



Title: EOI – Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) – April 2024
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INTRODUCTION

SLSSA are delivering two Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Courses in early April 2024.

The Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue is an award that provides participants with the skills and knowledge to participate in search and rescue operations. Surf Life Saving SA will deliver state-run courses comprised of members of the EOG, members who wish to obtain the SMAR award and members working towards the PUA30322 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search & Rescue).

AWARD DETAILS

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Award

- PUAWHS002 – Maintain safety at an incident scene
- PUASAR011 – Search as a member of an aquatic search team

Learning Outcomes

Contribute to preparation activities for search and rescue operations

- Interpret task information
- Use basic navigational techniques
- Select appropriate search and rescue equipment

Perform search and rescue of a missing person

- Identify hazards to self, bystanders, and patient at an incident scene
- Minimise risks
- Select appropriate personal protective equipment
- Communicate incident details to relevant personnel at appropriate stages
- Demonstrate an advanced water entry technique
- Describe search patterns
- Operate as a member of a search team
- Perform retrieval of a submerged object at a depth of 3-5 meters below the surface
- Participate in a night search operation

Demonstrate recovery and stand down procedures

- Complete operational documentation
- Perform equipment recovery, cleaning, and maintenance in line with organisational procedures
- Describe symptoms of operational stress and sources of support

Pre-Requisites



Candidates must meet **ALL** the following conditions:

- Be at least 16 years of age on the date of final assessment
- Complete a 400-metre swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25m length (completed at the Pool Session)
- Hold and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion
- Attend all the training detailed in the timeline
- Have access to all personal equipment detailed in the resources.

Session Delivery

The SMAR course involves three sessions, consisting of:

Session	Session details
Pool session	<p>Includes completion of the pre-requisite swim as well as assessment of submerged object retrieval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The pre-requisite swim requires completing a 400-metre swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25m length.• Successfully completion of the pre-requisite swim is required to continue with the rest of the SMAR <p>The pool session is a mandatory component to the course.</p>
Theory & night search:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the basic procedures of search and rescue operations.• Practical night search
Practical & assessments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water activities• Assessment

Assessment Requirements

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation, and application of all elements of competency in the workplace. Students will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios. Assessment also includes:

- Online learning
- Written questions
- Verbal questions
- Practical scenarios

Learning Resources

All resources are accessible from the members eLearning area:

- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue members eLearning course
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Learner Guide
- 35th Edition Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual

Costs



\$49.00 for Club members.

- The course will be held over the equivalent of two and a half days, and the cost covers materials, all food, snacks, water, and all other resources.
- Members that are completing SMAR as part of their Certificate III VETiS program will be invoiced separately (unless prior arrangements made directly with members school). VETiS enrolments should refer to the VETiS Course Fee document for more information.
- Payment will be required at the time of registration.

COURSE DATES & LOCATIONS

SMAR Course 1

Session	Time	Date	Location
SMAR Pool Session	7pm - 9pm	Wednesday 27 th March	Marion SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park
SMAR Theory, Night Search	2pm - 10pm	Saturday 6 th April	SLSSA 2 Barcoo Road, West Beach
SMAR Practical	8:30am – 4pm	Sunday 7 th April	Port Noarlunga SLSC Saltfleet St & Esplanade, Port Noarlunga

SMAR Course 2

Session	Time	Date	Location
SMAR Pool Session	7pm - 9pm	Thursday 28 th March	Marion SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park
SMAR Theory, Night Search	2pm - 10pm	Saturday 13 th April	SLSSA 2 Barcoo Road, West Beach
SMAR Practical	8:30am – 4pm	Sunday 14 th April	Port Noarlunga SLSC Saltfleet St & Esplanade, Port Noarlunga

APPLICATION PROCESS



SLSSA recognise this is a highly desirable course and with the limited number of places available, there is no guarantee that all members who apply will be able to participate.

- Those interested MUST submit an Expression of Interest form by the closing date.
- Successful applications will be based on their applications and SLSSA receiving payment as soon as possible (if applicable).
 - If enrolment and payment are not completed by the due date, your position may be withdrawn and the opportunity given to someone on the waitlist
- Those who are not successful will be added to the waitlist for future courses.

APPLY HERE: [SMAR Expression of Interest Form](#)

Applications close: **12noon, Wednesday 13th March**

Notification of selection: Friday 15th March

Online enrolment due: Wednesday 20th March

WHAT TO BRING

Session 1: Pool Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming gear – bathers, towel, goggles• Fins• Snorkel and mask
Session 2: Theory & Night Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handheld torch (no headlights)• Pens and a notebook• Warm clothes and shoes eg. Sneakers, for the night search exercise• Refillable water bottle
Session 3: Water & Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wetsuit (Steamer)– you will be in the water for several hours plus climbing onto the reef. A long wetsuit is considered PPE• Booties or reef shoes• Dive mask & snorkel – NO goggles• Rescue tube and fins (1 set per person with your/club name on)• Hi-Viz top• Multiple changes of clothes and towels (pack for hot and cold weather for the session)• Refillable water bottle with your name on – you will drink a lot of water this weekend!

ONGOING REQUIREMENTS

Proficiencies

- Proficiency is required for this award to remain current
- Award holders may be expected to remain current through participation in annual update sessions or search and rescue exercises.

Pathway Opportunities

Gaining this award opens the door for the following SLSSA opportunities:

- SMAR is a core award if you are looking to become a member of the Emergency Operations Group (EOG) who manage and fulfil Jetboats, Jet Skis, Helicopter and Duty Officer roles.
- It is also a highly valued award for those who are considering becoming an SLSSA Lifeguard (Beach)

Promotional Support

Clubs are asked to promote this opportunity to their members by either sharing:

- this circular
- the news post, available on the [SLSSA homepage](#)

SLSSA Contact

Any questions, please contact the Member Education Team via:

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