinez Mixed Tape DVD also available with August Waves.



To read, see and hear more about Waves magazine's epic encounter with the Pasha Bulker buy its August issue, on sale July 18.



Waves' Pasha Bulker story features in Zoo Weekly and The Daily Telegraph. See attached jpegs.