



## ANNOUNCEMENT

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| <b>TO:</b>       | Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club CTOs<br>CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC   |
| <b>FROM:</b>     | Director Education   |
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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>  | SMPC Course #6 – April 2026 EOIs open  |
| <b>OVERVIEW:</b> | Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled <b>Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award course April 2026</b> , our final scheduled course for season 2025-2026. |

### SMPC course #6 –April 2026

| Day      | Date       |   | Venue                |
|----------|------------|---|----------------------|
| Tuesday  | 14/4/2026  | Session 1 – Theory<br>6.30 pm to 9.30 pm              | Branch Office        |
| Thursday | 16/04/2026 | Session 2 – Theory<br>6.30 pm to 9.30 pm              | Branch Office        |
| Saturday | 18/04/2026 | Session 3 – Practical<br>7.30 am to 4.00 pm (approx.) | Randwick 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.
- **NOTE : this will be the last SMPC course for season 2025/26. The May 2026 proposed course has been changed to SMAR to accommodate the interest for the SMAR award.**

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

<https://form.jotform.com/260526189135863>

**EOIs close by Monday 9 March 2026**

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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.

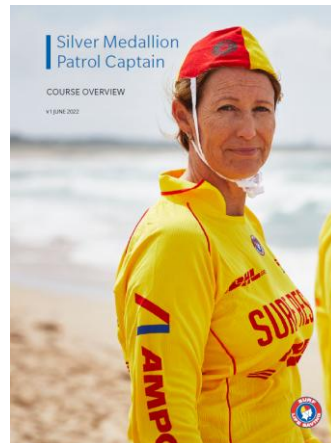
## Process after closing date

- 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. **It is suggested for this course, that the candidates (one confirmed action this with their Patrol Captain before the last patrol of season) to ensure your award is processed after course completion of season 25/26.**

## 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: [education@sls.sydney](mailto:education@sls.sydney)



**SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN**  
COURSE OVERVIEW  
15 JAN 2022

**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 learning award
- Have 2 years patrolling experience

**Note:** Participants must complete the Bronze Medallion Health Assessment in the Surf Life Saving eLearning course, in a good time to give time 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 set up a beach to deliver organisational documents and policies
- assess and record information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principles of effective leadership and motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership skills to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
- effectively communicate with other agencies, including emergency response and public behaviour
- complete a surf risk assessment using Surf Risk Rating in the Operations app
- meet and run an on-looker station, and manage the beach during a patrol
- know how to set up the beach in special circumstances
- perform operational risk and hazard management
- effectively manage operations involving the deployment of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefing and debriefing, including follow up
- coordinate the response to other agencies to include working with multi-agency.

**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**  
SLC members who have previously passed some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, may wish to apply for recognition of their learning (RPL). They should contact their SLSA local training officer or SLSA state training officer for more information.

**ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS**  
Assessors must be a SLSA member or a SLSA member and be certified in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

**ESSENTIAL SKILLS**  
This course is designed for participants who have completed the following essential skills:

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