



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club CTOs CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC
FROM:	Director Education
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SUBJECT:	SMPC Course #4 – November 2025 EOIs open
OVERVIEW:	Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award course November 2025 , our 4th scheduled course for season 2025-2026.

SMPC course #4 - November 2025

Day	Date		Venue
Tuesday	25/11/2025	Session 1 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Thursday	27/11/2025	Session 2 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Saturday	29/11/2025	Session 3 – Practical 7.30 am to 4.00 pm (approx.)	Randwick Beach

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)

<https://form.jotform.com/252681022428857>

SMPC Course #4 November 2025 open for clubs to register candidates
closes COB Monday 20 October 2025

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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.

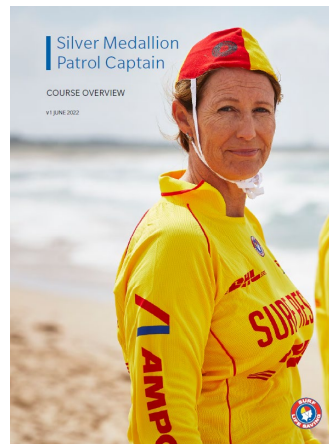
Process after closing date

- 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 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



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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: Participants who have not 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.

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 request information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principles of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents in a coordinated manner
- effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
- complete a surf risk assessment using Surf Risk Rating in the Operations app
- understand and manage beach safety through the beach safety system
- know how to set up the beach in special circumstances
- understand operational and incident management
- effectively manage patrol teams including the delegation of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefings and debriefings, including those at
- coordinate the response to major and high risk incidents including working with multi agencies.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
SLS Officers 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 contact their SLS Clubs representative officer or SLS Officers to receive information.

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

COURSE OVERVIEW
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