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SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) Award Courses 6 & 7 are open for EOIs	Wednesday 28 June 2023	03/23-24
To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers	
From	Director Education	
CC	BOM, LSOC, EC, SSC, JDC, MSC	

SLS Sydney has scheduled Silver Medallion Patrol Captain courses for September and October 2023. Expressions of interest are now open for SMPC courses #6 & #7 from Clubs.

DAY	DATE	COMPONENT	VENUE	TIME
Course #6 September				
Tuesday	26/09/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	28/09/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	30/09/2023	Practical	TBA	8.30 am to 4.30 pm

DAY	DATE	COMPONENT	VENUE	TIME
Course #7 October				
Tuesday	24/10/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday	26/10/2023	Theory	Branch office	6.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday	28/10/2023	Practical	TBA	8.30 am to 4.30 pm

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 new 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 at a surf club location within the Branch. These locations will be worked around the clubs of the candidates for each course we may split these over a couple of venues. This would be advised to the candidates of that course at session 1. Please note – Session 3 is all day
- Participants must be available to attend all 3 sessions of the course.

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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
- Have 2 years patrolling experience

Note : If candidates haven't completed the Bronze Medallion Mental Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Club eLearning courses, it is a good idea to complete these before commencing this course.

How to Register Candidates (via jotform links provided)

**SMPC Course #6 September - 2023 open for clubs to register candidates
closes COB 31/7/2023**

<https://form.jotform.com/231780730120849>

**SMPC Course #7 October 2023 - open for clubs to register candidates
closes COB 31/7/2023**

<https://form.jotform.com/231780372353859>

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.
- 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.

Process after completion of the course

- Upon final sign off of each Candidate assessment portfolio and returned to Branch office after course by Facilitators/candidates
- Confirmation of On the Job Third Party document is completed

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- Branch office will then process the SMPC assessment request in Surfguard for the members who were successful.
- Branch office will email Clubs and advise completion of course of their members.



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SURF LIFE SAVING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- 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: If you haven't completed the Bronze Medallion Mental Health Awareness or the Safer Surf Clubs eLearning courses, it is a good idea to complete these before commencing this 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
- know how to find and when to refer to organisational documents and policies
- access and record information relevant to your patrol
- apply the principals of effective leadership to motivate and engage team members
- apply leadership techniques to manage multiple incidents as a patrol captain
- effectively communicate in difficult situations, including managing inappropriate public behaviour
- complete a surf risk assessment using Surf Risk Rating in the Operations app
- lead patrol set up and pack down, and manage the beach during patrol
- know how to set up the beach in special circumstances
- action operational risk and hazard management
- effectively manage a patrol team including the delegation of operational tasks
- conduct effective briefing and de-briefing, including follow-up
- coordinate the response to minor and major incidents including working with multi-agencies.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

SLS members who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, may wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). They should consult their SLS club's chief training officer or SLS state centre for more information.

ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS

Assessors must hold the relevant state Assessor or Facilitator award and be proficient in the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain | Course Overview v1 June 2022 - This document is considered out of date once printed or downloaded. Refer to SLS Members Area for current version.

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