

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN**

## **PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION IT IS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE**

Welcome to the 2010/2011 Surf Life Saving Season.

I realise that Surf Life Saving is all voluntary, however we must remember there are certain rules that we are required to abide by. The Club each season signs an agreement with the Sunshine Coast Branch & SLSQ to meet certain guidelines and minimum patrol requirements and as such must ensure that adequate volunteer numbers are available for each patrol.

**It is a requirement that you attend ALL your rostered patrols.** If you cannot make your patrol for any reason please refer to the guidelines below.

These are:

1. You **must wear full patrol gear** (shorts, long sleeve patrol shirt and patrol cap) at all times while patrolling as detailed in the Patrol Operations Manual, this includes Driver and Crew in the IRB. The Patrol Captain will not allow you to sign on if you fail to wear the full patrol uniform.  
You are required to wear sunglasses, and sunscreen – (which is available from the Beach Patrol Trailer). The water cooler is located in the Boatshed and we encourage all members to drink plenty of water especially during hot summer days, - bring a water bottle for replenishment. If you forget an item – the Captain on request maybe able to provide a temporary replacement.
2. While on patrol, there will be **NO training for competition.** Failing to obey this rule will result in your name being deleted from the days patrol log.
3. If you cannot attend your rostered patrol, you must obtain a substitute with similar qualifications to cover your patrol. **“No shows” with “No sub”** will result in the following:
  - Miss one patrol will incur one penalty patrol plus one make-up patrol to be completed before your next rostered patrol – if this penalty patrol is then missed you will lose your competition rights and club privileges.
4. You must complete the **full patrol.** Signing the logbook and leaving early (except with the permission of your patrol Captain) is not acceptable.
5. There will be **no** “make-up” patrols. If you need to obtain extra hours for competition this can be completed on Public Holidays and **after** consultation with the Captain.
6. ALL MEMBERS WISHING TO OBTAIN ROVING PATROL STATUS MUST RE-APPLY YEARLY. Those members granted roving patrols for exceptional reasons are required to complete a full patrol and must notify the Club Captain of your intention to patrol at least one week before the actual patrol day. Roving patrol members must complete a minimum of 30 hours of patrol time for the season to remain on roving patrols.
7. Please look at your roster and if your patrol clashes with a Carnival, in which you wish to nominate, first obtain a substitute before nominating.
8. Only ATV induction award holders and licensed operators are permitted to drive the ATV (4WD) bikes.
9. **Competitors are advised to refer to the Competitors handbook for clarification on patrol hour requirements to avoid being withdrawn from carnivals due to lack of patrol attendance.**

Please ensure you are **punctual and ready to start your patrol** at the designated time, this means arriving at least 30 minutes prior to the start time so that equipment checks can be completed. Take note of the change in start / finish times during the season.

Once again, I thank you for your time this season and wish all members a successful and safe season.

Peter Downes

**CLUB CAPTAIN.**