

POSITION DESCRIPTION	Created 1 June 06
SOLDIERS BEACH SLSC	Review 1 June 08
PATROL CAPTAIN	

Description

The Patrol Captain is the principle leader of their patrol's lifesaving functions on the beach.

At the operational level, the major function of the Patrol Captain is to ensure effective beach safety and rescue capabilities are established and maintained during their rostered watch.

Responsible To

The Patrol Captain is appointed by the Director of Lifesaving and is responsible to the Director of Lifesaving.

Responsibilities and Duties

The Patrol Captain should:

- Ensure their patrol's members attend the beach in accordance with the Club's Patrol Roster and immediately address any shortfall.
- Conduct a pre-patrol risk assessment to determine whether or not the beach is to be opened or closed.
- Select the safest available area to place the flags if the beach is to be opened.
- Ensure the beach is managed and patrolled in accordance with the Club's Patrol Operations Manual at all times during their watch.
- Recognise, react, and immediately deal appropriately with any safety related issue during their watch.

Direct Reports

The following positions report directly the Patrol Captain:

- Patrol 2IC
- Patrol Members
- Patrol SRC's
- Patrol Rookies

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the Patrol Captain is someone who:

- Holds a SLSA Silver Medallion (Ptl Capt)
- Is a decisive leader.
- Can communicate effectively.
- Is well informed of the contents of the Club's Patrol Operations Manual.
- Is well informed of lifesaving activities and policies.
- Is a supportive leader for their patrol's members.

Estimated Time Commitment Required & Period of Appointment

The estimated time commitment required of a Soldiers Beach Patrol Captain is 6 hours per month.

The Patrol Captain is appointed for a 12 month term.