



MEMORANDUM

To	Bate Bay Area Club Presidents, Club Captains, Council Lifeguards
From	Manager Support Operations
CC	BOM, LSOC, SLSNSW
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Subject	SLSS Callout Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) for Bate Bay Clubs

Dear All

For the 2022/23 season, the Surf Life Saving Sydney Lifesaving & Support Operations Committee (LSOC) has endorsed a search and rescue training exercise to be road showed across the four areas of the Branch.. Fortunately, the Bate Bay Local Government area and the respective clubs, council lifeguards and support operations assets within the area have been selected to conduct the inaugural exercise for the season.

The exercise will be conducted on **Saturday, 20 August 2022**. The location, mission or missions and exact time of the exercise has been suppressed deliberately to ensure the exercise is as realistic as possible. Can I please ask that your callout teams (according to Surfguard) are briefed to be prepared to respond from whatever location they may be in when the callout goes out to their mobile phones via SMS.

Note: If you wish to update your callout teams, please do this through Surfguard. The SMS will only be sent to those members contained within your callout list on Surfguard.

LOGISTICS:

1. A maximum of two (2) Inflatable Rescue Boats can be sent from each club for safety and operational purposes. These boats may have a maximum of two (2) persons on board. If you have more than four (4) members interested in participating, don't worry, the exercise is set to continue throughout the coming seasons and will be conducted again. Please ensure the members selected are the most likely to receive benefit and experience from the training. The members **MUST** be qualified IRB Drivers and/or IRB Crew.
2. Members are requested not to be waiting nearby or at the surf club expecting the callout. The whole idea is to assess response times for callouts and the subsequent operational performances. Inflatable Rescue Boats should be prepared on standby as they normally would any other time whilst stored throughout the season.

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3. Each Inflatable Rescue Boat should carry a fully-charged and working Surf Life Saving radio. This is to be operated on Channel three (3) until otherwise advised by the Duty Officer on scene or SurfCom.
4. Participating members will be requested to respond to the callout SMS through the link supplied in the SMS and provide their ETA and become familiar with the new callout SMS function.
5. Once participating members arrive at their club and start preparing their Inflatable Rescue Boat for launch, they are required to contact SurfCom for further information and always follow the directions of Duty Officers and/or SurfCom.
6. Participating members are encouraged to bring inflatable rescue boat suitable clothing (wetsuits, jackets etc.), water, snacks and anything else they may require. The exercise, whilst not too long may continue for over one-hundred and twenty (120) minutes. Surf Rescue branded uniform is mandatory where applicable (e.g., lifejackets, wetsuits if available, hats).
7. An operational debrief will be conducted by a member of the Duty Officer Team following the exercise. Further information regarding this will be conveyed on the day of the exercise.
8. Other resources from the support operations group such as RWC's will be fully engaged.

We trust that this exercise will bring a refreshing and rewarding experience to our valued callout members with a strong focus on upskilling them and preparing them for the upcoming season. Should you have any questions regarding this exercise, please contact the email address below.

We ask that the Club please confirm participation via reply email to lifesaving@surflifesavingsydney.com.au by COB Friday 8 July 2022

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