



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club CTOs CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MC
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SUBJECT:	SMPC Courses #3 & #4 – October & November 2026 EOIs open
OVERVIEW:	Expressions of interest are now open from Clubs for the scheduled Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) award courses October & November 2026.

SMPC course #3 - OCTOBER 2026

Day	Date		Venue
Tuesday	13/10/2026	Session 1 - Theory	Branch office
Thursday	15/10/2026	Session 2 - Theory	Branch office
Saturday	17/10/2026	Session 3 - Practical	Waverly Beach

SMPC course #4 - NOVEMBER 2026

Day	Date		Venue
Tuesday	10/11/2026	Session 1 - Theory	Branch office
Thursday	12/11/2026	Session 2 - Theory	Branch office
Saturday	14/11/2026	Session 3 - Practical	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.

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How to Register Candidates & Closing Dates (via jotform link provided for each course date)

October 2026 Course <https://form.jotform.com/262367663029867>

EOIs close by Friday 18 September 2026

November 2026 Course <https://form.jotform.com/262367020625856>

EOIs close by Friday 2 October 2026

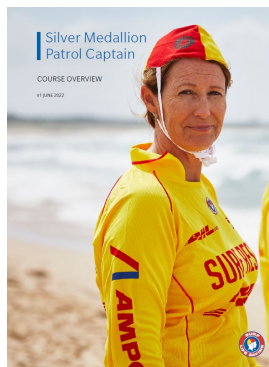
Course Aim

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



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
Requirements:
• Be at least 17 years old
• Hold an SLSC Bronze Medallion or Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion and currently hold a current first aid certificate
• Have 2 years patrolling experience
Note: If you haven't completed the Bronze Medallion or Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion in the SLSC eLearning module, you must complete this module before attending the 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
• understand the patrol captain's role in managing a beach and a patrol
• understand and record information relevant to a patrol captain
• apply the principles of effective leadership to a patrol captain's role
• apply leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
• effectively communicate with all stakeholders, including managing the media and public relations
• complete a surf risk assessment using SurfRisk Rating in the Operations app
• understand the importance of a patrol captain's role in managing the beach and a patrol
• know how to set up the beach in a patrol situation
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• effectively manage a patrol captain including the delegation of operational tasks
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RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
SLSC eLearning module is a learning assessment and of the skills and knowledge of this award, may wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). This should be done with the SLSC eLearning module or SLSC eLearning module for more information.
ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS
Assessors must hold a relevant qualification in Surf Life Saving and be a member of the SLSC eLearning module.
ASSESSMENT
This course is assessed by a written assessment and a practical assessment. The written assessment is a multiple choice test and the practical assessment is a role play.

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 patrol.

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.syd

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