



OPERATIONAL ORDERS BRANCH CARNIVALS WATER SAFETY EMERGENCY RESCUE CRAFT OPERATORS

AIM

Provide adequate water safety for the Surf Life Saving Club hosted Branch Carnivals

MISSION

- To provide a Water Safety Plan as per SLSA guidelines and competition manual
- Review and assess the predicted weather conditions prior to the Thursday before a carnival
- Assess surf and environment conditions prior to the start of the Carnival
- Conduct a “line” search of the beach prior to the start of the Carnival
- Request all Emergency Rescue Craft and operators be on the water 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the carnival.

SUGGESTED CARNIVAL SAFETY COMMITTEE at the HOME BEACH

Emergency Services Coordinator (ESO)

President/Representative

Club Captain/ Water Safety Officer

Surf Sports Coordinator

Junior Activities Coordinator

IRB Liaison

The Carnival Safety Committee together with the Carnival Referee will meet prior to the commencement of Carnival events and will re-convene in the event of any deterioration of conditions, deterioration of weather and any other adverse event. Directions from the Carnival Safety Committee will be obeyed by the Carnival Officials and Competitors.

ROSTERED PATROL

The Rostered Patrol is to remain responsible for their patrol duties as per normal Patrol SOP's, including their own IRB and crew.

The Carnival Referee and Water Safety Coordinator should liaise with Patrol Captain before and during the Carnival.

WATER SAFETY COORDINATOR

Water Safety coordinator to have Radio Contact with IRBs, Referee and water Referees.

IRB

WATER AREA 1

IRB 1. **Driver:** **Crew:**

Radio Contact: IRB 1

- IRB 1 is to constantly patrol the perimeter of Water Area 1
- IRB 1 is to patrol beyond the cans whilst competitors are in the water
- IRB 1 is to set and lay cans prior to competition at 6:30am

WATER AREA 2

IRB 2. **Driver:** **Crew:**

Radio Contact: IRB 2

- IRB 2 is to constantly patrol the perimeter of Water Area 2
- IRB 2 is to patrol beyond the cans whilst competitors are in the water
- IRB 2 is to set and lay cans prior to competition at 6:30am

Two further IRB's will be requested from neighbouring clubs, one to patrol in each area case it is required to 2 IRBs would be required if it was necessary to evacuate competitors from the water.

Relief IRB Drivers and Crew will be listed as soon as practical and will change over at approximately 11am

JETSKI

WATER AREA 1

Branch Jetski. **Driver:**

Radio Contact: Jetski 1

- Jetski 1 is to constantly patrol the perimeter of Water Area 1
- Jetski 1 is to trail competitors on the outside of the course, whilst they are in the water

WATER AREA 2

Branch Jetski. **Driver:**

Radio Contact: Jetski 2

- Jetski 2 is to constantly patrol the perimeter of Water Area 2
- Jetski 2 is to trail competitors on the outside of the course, whilst they are in the water

JETBOAT where POSSIBLE

Branch Jetboat. **Driver:** **Crew:**

Radio Contact: Jetboat

- Jetboat to constantly patrol the perimeter of both water areas

Junior Carnivals - additional water safety personnel, recommended 2 on boards inside area and 2 with tubes inside break at start and finish.

RISK MANAGEMENT

If an environmental or weather related risk arises that cannot be mitigated, the Carnival is to cease immediately. If there is any incident or safety concerns for competitors in the water, the Carnival is to cease immediately. The Carnival will only recommence once the ESO, Carnival Committee and Carnival Referee deem that it is safe to resume.

Directions from the Carnival Safety Committee will be obeyed by the Carnival Officials and Competitors.

COMPETITION SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Before any competition is conducted, the Safety Committee should assess the prevailing and expected weather and surf conditions. The Safety Committee should also assess the noncompetition aspects including occupational health and safety matters. Assessments may be undertaken at any time before and during competition. Should an assessment indicate that part or all of the competition, not be conducted because of adverse weather or surf conditions, or another threat, the Competition Committee will decide whether to postpone, cancel or relocate all or parts of the competition. The major threat to the conduct of competition relates to the advent of adverse weather conditions, either before or during the competition. Adverse weather can create extremes in heat or cold, storms, dangerous surf or swell and associated dangers for competitors. Secondary natural threats are considered less likely, man-made disasters, such as pollution of the surf and beach and non-competition safety issues including occupational health and safety matters should be considered.

SHARK SIGHTINGS

In the event of a shark sighting the following precautions are recommended:

1. Request all swimmers to leave the water
2. Competition should cease for a minimum of one hour from the time of the LAST sighting, with increased surveillance for an additional hour at the location of the sighting and surrounding areas until the potential risk is deemed to have subsided.
3. If absolutely necessary, engage power craft or aerial assets and attempt to disperse the shark(s) from the area by using engine noise and water surface disruption (care needs to be taken to ensure the lives of the operator and bystanders are not endangered)
4. For Boat events, the Competition safety committee shall assess the risks and may continue with the boat events.

Note: the effectiveness and value of power craft disbursement is currently unknown and the first preference would be for the beach to remain closed until such time that the shark is deemed to have left the area

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY OCCURE

- Program may be changes to meet conditions and tides of the day.
- Course adjustments to meet conditions and tides of the day.

SITUATION/INCIDENT ARISING – ESO to take control

In the event of any situation and /or incident in the water, carnival is to cease immediately. Carnival shall only recommence once the ESO deem it safe. All directions by the ESO to carnival officials and competitors shall be obeyed.

LAYING OF CANS

A specially selected group will be deployed between 6am -6:30am to set and lay the cans, separate to the water safety personnel.