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Lifesaving/Sauvetage Canada is announcing a change in the roster of Canada's Representative Team for the upcoming DHL International Surf Challenge in Mt.Maunganui, New Zealand, to be held from 31 January to 4 February 2011.

Roman SOROKA (Nova-Scotia) was seriously injured during a training session and therefore won't be able to compete at the International Surf Challenge or any of the associated events. We wish Roman a speedy recovery and hope to see him compete on the national and international stage again quickly.

In order to fill the gap left by Roman's withdrawal, the High Performance manager in discussions with the team, the team management and the selection committee, has agreed to extend a special invitation to Scott VAN DOORMAAL (Ontario). Scott currently lives in Sydney, Australia and has recently competed for the Canadian National Team in Egypt. Scott will join the team on Saturday, in time for the start of the International Surf Challenge on Monday.

The representative team athletes are now:

Audrey PRAYAL-BROWN, Nova Scotia

Scott VAN DOORMAAL, Ontario

James VERREAULT, Ontario

Alexandra FERGUSON, Ontario

Leo POKOUSSAEV, Ontario

Emily BRADY, Ontario

Alexandrine MASSE-BOMBARDIER, Québec

Nicholas HAY, Ontario

Jordan ANDERSEN, Ontario

Mike ZITTA, Ontario

Roman SOROKA, Nova Scotia (Injured)

The athletes representing Canada at the DHL International Surf Challenge will compete in a number of lifesaving sport events on the beach and in the surf. Lifesaving sport physical events combine the speed of competitive swimming and running, and using rescue craft in surf conditions. The International Surf Challenge 2011 will consist of three one-day tests of 23 events each over a five day period.

The team is managed by Laura TRACEY (Ontario), originally from Thunder Bay, Ontario, who currently resides in New Zealand and therefore has an extensive knowledge of the country.

The Lifesaving Society – Canada’s lifeguarding expert – has been saving lives in Canada for over 100 years through its training programs, Water Smart® drowning prevention campaign, and safety management services. Over 700 000 Canadians participate annually in the society’s swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership programs. Lifesaving sport is the only sport that has been developed based on humanitarian principles. The Society is the governing body for lifesaving sport – a sport recognized by the IOC and the Commonwealth Games Federation.

For more information and to interview members of Canada’s National Lifesaving Team, please contact:

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