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Title: Expression of Interest to join RWC (Jet Ski) Crew
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The RWC (Jet Ski) is a rapid, motorised response unit, which assist Surf Life Saving patrols by providing regular coastal surveillance and by performing rescue missions.

Ultimately this service exists to provide another layer of support (to Club Patrols) in keeping SA's beaches and aquatic environments safe. The Service forms part of the Powercraft Group which includes the Jet Rescue Boat Service and works closely with other SLSSA Support Service groups e.g., SurfCom and Westpac Helicopter Service.

Although jet skis cannot cater for the same number of patients as an IRB, it offers an operational capacity that makes it ideal for use by specialist services.

SLSSA currently has eight (8) RWCs allocated to patrol the following regions:

- 3 x jet skis stored at West Beach, to patrol the metro region – also has one (1) dedicated tow vehicle
- 2 x jet skis stored at Lonsdale, to patrol the mid coast region – also has one (1) dedicated tow vehicle
- 1 x jet skis stored at Port Elliot, to patrol the south coast region
- 1 x jet skis stored at Goolwa, to patrol the south coast region
- 1 x jet ski stored at Robe, to patrol the Limestone Coast as required
- Possibility of Skis stored at Semaphore and Aldinga during DEC-JAN period

SLSSA is currently seeking applications from suitably qualified members (Surf Life Savers) to undertake training and operational duties and to become a member of this Service.

As a RWC Operator you will be expected to complete rostered volunteer RWC patrols on weekends and public holidays throughout the patrol season, attend training sessions and meetings, and participate in any other activities organised by the Service. Patrols may also include water cover for Surf Sport events and other special events outside of normal SLSSA activities/patrol times.

This service is also on call for daylight operations, seven days a week and operators may be tasked at any time by Surf Life Saving services, or by SA Police and other emergency service organisations to assist with rescues, searches and body retrieval missions.

In addition to any RWC duties you will be required to maintain an active interest in your club and complete all patrol commitments as required by your club.

Minimum Crew Applicant Criteria

Applicants **must** meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be physically fit
- Be of the age of at least 18 years
- Be a financial member of an affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- Be proficient in the minimum awards as outlined on the following page
- Attend and pass the Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operator's fitness assessments as set

Minimum SLSA Awards

If you do not hold the awards below you will not be considered for this position.

- Bronze Medallion – proficient
- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate – proficient
- First Aid Certificate [SLSA or other] – current
- Boat license
- Driver's license (and the ability to tow a RWC trailer) – current

Demonstrated IRB driving experience will be particularly well regarded, but not essential.

RWC Operator Fitness/Operational Test Requirements

Fitness assessment criteria are continually being updated to ensure that all applicants are prepared for the rigors associated with being a member of the RWC Service. Fitness tests have and will continue to be designed to ensure that all crew can demonstrate the physical endurance and strength required to safely and efficiently carry out RWC Operator duties.

Applicants who meet the minimum award criteria will be required to complete/pass the following Swim & Run test to potentially continue to the next stage:

- 400m swim within a time limit of no more than 8 minutes
- 1.6km run within a time limit of no more than 8 minutes

Swim & Run test will be conducted: date TBA, Location Glenelg for run, SAALC (Marion) for swim.

On successful completion of the Swim & Run Test, applicants may be invited to participate in the RWC Operators training or participate in an interview.

Successful Applicants will be expected to attend at a minimum 5 training sessions, including the 1st session which will cover the theory component of the RWC course:

Session 1: Theory session at SLSSA Head Quarters followed by flat water work at West Beach Boat Ramp

Session 2: Flat water work at West Beach including slow water work, pick ups and rescues.

Session 3: Begin of working in Surf (Venue TBC) driving in swell and chop, rescues in swell and chop

Session 4: Surf session at Goolwa, building on surf skills

Session 5: Surf Session at Goolwa, Putting it all together, building on skills acquired through course.

Note Dates and Locations to be confirmed once final numbers received.

Applications

Applications must be submitted on the Lifesaving Services Support Operations Member Application form (attached).

Overview of Process

1. Applications received
2. Applicants that meet minimum award criteria will be invited to participate in the Swim & Run test
3. Successful applicants following Swim & Run Test will be advised and invited to participate in formal RWC Operators training activities

Other Requirements

- Crew applicants may be required to undertake one or a series of other assessments from time to time
- All applicants must be conscious of operational factors including that patrol days are generally from 0900 – 1300, however may vary due to Surf Sport requirements/special events
- The RWC Service also forms part of the 24 hour call out group which may also mean a RWC Operator may be required to respond at other times outside of patrol periods

All enquiries and completed and suitably endorsed applications should be sent to Ben Laurenson, Lifesaving Operations Officer ben.laurenson@surflifesavingsa.com.au by no later than 5.00pm Monday 31st July 2017.

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LIFESAVING SERVICES | SUPPORT OPERATIONS MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT DETAILS			
First Name:	Last Name:		
Telephone (M):	Email:		
Club:	DOB:	Member ID:	

LIFESAVING SERVICES SUPPORT OPERATIONS POSITION APPLYING FOR	
<input type="checkbox"/> RWC Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter Crew <input type="checkbox"/> SurfCom Group	<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Auditor <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard

PRE-REQUISITE MATRIX												
	Age	Bronze	ARTC	Provide First Aid	IRB Crew	IRB Driver	VHF Marine Radio	Boat Licence	Drivers Licence	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	Radio Operator	Assessor
RWC Operator	18	•	•	•	Preferred but not mandatory	Preferred but not mandatory		•	•	Be willing to undertake training		
Helicopter Crew	20	•	•	•						Be willing to undertake training		
SurfCom Group	15						Be willing to undertake training				• or Bronze Medallion	
JRB Crew	17 at time of assessment.	•	•	•	•		Be willing to undertake training			Be willing to undertake training		
Patrol Auditor	18								•			•
Lifeguard	18	•	•	•					•	Be willing to undertake training		

Applicants will not be considered for the position if they do not hold the minimum awards.

MINIMUM PRE- REQUISITE (tick box for appropriate awards held and proficient)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Medallion <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior First Aid <input type="checkbox"/> IRB Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Medallion IRB Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> VHF Marine Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Operator

LIFESAVING EXPERIENCE AND REASON FOR JOINING (internal and external experience)

APPLICANT DECLARATION	
I confirm that all details provided in this application are true and correct and that I am physically fit and prepared to undertake all appropriate testing and training sessions associated with the service. I have an understanding of the Support Service position/s that I am applying for. I agree to comply with SLSA and SLSSA current training manuals and policies which include the correct (and current) pre-requisites at all times when operating the rescue craft. I also understand that SLSSA have the right to withdraw any endorsement at any time should I breach any of the above.	
SIGNED:	DATE: / /2017

CLUB ENDORSEMENT	
I recommend the applicant as suitable for lifesaving services support operations.	
SIGNED:	DATE: / /2017

OFFICE USE
State Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum pre-requisites checked <input type="checkbox"/> Form completed correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Club endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Induction (SOPS, resources, position description)
SIGNED: