



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club CTOs CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MC
FROM:	Director Education
DATE:	Tuesday, 16 June 2026
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SUBJECT:	SMPC Course #1 – August 2026 EOIs open
OVERVIEW:	Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award course August 2026 , our first course for season 2026-2027

SMPC course #1 August 2026

Day	Date		Venue
Tuesday	11/08/2026	Session 1 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Thursday	13/08/2026	Session 2 – Theory 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm	Branch Office
Saturday	15/08/2026	Session 3 – Practical 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.

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

<https://form.jotform.com/261658303240855>

EOIs close by Monday 6 July 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 will be required to 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.

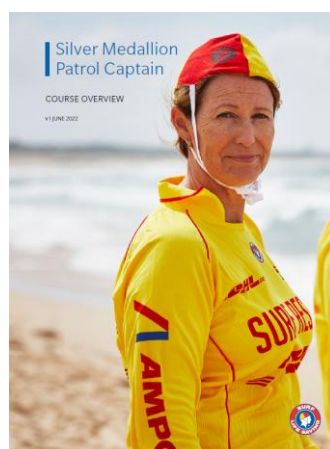
Process after closing date

- 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 at the candidates first scheduled patrol for season 2026/2027.

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



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: This award is completed by the Bronze Medallion holder as part of the Silver Medallion training course. The award is completed by the holder of the award.
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 manage a beach and a patrol in accordance with policies and procedures
• apply the principles of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
• develop leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
• effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
• complete a beach assessment using Surf Life Saving's Beach Quality App
• keep patrol set up and patrol down, and manage the beach during patrol
• know how to set up and manage a patrol
• effectively manage a patrol team including the delegation of operational tasks
• coordinate a beach safety and incident, including a beach up
• coordinate the response to minor and major incidents including working with multi agencies
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
SLSA recognises prior learning already possessed by all of the skills and knowledge of this award. May need to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). This should consist of SLSA's initial training officer or SLSA's senior training officer.
ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS
Assessors must hold the relevant state/territory or national award and be proficient in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.
ISSUED BY
SLSA is a registered training organisation (RTO) and is authorised to issue awards for this course.

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