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C I R C U L A R

Circular No: C10032

TO: Officers on SurfGuard

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

DATE: 5th August 2010

SUBJECT: Expressions of Interest
South Australian Rescue Water Craft Operators (Jet Skis)

ACTION By: **CLOSES Friday 27th August 2010, Close of business, 5.00pm**

APPLICATION TO JOIN 'RWC OPERATORS SUPPORT SERVICE CREW'

Swim & Run test will be conducted Monday 6th September @ 6.30pm, venue TBC.

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

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

Squad 1: 10th (6.30pm – 10pm), 11th (8am – 4pm) and 12th (8am – 4pm) of September,
depending on suitable applicants and numbers, if required a second training squad will be formed, and will train on the following dates:

Squad 2: 17th (6.30pm – 10pm), 18th (8am – 4pm) and 19th (8am – 4pm) of September

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.



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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 these awards you cannot apply 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 event 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 which can be obtained by contacting SLSSA on 8354 6900 or from the Web Site 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 27th August, Close of business, 5.00pm**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SLSSA Lifesaver RWC (Jet Ski) Service

Name: _____

Club: _____

Home Address: _____

P/Code: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age as of 1st October 2005: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

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: (2009/2010)	(2008/2009)	(2007/2008)
(2006/2007)	(2005/2006)	(2004/2005)

Positions held (both Club and Patrol last 5 years)		

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Awards

Please list all awards, including those outside SLSSA i.e., St John, Red Cross. For holders of awards outside SLSSA please provide copies.

***All awards will be checked and verified.**

AWARD NO:	AWARD NAME

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Club Endorsement

To be endorsed by a Club Secretary or President, confirming the details provided by the applicant are true and correct and also recommending the applicant as suitable for lifesaving operations as a SLSSA Rescue Water Craft Operator.

Date:

Signature
Club Officer

Name
(please print)

Applicant endorsement

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 training sessions associated with the RWC service.

Date:

Signature
Applicant

**Form must be received at SLSSA by no later than
5.00pm, Friday 27th August 2010**