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Summary: This circular details the requirements in relation to the provision of powercraft drivers and crew for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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POWERCRAFT AND POWERCRAFT OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 (The Championships) require a large number of Powercraft to ensure the event runs safely and efficiently.

Strict requirements will be enforced to the provision of competency levels of powercraft operators.

POWERCRAFT OPERATORS

Clubs entering the Championships must supply experienced powercraft operators on a 'pro-rata' scale. This is the **average number of competitors from the 2015 & 2016 Youth, Masters and Open Championships (including late entries)**.

Powercraft operators must fulfill the following requirements:

- **IRB:** Be a financial SLS member and proficient IRB Driver and or crewperson listed in Surfguard or Surfmate
- **RWC:** Be a financial SLS member and proficient RWC operator listed in Surfguard or Surfmate
- **Both IRB and RWC:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and certified as competent in all surf conditions by club or branch assessor. **All operators must complete a competency test at the Championships** (test details listed below) and will continue to be assessed throughout. Crew deemed not competent may be removed and the club required to find a replacement crew.
- **IRB only:** The IRB crewman must be accredited Level 1 Official so that all personnel can fill the role of judge in boat if required. Accreditation must be provided
- **Lifejackets:** Powercraft personnel and crews are to provide their own lifejackets. Lifejackets are to conform with SLSA specification as outlined in SLSA Bulletin 06/14-15
- **Helmets:** RWC personnel are to supply their own helmets. Helmets are to conform with SLSA specification as outlined in Powercraft Training Manual, 8th Edition.
- **Complete the online [Powercraft Operator Details](#) survey by Friday 17 March** (Friday after close of normal entries. Preferred competency test times will also be requested on this survey.

SHIFTS

In 2017, the quota that is based on the number of shifts required to be covered by different sized clubs. The below table outlines the number of shifts each club must fill.

All States/Territories					
Competitors entered (combined Youth, Masters & Opens competitors including late entries)	20 - 39	40 - 59	60-79	80-99	100+
Minimum number of powercraft shifts	4*	6*	8*	10*	12*

***Please note** that minimum number of Powercraft shifts may change and will be finalised after entries close 19 March 2017.

1 shift = 1 IRB driver and 1 crew provided by the rostered club
OR
1 shift = 2x RWC drivers provided by the rostered club

Entries will not be accepted unless these requirements are met.

If an IRB driver does not attend as required the Club risks being ineligible to participate in competition until the matter is resolved. Conditions may dictate an increase in the number of shifts and crews must remain available and contactable.

Please note: Iron person handlers are the only exception and are not included in competitor numbers for the above calculations.



CLUBS

The Aussies 2017 Powercraft requirements are as follows;

- 33 fully equipped IRB's
- 8 spare fuel cells & 5 spare IRB motors
- All IRB's provided are not to be Gemini's – due to length of use at Aussies and duty of care to the operators
- All IRB's (including all components) are in good working condition. Every IRB will be checked thoroughly by a marine mechanic, any component that does not meet minimum operating standards will not be accepted and that Club will be responsible to find alternative solutions. If the marine mechanic can fix the fault the club can opt to have it fixed by the mechanic at their cost.
- RWC's are not required as they are provided by BRP
- If any IRB's a damaged during the championships SLSA will we possible have the marine mechanic fix the IRB or pay for any replacement costs etc.

Based on Entry Numbers the following clubs will need to provide IRB's for Aussies 2017

Byron Bay SLSC	Noosa Heads SLSC
Caves Beach SLSC	North Burleigh SLSC
Collaroy SLSC	Northcliffe SLSC
Coolum Beach SLSC	Palm Beach SLSC (NSW)
Cudgen Headland SLSC	Palm Beach SLSC (QLD)
Currumbin SLSC	Queenscliff SLSC
Dicky Beach SLSC	Redhead SLSC
Freshwater SLSC	Southport SLSC (QLD)
Kurrawa SLSC	Sunshine Beach SLSC
Manly LSC	Surfers Paradise SLSC
Maroochydore SLSC	Tallebudgera SLSC
Mermaid Beach SLSC Inc	Terrigal SLSC
Metropolitan Caloundra SLSC	Tugun SLSC
Mona Vale SLSC	Alexandra Headland
Avoca SLSC	Bondi Bathers SLSC
North Burleigh	Elouera SLSC
Mooloolaba SLSC	

Any clubs who can provide powercraft/components over and above the 'pro-rata' scale will be subsidised at the rates per below:

Equipment	Amount
Complete (fully equipped) IRB, motor and fuel cell outside set radius*	\$545
Complete (fully equipped) IRB, motor and fuel cell within set radius*	\$424
Motor – either by itself or an additional motor	\$121
Fuel Cell – either by itself or an additional fuel cell	\$24



**The set radius extends from Noosa Heads SLSC in Queensland to Yamba SLSC in NSW. This designated radius is illustrated in the diagram on the following page.*

To qualify for payment, equipment must be available from Saturday 25 March – Sunday 2 April 2017.

All motors must be in very good condition.

To ensure safety of competitors and crew and to assist with the maintenance during the Championships, equipment provided – particularly motors – should be in fully operational condition.

To confirm either 'pro-rata' provisions or additional provisions, please email all details to events@slsa.asn.au, by Friday 10 March 2017.

POWERCRAFT INSPECTIONS

All powercraft provided for the Championships will be thoroughly inspected by a marine mechanic to certify that all components are in good working order. Components deemed not suitable may be removed and the Club required to source replacements.

All craft and components are to be presented to the IRB Compound at North Kirra Beach from **11am Thursday 24 March** until the conclusion of the championship or when deemed not required by the Powercraft Coordinator.

Insurance coverage will be provided for powercraft equipment supplied by Clubs while in use for the duration of the Championships.

Please note, any existing damage will be logged and photographed by the onsite marine mechanic and will not be covered.

DELIVERING / PICKING UP POWERCRAFT

Upon arrival at the IRB Compound you will be required to sign your powercraft/components in, detailing your Club name and contact details while onsite at The Aussies.

All craft and components of craft will be appropriately labelled with Club details.

Please do not leave your powercraft/components with any additional accessories (e.g. tow ropes, paddles, rescue tubes, storage bags). If you do so, SLSA cannot accept responsibility for these items.

Following The Aussies, powercraft/components will be made available for collection from 7am – 3pm, Monday 3 April, 2017. You will be required to sign your powercraft/components out, again detailing your Club name and contact details.

Any powercraft/components not collected by 3pm will be left in the IRB Compound for collection, and will become the sole responsibility of the owner Club. Any damage or lost property incurred from this time will not be covered by SLSA.

ROSTER

The draft powercraft roster is available now on the [Member's Portal](#). This roster will be finalised the following Tuesday (21 March) after Late Entries close (Sunday 19 March). The roster will be based on a 3 shift per day system:

- Shift 1: 7.00am – 11.00am
- Shift 2: 10.30am – 2.30pm
- Shift 3: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

We are aware that some clubs have enlisted the assistance of specific drivers and crews to meet their powercraft requirements for the Championships and that these drivers will be providing services for multiple clubs. Please be aware that our powercraft coordinators have a duty to ensure that drivers and crews are not attempting to perform multiple running shifts and therefore becoming fatigued. Any crews providing such



services are specifically requested to work with the coordinators to ensure proper rest periods are taken and that the overall system is maintained for the Championships. Failure to do so may result in crews being stood down (at the coordinators discretion) and the club required to find a replacement crew.

POWERCRAFT COMPETENCY TESTS

All powercraft operators (both IRB and RWC) will be required to undertake a basic competency test to certify they are competent in all surf conditions and will continue to be assessed throughout the Carnival. Crew deemed not competent may be removed and the club required to find a replacement crew.

This competency test (approx. 30mins) will take place at North Kirra Beach on:

- **Saturday 25 March:** 7:00am – 10:00am
- **Sunday 26 March:** 8:00am - 11:00am

To indicate your preferred competency test time, the online [Powercraft Operator Details](#) survey includes this request.

IRB and RWC operators will be required to demonstrate launching, beaching, negotiating the break, rescues in and out of the break, turns and general handling in surf conditions. Powercraft operators may be required to complete further competency testing during the Championships if necessary.

POWERCRAFT BRIEFING

A powercraft briefing will take place in the VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk North Kirra Beach at 2:00pm on Friday 24 March 2017. **Attendance is compulsory.**



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