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CIRCULAR

Circular No: C11034

TO: Officers on SurfGuard, All members

FROM: Lyndon Mills, RWC Officer
Ashlee Biddle, Lifesaving Development Officer

DATE: 6 October 2011

SUBJECT: Expressions of Interest
South Australian Rescue Water Craft (RWC/Jet Ski) Operators

ACTION By: **CLOSES Friday 25th November 2011, Close of business, 5.00pm**

APPLICATION TO JOIN 'RWC OPERATORS SUPPORT SERVICE CREW'

The Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Service conduct regular surveillance patrols and rescue missions in the Metropolitan, Mid South and Far South Coast areas.

The Rescue Water Craft Service works closely with the volunteer beach patrols of clubs and actively supports the SLSSA strategy of making South Australian beaches safer. The Service works closely with other support service groups eg, Lifesaver Jet Rescue Boats and Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service.

We are currently seeking applications from suitably qualified and proficient Surf Life Savers to undertake training and operational duties as part of this Service. This is a demanding and challenging position.

As a Rescue Water Craft Operator you will be expected to complete rostered volunteer RWC patrols on weekends and public holidays, attend training sessions and crew meetings and participate in any other activities organised by the Service. This will include operations for SLSSA Surf Sport events and other special events outside of SLSSA activities.

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.

Swim & Run test will be conducted: TBC

On successful completion of the Swim & Run Test, applicants may be invited to participate in the RWC Operators training, dates TBC*.

**Will occur depending on number of expressions of interest applications received*

RWC Operator Initial Training will be conducted on the following dates: TBC*

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Minimum Crew Applicant Criteria

To be suitable to submit an application you 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 below
- 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.

All awards must be current/proficient.

- Bronze Medallion
- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate
- You must also hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate [SLSA or other]
- Have a vehicle licence to a tow vehicle

Other awards additional to those specified above will be taken into account when selecting candidates. Demonstrated IRB 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 rigours 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 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

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 1000 – 1800, however may vary due to special events and or Surf Sport requirements.

The 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.



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Interview Process

The Chairman - Board of Lifesaving will reserve the right to conduct interviews for the selection of candidates for this service if deemed appropriate and/or necessary.

Applications

Applications must be submitted on a Rescue Water Craft Operators (RWC) Application Form (see following page) or can be obtained by contacting SLSSA on 8354 6900 or from the SLSSA website www.surfrescue.com.au

Overview of Process

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

As already noted the Chairman - Board of Lifesaving may also choose to conduct an interview process.

**Completed and suitably endorsed applications should be returned by:
Friday 25th November 2011, Close of business, 5.00pm**

Attention: Ashlee Bliddle
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SLSSA Lifesaver RWC (Jet Ski) Service

Name: _____

Club: _____

Home Address: _____

P/Code: _____

Date of birth: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you or do you carry or suffer any injury/impairment that may effect your ability to complete any physical components of the training and/or duties required. **Yes / No**

If yes, please provide details:

Patrol Hours performed:

(2010/2011)	(2009/2010)	(2008/2009)
(2007/2008)	(2006/2007)	(2005/2006)

Positions held (both Club and Patrol last 5 years)

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