



# Memorandum

<b>To</b>	Club Presidents, Club Directors of Surf Sports, Club Powercraft Officers
<b>From</b>	Vicki Cuthbert – Sports Officer
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<b>Subject</b>	2026 NSW State Championships – Powercraft Requirements

This Memo outlines information regarding the volunteer Powercraft Roster for the 2026 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

## POWERCRAFT

Clubs required to provide both IRB equipment and crews have been identified based on the average number of entries from this year's State Championship entries – **See Appendix**.

Clubs are reminded that as per the SLSNSW Regulations only volunteer members are permitted to operate powercraft at the championships. Individuals must not be in receipt of payment for any powercraft services (excluding any individuals employed directly by SLSNSW Services). Members and clubs may be subject to disciplinary action if they are in breach of this provision in addition to being uninsured and uncovered under any workers compensation normally made available to members as volunteers under the NSW Workers Compensation Act. Clubs may however undertake shifts for other clubs for a fee where the payment is made to the club and no payment is made to individual drivers and/or crew. Clubs undertaking such arrangements must advise SLSNSW in writing of these arrangements via [surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:surfsports@surflifesaving.com.au)

Clubs who are unable to fulfill their IRB roster requirements can engage the services of SLSNSW Services to undertake these shifts. The fee per shift is \$725 (incl. GST) and must be advised by no later than **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. All requests are to be supported by a member of the Club Executive and submitted via [Microsoft Forms](#). Requests submitted via email will not be accepted.

If shift coverage is requested and arranged and then club members turn up to fill the shift on the day, the fee will still stand.

Where appropriate, Clubs are welcome to and are required to notify SLSNSW via [statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au) if they have organized a shift swap with another rostered Club.

***If clubs do not provide required Powercraft Personnel according to the published roster, SLSNSW will stand down all athletes from that club from competition until such time as the required Powercraft Personnel are present.***

**If a club fails to attend their rostered shift and SLSNSW are able to fill this shift using SLSNSW Services, an \$850 no show fee will be charged regardless of whether 0 or 1 member of that crew present for the shift.**

A preliminary roster is attached, outlining the allocated shifts and timeslots in which Clubs are required to fulfill. Drivers and crew (Clubs) must provide their own SLS approved PFD's, helmets (option for IRBs and mandatory RWCs) and suitable wetsuits/rash shirts to ensure comfort from both sun, wind, and cold conditions. The powercraft compound **will not** be in a position to provide this equipment.

Powercraft Drivers/Operators and crewpersons **must** fulfil the following requirements.

- ✓ **IRB Driver:** Be a current financial SLS member and be a proficient Silver Medallion IRB Driver.
- ✓ **IRB Crewperson:** Be a current financial SLS member, be a proficient IRB Crew Certificate.
- ✓ **Both IRB Driver and Crewperson:** Be experienced in ALL levels of surf conditions and competent to deal in all surf conditions.

Powercraft crews are reminded that any filming or photography from Powercraft is prohibited within the competition arena unless approved by the SLSNSW media team.

#### **PFD's**

All PFD's must be SLS compliant.

Recent changes to the SLS branding guidelines include:

- Standardisation of roundel and Surf Rescue brand sizing and font.
- Additional provision to allow club names on the back of lifejackets.
- Additional provision to allow first names to be printed on the front of lifejackets.

All life jackets must adhere to the updated guidelines. Any personalised life jackets with either club or member names that do not meet these guidelines can no longer be used.

#### **SUMMARY**

SLSNSW acknowledges and thanks the hard work of members while at the State Championships. This event cannot be delivered safely and efficiently without contribution from Clubs.

All volunteer hours for Powercraft and Water Safety can contribute to an individual's total Club water safety hours. Members will be required to confirm their hours directly with clubs should they wish to have them included.

Should members become injured during their involvement in the Championships as either a competitor, official or water safety/powercraft personnel, Members are only able to make a claim through iCare (Work Cover) if the following applies:

1. The member is a current SLSNSW financial member.
2. While undertaking a genuine, authorised activity as a surf lifesaver and the member was not receiving remuneration or reward. The member must be performing the activity voluntarily and without obligation.

Should any club have any questions please contact Surf Sports at [statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au) or 9471 8000.

## Appendix 1 - Clubs Required to Bring IRB Equipment

Clubs Required to bring IRBs
Avoca Beach
Coogee (NSW)
Cooks Hill
Elouera
Manly
North Bondi
Queenscliff
Redhead
South Maroubra
Swansea Belmont x2
Terrigal
The Lakes
Wanda

*\*Subject to Change*

### Note:

1. Clubs will be required to bring an IRB, Motor and Fuel Cell. **Please ensure all items are marked with the Club name.**
2. IRB engines must be either Mercury or Tohatsu to ensure inter-operability across the IRB fleet during the championships.
3. It is requested all engines are a **maximum of four (4) years of age** and recently serviced to ensure driver and crew safety.
4. **All IRB's must be fully inflated and functional ready for scrutineering at the time of drop-off.**
5. The IRB compound is located on the grassed area on the northern side of Swansea Belmont SLSC with access via the SLSC car park.
6. Please drop off your IRB at the compound between 12pm – 4pm on Wednesday 18 February 2026.
7. **Clubs must print and bring pages 4-7 of this document pre-filled with Club details.**

## 2025 State Championships Hull Check List

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Person Responsible for Equipment)

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile Number)

### IRB Hull Details

Hull Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: SR \_\_\_\_\_

**(Class 3 IRB's Not Accepted)**

**HULL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF.  
HULLS FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING DEFECT AFTER INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.**

**NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION  
ALL EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE PASSED RECENT GEAR INSPECTION AND ENTERED IN SURFGUARD GEAR AND EQUIPMENTM LIST.**

Please circle the following:

Permanently Marked Club Identification Yes No

Hull Appearance: Clean Dirty

Safety Equipment removed: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Crewmen's bow rope: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Crew and Driver handlers: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Lifeline ropes and eyelets: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Foot Straps: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Board/ RIB Hull Condition: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

4 x Side Lift Handles: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Front Lift Handle: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Pontoons & Keel holding pressure Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Safety Cable on Hull: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Visible Hull Wear: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Use Hull Inspection: Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Re - Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

**DROP OFF - IRB HULL INSPECTION PASSED BY:**

**DATE:**

**PICK UP - IRB HULL INSPECTION ACCEPTED BY CLUB**

**YES / NO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## IRB HULL INSPECTION SHEET

**IRB HULL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF. NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB ID. HULLS FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AFTER INITIAL INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.**

**IRB HULL PERMANENTLY MARKED: YES / NO,  
MARK ANY EXISTING WEAR / DAMAGE: OK / FAIR / FAIL**



## 2025 State Championships Engine and Fuel Cell Check List

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Person Responsible for Equipment)

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile Number)

### IRB Engine Details

Engine Make & Model: Tohatsu M25 / Mercury ME25

**(Yamaha 25XMHS NOT ACCEPTED, Product has ceased)**

**ENGINE, ENGINE COWL & FUEL CELL MUST BE**

**PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION.**

**ENGINE or CELL FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING**

**DEFECT AFTER INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION**

**FAILED.**

Manufacturer Engine Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS**

**NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB**

**IDENTIFICATION.**

**ALL EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE PASSED RECENT**

**GEAR INSPECTION AND ENTERED IN SURFGUARD**

**GEAR AND EQUIPMENT LIST.**

Please circle the following:

Permanently Marked Club Identification Yes No

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Appearance: Clean Dirty

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Safety Cable on Engine: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Spark Plugs and Leads: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Choke Operation: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Throttle Operation: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Recoil Cord and Operation: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Cow Fitting Properly: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Prop Guard and 4 Blade Prop: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel Cell, Hose, Fittings & Club I.D.: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Start and Run in Tank: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Visible Engine Wear: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Use Engine Inspection: Pass Fail

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Re - Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass Fail Reason \_\_\_\_\_

**DROP OFF – ENGINE & CELL INSPECTION PASSED BY:**

**Date:**

### PICK UP

**IRB Engine & Cell Inspection Accepted By Club**

**YES / NO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## IRB Motor Inspection

**ENGINE, ENGINE COWL AND FUEL CELL MUST BE PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION THAT WILL NOT WASH OFF. NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR ITEMS NOT PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH CLUB IDENTIFICATION.**

**ENGINE OR FUEL CELL FOUND TO HAVE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS AFTER INITIAL INSPECTION MAY HAVE INSPECTION FAILED.**

**MARK ANY EXISTING WEAR / DAMAGE OK / FAIR / FAIL**

**CLUB ID. ON COWL**

\_\_\_\_\_\*

YES / NO



**CLUB ID. ON ENGINE**

\_\_\_\_\_\*

YES / NO

**CLUB ID. ON FUEL CELL**

YES / NO



**AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER – please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound**

Thursday 19 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cronulla - SLS Services	Bronte - SLS Services	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	Umina	Wamberal	Shelly Beach
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cronulla - SLS Services	Bronte - SLS Services	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Friday 20 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	North Curl Curl	Avoca Beach	Freshwater
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Warilla Barrack Point	Bulli	North Avoca	Queenscliff	<u>Copacabana</u>
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	North Curl Curl	Avoca Beach	Freshwater
Saturday 21 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Elouera	Terrigal	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Coogee	South Maroubra	North Avoca	Queenscliff	<u>Collaroy</u>
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Elouera	Terrigal	Wanda	North Bondi	Manly
Sunday 22 February 2026					
Shift 1: 0730 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)		Redhead	Avoca Beach		
Shift 2: 1030 - 1400					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)		Cooks Hill	The Lakes		
Shift 3: 1330 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)					

**MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER – please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound**

Wednesday 25 February 2026				
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	North Bondi	Coogee	Queenscliff
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	Port Macquarie	Manly	Wamberal
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Bondi - SLS Services	North Bondi	Coogee	Queenscliff
Thursday 26 February 2026				
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Redhead	Shelly Beach	Manly	The Lakes
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Avoca Beach	North Bondi	Freshwater	Newport
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>				
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Redhead	Shelly Beach	Manly	The Lakes

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER - please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound**

Friday 27 February 2026					
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Cronulla - SLS Services	Wanda	Avoca Beach	Wollongong City
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Terrigal	Cronulla - SLS Services	Cudgen Headland	South Maroubra	Coogee
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Cronulla - SLS Services	Wanda	Avoca Beach	Wollongong City
Saturday 28 February 2026					
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Warilla Barrack Point	Cudgen Headland	South Maroubra	
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Bondi	Newport	Redhead	Coogee	
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Manly - SLS Services	Warilla Barrack Point	Cudgen Headland	South Maroubra	
Sunday 1 March 2026					
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Bondi	Newport	Wanda		
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Terrigal	Avoca Beach	Redhead		
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)					

**SURF BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS IRB ROSTER - please arrive 30mins before shift at Powercraft Compound**

Friday 27 February 2026			
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Palm Beach - SLS Services	
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Collaroy	
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Palm Beach - SLS Services	
Saturday 28 February 2026			
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Palm Beach - SLS Services	Wanda
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Queenscliff	Elouera	Coogee
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	South Curl Curl	Palm Beach - SLS Services	Wanda
Sunday 1 March 2026			
<b>Shift 1: 0730 - 1100</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Elouera	
<b>Shift 2: 1030 - 1400</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Queenscliff	Avoca Beach	
<b>Shift 3: 1330 - 1700</b>			
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	North Cronulla	Elouera	