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SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) Award Courses 2023	Tuesday 21 February 2023	29/22-23

To Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers

From Director Education

CC BOM, LSOC, EC, SSC, JDC, MSC

Clubs are aware that the new award course Silver Medallion Beach Management has not been replaced by Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award course. The rollout of this new course has taken some time to finalise within the Branch, as we needed to get Facilitators re trained in the award and work out logistics required for the delivery of this new award course. Thanks to our 7 SMPC Facilitators for their assistance in this planning.

We are pleased to publish 5 courses for 2023 to assist clubs with NEW patrol captains gaining the award. We trust this this will assist clubs with their planning. *Note : these courses at this stage are not intended for existing Patrol Captains who hold the SMBM award. Existing Patrol Captains with SMBM award are still eligible and current for patrol purpose.*

Course Dates for SMPC award for 2023

Course 1

Tuesday	7/03/2023	Theory	Branch Office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	9/03/2023	Theory	Branch Office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	11/03/2023	Practical	Coogee TBC	PM TBC

Course 2

Tuesday	2/05/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	4/05/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	6/05/2023	Practical	TBA	

Course 3

Tuesday	30/05/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	1/06/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	3/06/2023	Practical	TBA	

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Course 4

Tuesday	27/06/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	29/06/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	1/07/2023	Practical	TBA	

Course 5

Tuesday	29/08/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	31/08/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	2/09/2023	Practical	TBA	

Clubs to please take into consideration

- Clubs to consider the entry requirements for this new award and your potential new Patrol Captains, do not submit members who do not meet this requirement.
- Course numbers will be limited to 12 – 24 candidates per course.
- Practical assessment scenarios (session 3 of the course) will be conducted on the beach at a surf club locations within the Branch. These locations will be worked around the clubs of the candidates for each course we may split these over a couple of venues. This would be advised to the candidates of that course at session 1.
- Participants must be available to attend all 3 sessions of the course.

Course Aim

This course aims to equip participants with the skills and knowledge required to confidently manage a beach and a patrol as a Surf Life Saving Patrol Captain.

Entry Requirements

Candidates must :

- Be at least 17 years old
- Hold an SLSA Bronze Medallion
- Have 2 years patrolling experience

Note : If candidates haven't completed the Bronze Medallion Mental Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Club eLearning courses, it is a good idea to complete these before commencing this course.

How to Register Candidates

Course 1 open for clubs to register candidates - closes 27/2/2023

<https://form.jotform.com/230468969130058>

Course 2 open for clubs to register candidates - closes 14/4/2023

<https://form.jotform.com/230468282519865>

Clubs will be advised by email after closing dates of accepted candidates per course.

Branch will issue new Circulars for the future courses advising when registrations are open.



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SURF LIFE SAVING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- be at least 17 years old
- hold an SLSA Bronze Medallion or have held an SLSA Bronze Medallion and currently hold a patrolling award
- have 2 years patrolling experience.

Note: If you haven't completed the Bronze Medallion Mental Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Clubs eLearning courses, it is a good idea to complete these before commencing this course.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By the end of this course participants should be able to:

- know the role and responsibilities of a patrol captain
- know how to find and when to refer to organisational documents and policies
- access and record information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principals of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
- effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
- complete a surf risk assessment using Surf Risk Rating in the Operations app
- lead patrol set up and pack down, and manage the beach during patrol
- know how to set up the beach in special circumstances
- action operational risk and hazard management
- effectively manage a patrol team including the delegation of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefing and de-briefing, including follow-up
- coordinate the response to minor and major incidents including working with multi-agencies.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

SLS members who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, may wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). They should consult their SLS club's chief training officer or SLS state centre for more information.

ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS

Assessors must hold the relevant state Assessor or Facilitator award and be proficient in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain | Course Overview v1 June 2022 - This document is considered out of date once printed or downloaded. Refer to SLS Members Area for current version.

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