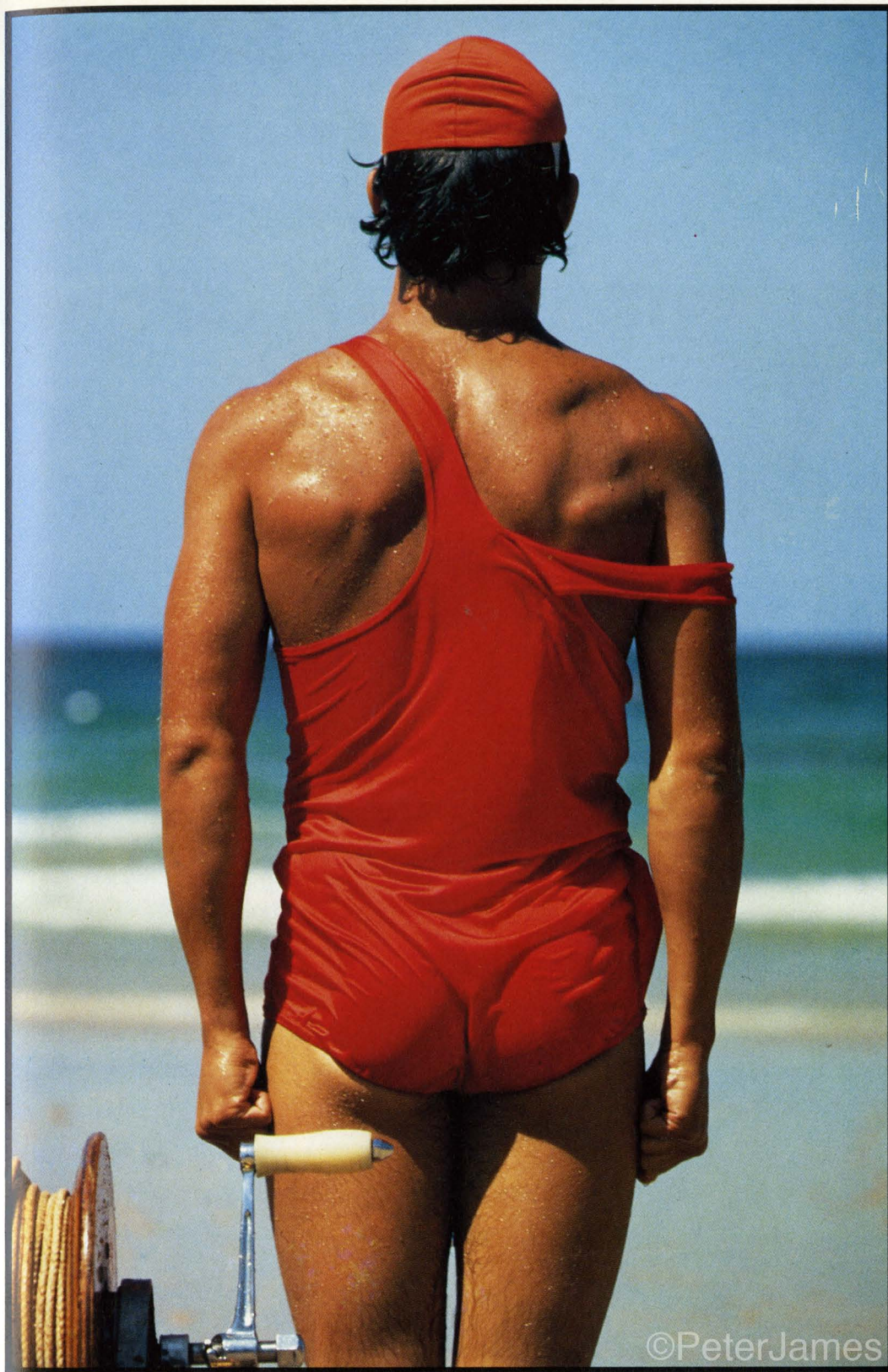


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To glorify the Australian lifesaver

Peter James



Left: The event is over, but the strain and tension are still evident.



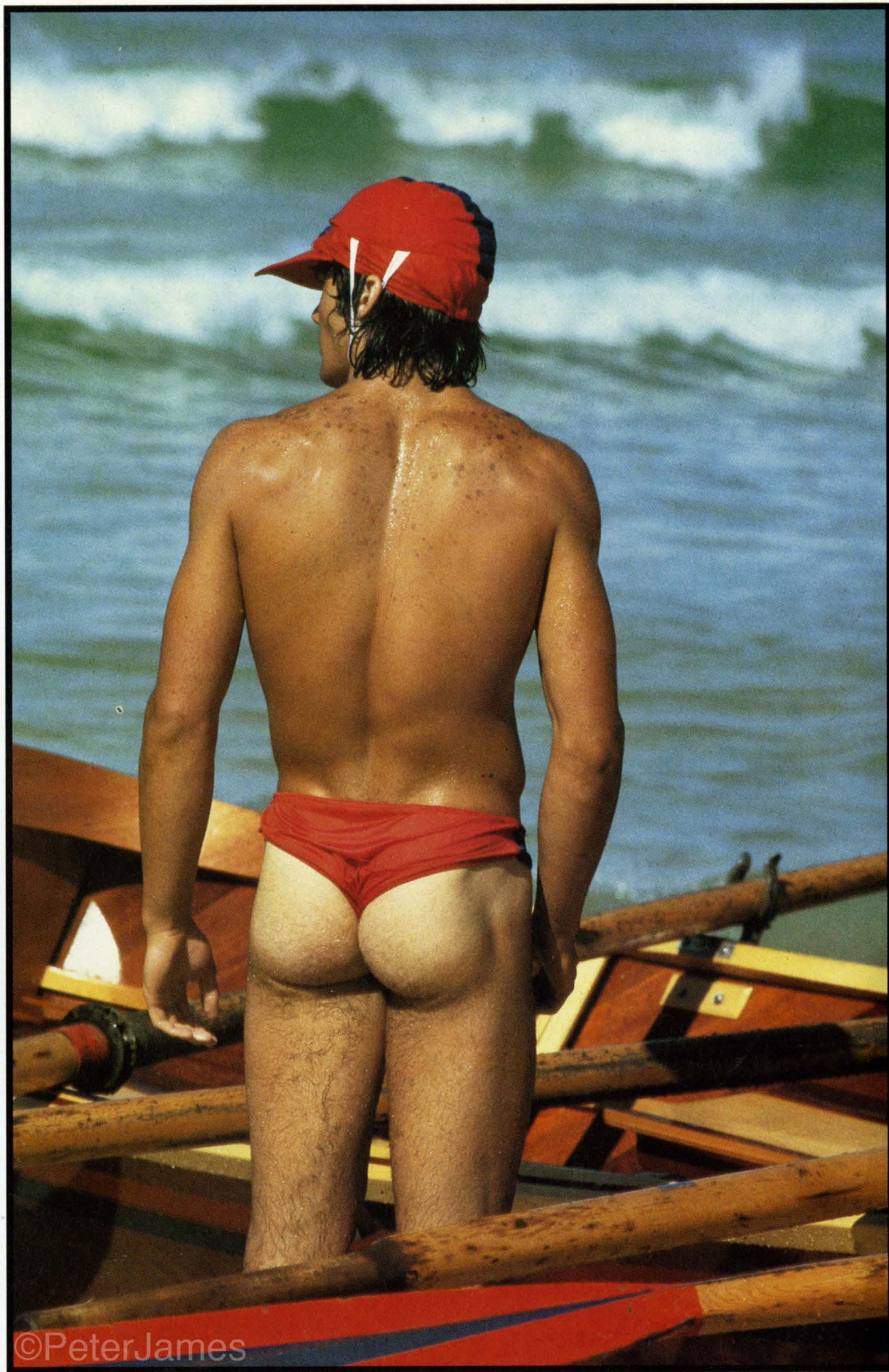
A chance for introspective contemplation about his environment, yet the sea will change from being placid and inviting to rampaging and murderous. The lifesaver loves the sea's many faces.



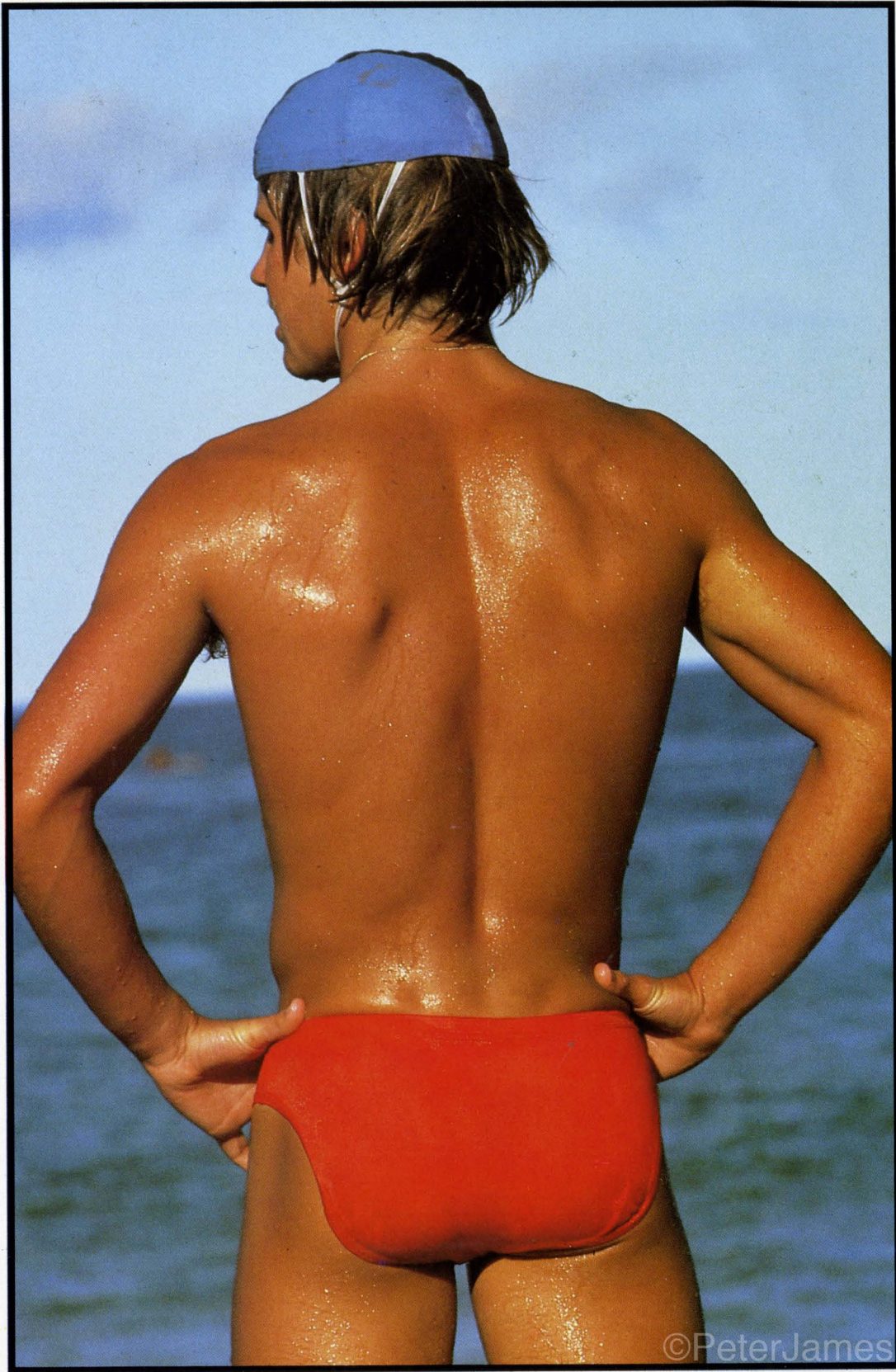
An essential part of the lifesaver's kit is the lightweight, nylon swimsuit, brief and functional. Many men roll up the backs of their trunks to form the characteristic and erotic G string to prevent painful friction burns, caused by the nylon rubbing around the edge of the suits, against the cheeks of the bottom.



The problem of friction burns is especially prevalent with the 'boaties', those brave souls who scythe through the breakers in lightweight rescue boats.



There are other rewards too. The lifesavers are idolised by many. Children see them as a pinnacle of achievement, swimmers feel safe and plenty of beach-goers just like to admire those fine physiques.



*Rolling up his costume
against slipping, each
lifesaver prepares for
competition.*

