



MEMORANDUM

To	RWC Operators
From	Manager Rescue Services & RWC Coordinator
CC	Club Secretaries, Presidents, Captains, SLSS BOM, LSRSC, EC
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Subject	RWC Proficiency Information Season 2025/26

Dear RWC Operators

All RWC operators are required to complete their **annual proficiency for the 2025/26 season**. Proficiencies and professional development sessions are essential to maintaining high standards and operational capability, while also improving safety for both the public and fellow operators.

RWC Operator online training: a key focus this season will be building a consistent baseline of operational skills and maintenance knowledge. Based off your feedback, as a team we need to actively minimise downtime by reducing wear and costly damage to craft and equipment.

To support this, Operators are required to complete the new **RWC Operator online training modules**. These modules are a valuable way to refresh knowledge, stay current, and strengthen our collective capability. Trainers and experienced operators who have already completed them have provided highly positive feedback and they are actively being used for all RWC courses across SLSA.

Carnival Training: this season we have also incorporated 'optional' sessions for 'RWC carnival training' for operators who wish to develop better skills to be tasked as an RWC operator at a carnival. *This additional training is not compulsory* and will commence after standard proficiencies. Sessions will run for 60-90 minutes and will be facilitated by Michael Byrne.

Note: [Carnival training will act as your proficiency - please only enrol in a carnival session and not both](#)

RWC Skills Maintenance Dates

Date	Time	Venue	Notes / Options
Saturday 20 Sep 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Maroubra	
Saturday 27 Sep 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Maroubra	
Saturday 4 Oct 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	Carnival Training 9:00 – 10:30
Saturday 11 Oct 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	Carnival Training 9:00 – 10:30
Sunday 19 Oct 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	Carnival Training 9:00 – 10:30
Saturday 25 Oct 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	Carnival Training 9:00 – 10:30
Saturday 1 Nov 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Maroubra	
Saturday 8 Nov 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	
Saturday 15 Nov 2025	6:45 - 9:00 am	Lugano	Carnival Training 9:00 – 10:30

Who needs to attend RWC Proficiency?

- All RWC operators intending to RWC patrol this season are required to attend.
- Failure to complete a proficiency prior to 31st of December, 2025, will result in operators being removed from the Branch RWC group and Deputy access for the 2025/2026 season.

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How to register for RWC proficiency?

Training positions can be rostered in Deputy for the dates above. Each day is limited to the number of positions in Deputy

What to bring?

Wetsuit and personal PPE, towel, dry warm clothes, water, sunscreen

What is required for RWC proficiency?

As per SLSNSW [Circular 3895](#) and Sydney Branch Rescue Services requirements:

Demonstrate the ability to apply safe driving practice including but not limited to:

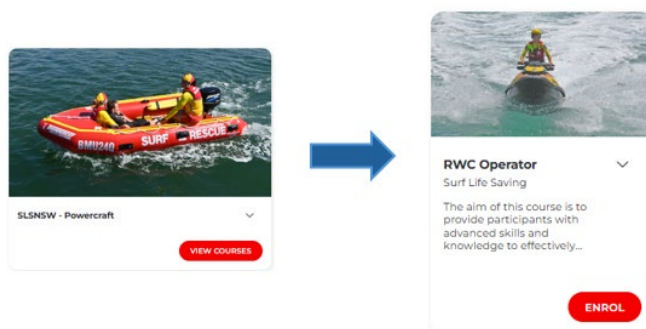
- Continued application of the SLSA Powercraft Code of Conduct
- Competence in pre- and post-operation procedures
- Competence in safe RWC Operator techniques including:
 - Ability to carry out an assisted launch from the beach
 - Parallel running
 - Figures of eight
 - Response to signals
 - Negotiation of surf as required
 - Demonstrate ability to conduct a victim rescue
 - Demonstrate the ability to reboard the craft from deep water

RWC operators are encouraged to review the new [1st Edition RWC Manual](#) to gain a better understanding of new content and techniques.

RWC eLearning modules

To help build a stronger and more consistent baseline of skills, all Sydney Branch RWC Operator award holders are encouraged to complete the **RWC eLearning module** via the **SLS eTrain Hub** before attending.

These short modules are a great way to refresh knowledge, boost confidence, and strengthen both individual and team capability. You'll find them under the **SLSNSW – Powercraft Course Category**, as shown below.



This is a great opportunity to collaboratively refresh knowledge, stay current, and strengthen our recognised capability as a highly professional, competent team.

Any queries, please contact rwc@sls.sydney or branch office lifesaving@sls.sydney

Regards and thank you

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