



DATE: 5th August 2013
SUBJECT: Water Safety Procedure & Wearing of High Visibility Rash Shirts – Senior Training
Approved by: Executive Management Committee

The following policy statement was adopted at the Mooloolaba Executive Management Committee meeting held 19 August 2013 and adopted as Policy from 20 August 2013:

POLICY

BACKGROUND:

Over past years there have been a number of changes to the water safety policy prepared by SLSQ and SLSA. In recent times there has also been changes to the apparel required for members to wear associated with competition events. Reference is made to the LS02 Policy MBA SLSC Wearing of High Visibility Rash Shirts - Nipper Training 20121126 that was previously adopted for all Nipper training.

The latest documentation provided by SLSA and SLSQ “strongly” recommends that for all members training, the wearing of high visibility rash shirts for member protection in conjunction with water safety systems and processes and water based risk assessments and training signage.

The Mooloolaba SLSC aims to be pro-active in the protection of all its members to ensure that all efforts to maintain the desired level of safety whilst all training activities are undertaken and in place.

DIRECTION:

The Mooloolaba SLSC Executive Management Committee has directed that for all approved water training activities it is mandatory for all members to wear high visibility rash shirts in addition to the adherence to the relevant water safety procedures, signage and water based risk assessments, on weekends, public holidays and weekdays.

No approved Water Activity is ever to be conducted without the wearing of approved High Visibility Rash Shirts, signage, sufficient water safety officers/equipment and after the assessment of a suitable water safety risk assessment, either hard copy or iPhone/iPad application.

Hardcopy paper water risk assessments are to be placed in the white box in the boat shed, iPhone or iPad application reports are to be emailed to the Club Captain on the nominated email address.

The following summary items from the water safety procedure are to be used as a guide:

1. Complete the risk assessment either via the iPhone App (report emailed to the Club Captain) or paper copy (placed in the white box inside the boat shed).
2. Provide the required qualified water safety ratios, buddy system, nominated water safety supervisor.
3. Have the appropriate rescue equipment available.
4. Establish a rescue plan for the actions to be undertaken in the event of an incident, how contact will be made with QAS or QPS via 000 outside patrol times and contact with the patrol during patrol times.
5. Be clearly visible with Hi Vis rash shirts to keep track of participants and members.
6. The lifesaving activity has executive committee endorsement including the date, time and locations, if the location changes a phone call advice should be provided.
7. Yellow training signs are displayed at all times when training is conducted on the beach.