

## **California/New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange – Summer, 2001**

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Two California Lifeguards have been chosen to represent the California Surf Lifesaving Association in a professional Lifeguard Exchange with Auckland, New Zealand.

Two long-time lifeguards, Jon Mitchell (a 15 year veteran) and Rob Maier (a 16 year veteran), will begin their seven-week tour as they leave the U.S. on December 29, 2000. Both lifeguards are from the city of Newport Beach.

Their goal is not to critique the New Zealand method of lifeguarding, but to simply explore and share different avenues of rescue philosophy and styles of ocean lifeguarding. Once in New Zealand, the Auckland Lifesaving Association will make arrangements for them to stay at 10 different beach clubs. The experiences they share will be of keen interest to the hosts, the travelers, and to those of here awaiting their report.

For information regarding the CA/NZ Lifeguard Exchange, go to [www.CSLSA.org](http://www.CSLSA.org).