



Memorandum

To:	Club Presidents, Club Directors of Surf Sports & Club Powercraft Operators
From:	Belinda Cooper - Competitions & Event Staging Coordinator
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Subject:	2025 NSW Country Championships – Powercraft Roster

This Memo outlines information regarding the volunteer Powercraft Roster for the 2025 NSW Country Championships.

1 Personnel

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

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

Note: Personnel are no longer required to be Core or Technical Official to be eligible to undertake powercraft safety duties, however it is still encouraged.

Clubs will be required to nominate volunteer names and contact information for IRB Drivers and Crew. The details are to be submitted via Microsoft Forms – [Powercraft Personnel](#) by **11pm Sunday 19 January 2025**.

2 Compliance

This information will be audited via SurfGuard on **Monday 20 January, 2025**. Clubs who haven't submitted information via the Microsoft Form may not have their entries accepted (see Surf Sports Manual Section 12.1).

If your Club is rostered on, both an IRB Driver and IRB Crewperson are required to report for duty.

All IRB Drivers and Crews must wear an approved SLS lifejacket on duty. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that your members completing shifts bring their own lifejacket (or supplied by their own Club). Lifejackets will not be supplied by event organisers.

Given the length of shifts and exposure to weathers conditions we recommend and advise to dress to the conditions i.e. rash vest top, springsuit, wind jacket

3 Further Information

The roster will only identify days and shifts. All rostered crews are required to report to the compound where water areas will be allocated based on the requirements of the carnival. For clarity, Clubs are not rostered to a specific water area.

In the event that competition is suspended, IRB Drivers and Crews reporting for duty should be made aware that if the event continues again within their allocated shift time frame, they will then need to report back to the powercraft meeting point ASAP for duty.

Please note that a Driver and Crewperson cannot do consecutive shifts, I.e. Shift 1 & Shift 2. This is to ensure duty of care is provided to the Driver and Crewperson, so please keep this in mind should Clubs approach one another to swap shifts.

4 IRB Equipment

All IRBs supplied must be registered with SLSNSW, have passed the 2024/25 Gear and Equipment Inspection process and be entered on SurfGuard. To ensure that equipment is in a safe and reliable working order for use at the Championships, please see the **IRB Hull and IRB Motor Compliance Inspection Forms (appendix 2)** as a guide.

Notes:

- IRBs should be brought to the Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC gear shed.
- If equipment, IRB or motor, is not in sound operational condition and considered safe for operations, the equipment **will not be accepted** and the Club may be forced to make other arrangements to be eligible to compete at the carnival.
- IRB's will only be scrutineered when they are fully assembled and inflated with floorboards in.
- Class 3 (Cat Hulls) are not acceptable for Powercraft duties.
- All equipment is to be clearly marked with Club name: Fuel cells, motors, lifejackets, hulls & trailers.
- Please do not bring IRB equipment including tube, paddle and rope.

More information on scrutineering times to be provided soon.

5 Insurance

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

All volunteer hours for Powercraft can contribute to an individual's total Club water safety hours.

Members are only able to make a claim through WorkCover 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.

6 Summary

Clubs that fail to meet their requirements or attend rostered shifts at the Championships **will be suspended from competition until such a time that requirements are met.**

Should any club have any questions please contact the SLSNSW Surf Sports Team at countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au or call (02) 9471 8000.

7 Clubs required to bring IRB Equipment

Club	Equipment
Broulee Surfers	IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell
Kiama	IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell
Mollymook / Sussex Inlet	IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell
Gerringong	IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell
Kiama Downs	(IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell) x3
Shellharbour	IRB, Motor & Fuel Cell

8 Powercraft Roster – IRB

Friday 24 January 2025					
Shift 1: 0700 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Woolgoolga	Yamba	Byron Bay	Mollymook
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Broulee Surfers	Sawtell	Shellharbour	Coffs Harbour	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1430					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Kiama	Gerringong	Tacking Point	Woolgoolga	Cudgen Headland
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Port Macquarie	Black Head	Lennox Head	Cabarita Beach	
Shift 3: 1400 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Woolgoolga	Yamba	Byron Bay	Kiama
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Broulee Surfers	Mollymook	Shellharbour	Sawtell	
Saturday 25 January 2025					
Shift 1: 0700 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Woolgoolga	Yamba	Byron Bay	Gerringong
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Broulee Surfers	Mollymook	Shellharbour	Coffs Harbour	
Shift 2: 1030 - 1430					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Sawtell	Gerringong	Black Head	Tacking Point	Cudgen Headland
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Kiama	Port Macquarie	Kiama Downs	Lennox Head	
Shift 3: 1400 - 1700					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Woolgoolga	Yamba		Shellharbour
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Broulee Surfers	Mollymook	Byron Bay		
Sunday 26 January 2025					
Shift 1: 0700 - 1100					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Cudgen Headland	Woolgoolga	Yamba		Black Head
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Sawtell	Coffs Harbour	Byron Bay		
Shift 2: 1030 - 1430					
Club 1 (Driver & Crew)	Broulee Surfers	Shellharbour	Mollymook		Port Macquarie
Club 2 (Driver & Crew)	Kiama	Gerringong	Kiama Downs		

Appendix 1 – Gear and Equipment Compliance

2025 Country Championships Hull Check List

Club Name: _____ Date: _____

Club Contact: _____ Contact Details: _____
 (Name of Person Responsible for Equipment) (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: _____
 Comments: _____

Mobile: _____



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



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

