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Expression of Interest

TO JOIN 'RWC OPERATORS SUPPORT SERVICE CREW'

The Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Service is a newly acquired addition to Surf Life Saving SA's aquatic safety and rescue program. The Service will conduct regular surveillance patrols and rescue missions in the Metropolitan, Mid South and Far South Coast areas.

The Service will work closely with the volunteer beach patrols of clubs and actively supports the SLSSA strategy of making South Australian beaches safer. The service is expected to work 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.

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.

- Bronze Medallion
- Advanced Resuscitation Certificate
- You must also hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate [SLSA or other]
- Have a vehicle licence to operate a tow vehicle
- Silver Medallion, Life Support*
- Silver Medallion, Patrol Captain*



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**Note: Applicants must be the holder of these awards or be registered to attend these courses which are to be conducted during August 2006. Failure to attend the course (if not already a holder of the award) will result in the applicant no longer being considered for the service.*

Other awards additional to those specified above will be taken into account when selecting candidates. Demonstrated IRB experience will be particularly well regarded.

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 service. They 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.

At a minimum crew applicants who meet the minimum award criteria will be required to complete the following 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 will also form 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.

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 award criteria invited to complete swim and run assessment.
- Successful applicants advised and invited to participate in formal RWC Operators training activity.



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