



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club CTOs CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC
FROM:	Director Education
DATE:	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
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SUBJECT:	SMPC Course #3 – October 2025 EOIs open
OVERVIEW:	Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award course October 2025 , our 3rd scheduled course for season 2025-2026.

SMPC course #3 - October 2025

Day	Date		Venue
Tuesday	28/10/2025	Session 1 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Thursday	30/10/2025	Session 2 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Saturday	1/11/2025	Session 3 – Practical 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (approx.)	Bate Bay Beach (TBC)

Clubs to please take into consideration and ensure the members you intend to register are aware of the following requirements:

- Clubs to consider the entry requirements for this 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. Please note – Session 3 is all day
- Participants must be available to attend all 3 sessions of the course.

How to Register Candidates & Closing Dates (via jotform link provided)

SMPC Course #3 October 2025 open for clubs to register candidates
closes COB Monday 28 September 2025

<https://form.jotform.com/252579100313853>

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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 / Cert II**
- **Have 2 years patrolling experience**

Clubs, please do not submit an EOI for a member who does not meet all these pre reqs.

Note : Candidates must complete the following four modules in eLearning before participating in the face to face components of this course :

1. Safer Surf Club;
2. Radio Operators
3. SLS-Surf Risk Rating; and
4. Silver Medallion Patrol Captain

Candidates should allow 6 hours to complete the online components.

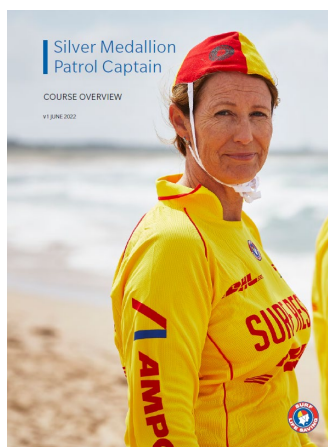
Process after closing date

- Clubs will be advised by email from Branch office of accepted candidates per course.
- Branch Office will create new award assessment request for the attendees in Surfguard and allocate the eLearning module to the course participants.
- Accepted Candidates will be emailed with Course Information including documents and requirements to be actioned before attending the course. This will include the online SMPC course module, Surf Risk Rating Module (so they have access to the section in the Operations App for session 3), and the On the Job Third Party Report which will need to be signed off by their Patrol Captain.

Process after completion of the course

- Upon final sign off of each Candidate assessment portfolio and returned to Branch office after course by Facilitators/candidates
- Confirmation of On the Job Third Party document is completed
- Branch office will then process the SMPC assessment award request in Surfguard for the members who were successful.
- Branch office will email Clubs and advise completion of course of their members.

Any queries relating to this course information please contact Branch Office E: lifesaving@sls.sydney



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.

SURF LIFE SAVING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Minimum:

- 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: Candidates have completed the Bronze Medallion Manager Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Club eLearning courses. This award does not replace these eLearning courses.

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 lead and work as a team to respond to operational situations and parties
- access and report information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principles of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership techniques to manage critical incidents as a patrol captain
- effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
- complete a 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 patrol team including the delegation of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefing and debriefing, including behaviour
- coordinate the response to minor and major incidents including working with multi agencies.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
SLS considers the following emerging issues when assessing the skills and knowledge of this award. May wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). They should contact their SLS Club or local training office or SLSA centre for more information.

ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS
Assessors must hold the relevant state/territory or facilitator award and be proficient in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

ACCREDITED COURSE
This course is an SLSA Accredited Award per SLSA. This information is subject to change without notice.

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