Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC)

Run a patrol and manage the beach as Patrol Captain.

No dates yet. Choose Register interest on the form and we'll email you when a course is set.

SMPC — Key info

From age 17 **Free to members**

Minimum age	17, on the day of your final assessment.
Duration	About 4 hours of eLearning, then about 8 to 10 hours of course.
Cost	Free to members.
Stays current	Until 31 December, every season.

Prerequisites

SLSWA: **Bronze Medallion (or you held it before and now hold a current patrolling award)**

SLSWA: 2 years of patrolling

Dates

No dates yet Register interest

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How to get it

1. **Prepare**
   Do the SMPC eLearning, about 4 hours, and the Surf Risk Rating modules.
   How to find your eLearning in the SLS Hub
2. **Do the course**
   About 8 to 10 hours, run with other clubs. Been a Patrol Captain, or similar, for 2 years? Ask about the one-day bridging course.
3. **Assessment**
   An SMPC facilitator assesses you.
4. **Keep it current**
   Each season, stay proficient in one of Bronze, First Aid, Radio Operator or Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART), and do 1 online module.

Book your Skills Maintenance Check (SMC) on Learn →

If you miss your SMC

In short: if you're an Active Member and miss 31 December, your membership is put on hold for a month, then it ends. Until you do your SMC you can't patrol.

If you are an Active Member and are not proficient by 31 December, your membership is automatically suspended for 1 month (from 31 December, or from a later date if the Chair of Education has granted you an extension). If you are still not proficient at the end of that month, your membership automatically ends (By-law 11.3). To ask for an exemption or more time, write to the Chair of Education by 31 December (By-law 11.4). Under SLSWA rules you also cannot patrol, operate rescue craft or compete until you are proficient.

Long Service Members must requalify each season (By-law 6.2.4(f)). Under SLSWA rules you can't patrol until you do.

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