



Memorandum

To:	Club Captains
From:	Secretary Lifesaving & Education Committee
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With the end of the season approaching, we remind all Clubs of the following matters:

SURVEILLANCE PATROLS

There is no longer such a patrol. The minimum requirement with respect to numbers on the beach, is as per the Lifesaving Service Agreement and it is up to the Patrol Captain to maintain adequate numbers on patrol on the beach at all times, that do not go below the minimum number.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Patrol Captain can reduce patrolling numbers, subject to their minimum number as per the Lifesaving Service Agreement. This is, however, waived, should the weather conditions endanger the safety of patrolling members, such as when there is lightning or hail. SurfCom should be advised, however, they are not a part of the decision making process. The minimum number must be maintained at the Clubhouse or an appropriate area, in the event that conditions and/or circumstances change.

BEACH CLOSED

When this occurs the full patrol is still required to be on the beach and maintain the safety of the beach going public.

IRB's

IRB's are a vital part of patrol equipment and whenever they are not on the beach or are not operational, SurfCom is required to be notified. This is so they have a broad understanding of assets on your patrol and how this may impact in an emergency in your and neighbouring areas.

PATROL TENT AND AREA

The tent can be taken down or not raised if the weather conditions are such that it is dangerous to have it raised. The sides should always be on the beach as this indicates there is a patrolling presence on the beach.

PATROL LOG

Needs to be completed as members turn up for patrol and should be the first thing they do. We have had incidents where a member has been injured without signing on and this causes major problems. The same goes for the IRB log book.

MORNING PATROL SIGN OFF and AFTERNOON SIGN ON

This was reintroduced so that the status of the incoming patrol would be provided. We believe that this is a safety issue and is no different to signing on in the morning and off in the evening. It also allows neighbouring patrols to know your situation.

We appreciate that in most instances the above is already part of your patrolling culture, however, we would request that you remind your Patrol Captains as to same.

Regards

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Lifesaving & Education Committee