



Memorandum

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Subject:	Clarification of Patrol Requirements

Dear All

SLS Sydney wishes to clarify patrol requirements in relation to Radio Protocol and Equipment Placement to ensure consistency with SLSNSW SOP.

Radio Communications:

Signing on & off:

Patrols are reminded that they should be signing on and off using the Samsung Tablets provided by SLSNSW to each club. It is important that this policy is followed so as to minimise unnecessary Radio Traffic – as SurfCom often has operators working across multiple channels.

Patrols are also requested to ensure that local communications are kept to Channel 2 rather than Channel 3 unless absolutely necessary.

Equipment Placement – From SLSNSW SOP 3.3: Club Patrol Requirements (September 2016)

Equipment should be placed as follows:

- Patrol flags shall be placed no more than 15 metres from the water at any stage.
- Rescue Tubes are to be placed on Rescue Board stand (or on Rescue Board), at the water's edge. They should also be available at the lifesaving base and vehicle.
- Rescue Tubes must also be carried on the ATV when on roving patrols.
- Rescue Boards are to be placed on the water's edge in board-stands in the most appropriate area and in the 'rescue ready' position.
- First Aid Kits, Oxygen Resuscitation Kit, Spinal Board and the Defibrillator Kit are to be kept in the Patrol Area/ATV – easily accessible at all times (this should include splints and other accessories).
- Other equipment should be placed with consideration to local operational requirements as set in the service Patrol Operations Manual.
- Tent in between flags.
- Radios with Patrol Captain and IRB Driver when in operation. Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) specific



IRB Specific

- The IRB should be positioned on the beach near to the water's edge in **such a position that it can be launched & recovered quickly** without posing a risk to beach visitors and/or lifesaving personnel.
- Rescue Craft Access Signs (2) should be erected either side of the IRB/RWC launching/retrieval area.
- Unless necessary IRBs shall be left on a trailer with the stern facing the ocean. If necessary to position the IRB on the sand for a long period of time the trailer should be removed from the beach.* **(In Sydney Branch - IRB's may be left on the sand to allow for easier launching and retrieval)**

Should Clubs or Patrol Captains wish to clarify any issue in relation to obligations and standards on patrol – they should consult SLSNSW SOP LS3 (September 2016) in the first instance or escalate through the chain of command should further questions be arising.

Regards

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