



ITHACA-CALOUNDRA CITY LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

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2012/2013 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

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Affiliated with Royal Life Saving Society Queensland Incorporated

The Club has completed its fifty-ninth season.

MISSION STATEMENT

To achieve the highest level in the delivery of Aquatic Safety, Rescue and Emergency Care with the support of volunteer members within a family based environment.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Club is a professional Life Saving organisation and has three main activities, which are:-

- Maintaining Beach Patrols on Bulcock Beach, Caloundra,
- Training and development of Members and the Public in Life Saving techniques, and
- Increase Participation & Volunteering.

The present Clubhouse was constructed in 1989 and is located adjacent to Bulcock Beach, at the western end of the beach. The Clubhouse is constructed on stumps/piles with half the Clubhouse elevated above the beach.

Equipment of the Club is modern and contains all the necessary items of Life Saving Club equipment.

The main rescue equipment being the Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRB), paddle boards and first aid equipment.

The Club maintains Beach Patrols during weekends and public holidays over the summer months of the year (September through to May).

Membership of the Club is open for application to any member of the public willing to assist the Club in whatever manner they are able (to help the Club achieve its mission) and the bulk of membership is people aged 7 to 70 years.



CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Lynda Barry

The Club has now completed its 59th season, with this season being one of the most successful seasons in the Clubs history.

However unfortunately with sadness I wish to acknowledge two members who have passed away this season, Jeff Phillips and Diane McClelland. Both members were Life Members of the Club and have performed many years of service to the Club and to the Community, both having health issues in the latter part of their lives.

Membership has again increased this season with 114 registered members of whom 53% are female (47% male), 33% are active (those who volunteer their time to patrol for the club) and 40% youth (under 16 years of age).

With respect to Beach Patrols, the Club performed 671.5 hours of beach patrols for a total of 73 days (and average of 9.25 hours per day) between 22 September 2012 and 5 May 2013. During that time club members performed 747 preventative actions, 138 local law advisory actions and 120 rescues. The Club also performed 140 first aid cases during the season.

Members obtained 214 qualifications (awards) which include re-accreditations.

In November 2012, the Club's team went to Adelaide to represent the Club at Rescue 2012 the World Life Saving Championships. Ithaca members picked up One Gold, Two Silver and One Bronze medal. The members who participated were Paul Barry, Robbie Schwartz, Tony Barry, Ted Longley, Margaret Marsh, Jeannie Baxter-Reid, Sue Baxter-Winch, Rob Reid and Brad Clegg. Unfortunately, due to a broken arm, I travelled as Team Manager.

In January this year our club also went to Sydney to compete at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships (Nationals). Tony, Patricia and Paul represented our club, Jeannie, the team coach and I managed the QLD Team.

Club members have competed in other competitions throughout the season – short course, pro-am and state championships, coming home with a swag of medals.

The Junior Lifeguard Carnival this year was another success. This was our 11th carnival and the weather was perfect, despite the rain immediately prior to, and after the carnival.

Our club has grown significantly in this last season, with both senior and junior members. This is our highest membership levels for quite some time and our equipment is all in good condition due to members care and attention.

We have again met our service agreement with Sunshine Coast Regional Council – this is the third year in a row and many of our neighbouring Club have found such challenging.

Some Club members have just complete a Teacher of Life Saving Award (TOLSA), which will be a great asset of the Club have a number of qualified trainers.

AWARDS

All available awards of The Royal Life Saving Society - Australia are listed, with Club awards gained shown.

	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11
Swim & Survive (from Water Discovery to Snr Swim & Survive)	20	99	68
Love 2 Swim Awards			
Lifesaving: Dry Rescue			
Wade Rescue			
Accompanied Rescue			
Bronze Star	13	16	5
Bronze Medallion	5	6	8
Grey Medallion			12
Lifeguarding: Patrol Bronze Star	19		
Patrol Bronze Med	17		
Patrol Lifeguard	6	5	4
Pool Lifeguard			
IRB – Driver	10	2	1
IRB – Crew	15	7	6
Senior First Aid	11	11	1
Radio operator	1	6	
ATV operator			
Advanced			
Lifesaving: Bronze Cross			
Award of Merit			
Distinction			
Diploma			
Resuscitation: Basic Resuscitation			
Resuscitation	2		
Oxygen Resuscitation			
Oxy Equip Resus			
Semi Auto Defib.	85	61	71
Teaching: Instructor			
Teacher of Lifesaving	8		
Workplace Trainer	2		
First Aid Trainer			
Examiner: Level 1/2/3			3
Oxygen Equipment			
RLMR: Crewman			
Able Crewman			
Advanced Crewman			
Skipper			1
Advanced Skipper			
Captain			
	<u>214</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>186</u>

Competitions

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The members gained the following medals:

Gold Men's 60+ Line Throw

Anthony Barry & Ted Longley

Silver Women's 45-49 Line Throw

Jeannie Baxter-Reid & Sue Baxter-Reid

Silver Men's 2 40-44 Line Throw

Paul Barry & Robbie Schwartz

Women's 200m Obstacles

Margaret Marsh



Award Ceremony Rescue 2012 World Life Saving Championships

Left (in blue) Silver Medallist, Women's Line Throw Rescue Sue Baxter-Winch & Jeannie Baxter-Reid

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Congratulations to all members that competed.

PATROLLING

This season the Club patrolled Bulcock Beach, Caloundra, weekends from 22 September 2012 to 5 May 2013 (17 Sept 2011 to 7 May 2010 last season).

The Club conducted official patrols over patrol weekends and all public holidays.

Summary of Patrol:

	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10
Number of Patrol days	73	76	74	73
Total Patrol hours	671.5	714.25	697.25	589.25
Average hours of Patrol each day	9.25	9.39	9.42	9
Average person number on Patrol each day	10.7	8.7	7.32	7
Average rescue per Patrol day	1.65	1.6	1.03	2.05
Total volunteer hours provided	671.5	714.25	697.25	687.5
Estimated attendance -beach	33,270	25,368	10,615	13,305
-water	24,064	16,368	7,300	7,590

Patrols are overseen by:-

- ☐ Club officials (Regular surprise inspections carried out)
- ☐ The Royal Life Saving Society (members of the Combined Clubs Committee)
- ☐ Surf Life Saving (SLSA Duty Officers visit the Club regularly and provide guidance and advice).

PATROLLING

Sunshine Coast Regional Council has a high involvement in the operations of the Club. Club officials have met with Council Officers on a number of occasions regarding beach issues, and the Club holds a Patrol Service Agreement with Council.

The Council life guard service on occasions visit the Club and provide feedback and advise regarding patrol activities. Council Beach Life Guards utilise the Club facilities and equipment for weekday beach patrols. Since October 2012, Sunshine Coast Regional Council have contracted (outsourced) their Lifeguard Service to Surf Life Saving Qld, who now performs the weekday lifeguard service.

The aforementioned groups above ensure the quality of patrols is maintained to the highest standard. Every patrol has an allocated Patrol Captain who must be qualified for control of all of the patrol functions (i.e.: IRB, Radio, First Aid, etc)

Every member, while on patrol, must wear the Club patrol uniform, which consists of red shorts, yellow shirt (with the words 'Beach Patrol') and a quartered red and yellow skull cap.

Incidents for the season were as follows:

	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10
First Aid	140	90	59	108
Rescues	33	31	15	17
Preventative Action	747	460	193	702
Local Laws Advise	138	58		
IRB - Rescues	87	92	63	94

All First aid cases are continued to be treated in the first aid room, unless the patient is located away from the Clubhouse, in which case they are treated at the scene.

Local Laws advisory – the Club now record incidents where advice is is given to the public in respect to local law matters including:

- ☐ Dogs within the bathing reserve
- ☐ Fishing within the bathing reserve
- ☐ Smoking between the flags, and Other matters

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

The Club commenced its Junior Life Guard Program (similar to Nippers) in 2002 and continued it again this season. The Program is a fun environment where games and competitions are used to teach the children:-

- Water Safety,
- Basic Rescue Techniques,
- Safe Swimming Habits,
- Basic Resuscitation, and
- Team work & responsibility

The program is conducted by members of the Club and all sessions (and children) are logged and tracked. Children progress through an introductory period of basic water safety; and will then progress through the 'Swim & Survive' (*Love 2 Swim*) series of awards. This progression would be expected to take between 1 and 4 years depending of the child's age and abilities. After the Swim & Survive awards, Junior Lifeguards are named as Cadet Lifeguards, and they aim for the 'Bronze Star' award, which is a rescue award similar to the Bronze Medallion. The target age for Bronze Star is 12 years old, and once Junior Lifeguards obtain their Bronze Star, they can assist with beach patrol duties.

As the program develops, new strands have been added, to cater for the changing demographics of membership. In the 2007/08 season a Rookie Strand was added to the program, which includes members from 13/14 to 16 years.

Strands

Junior Aged 6 to 11 years old. Swim and Survive Series.

Cadet Aged 11 to 12 years old. Bronze Star award.

Rookie Aged 13/14 to 16 years old. They are encouraged to complete the Bronze Medallion in the year they turn 14. Once members complete their Bronze Medallion they are able to assist beach patrols as a qualified member.

The Junior Lifeguard Program conducts two training sessions each week:-

- Sunday morning at 8.00am (2 x 1 hour session) on Bulcock Beach

Junior Lifeguard Member's

Year	Junior	Cadet	Rookie	Total	% Increase
2002/3	20	Not/Applic.	Not Applicable	20	
2003/4	25	Not/Applic.	Not Applicable	25	25%
2004/5	32	Not/Applic.	Not Applicable	32	28%
2005/6	24	12	Not Applicable	36	13%
2006/7	22	16	Not Applicable	48	33%
2007/8	20	16	5	41	No increase
2008/09	14	15	6	35	No increase
2009/10	11	5	7	23	No increase
2010/11	12	6	8	26	13%
2011/12	20	12	11	43	65%
2012/13	13	22	11	46	7%



Competitors - Junior Lifeguard Carnival April 2013



Junior Lifeguards, Coaches & Officials (2012/13)

FUNDRAISING

The Management Committee agreed to provide a fundraising encouragement trophy to the member who raised the most funds for the club during the season.

1999/00	Paul Barry
2002/03	Bruce Cowling
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	(not awarded)
2005/06	(not awarded)
2006/07	(not awarded)
2007/08	(not awarded)
2008/09	Lynda Barry
2009/10	Patricia Barry
2010/11	Patricia Barry
2011/12	Patricia Barry
2012/13	Vanessa Mullins

SPECIAL RECOGNATION TO OUR SUPPORTERS



* Department of Community Safety, Queensland Government



* Sunshine Coast Regional Council



* Council of the Aging, Queensland



* Energex

* Paul Barry

* Sandra Clifton



* Maroochy Lions

* Yellow pages



* McClelland & Associates, Public Accountants

FOUNDATION

On 1 December 1992 the Club agreed to the formation of a FOUNDATION, with the following eleven goals and conditions:

1. The aim of the Foundation is the creation of a capital fund capable of generating an annual income, part of which will be used to maintain the operation of the patrolling activities of the Club.
2. The principle to be developed by the generation of funds from sources such as legacies, bequests, donations, fundraising activities specifically designated for the purpose and transfers as approved by the Management Committee from the Club's general funds and/or fundraising activities.
3. A principle amount of \$100,000 be the initial goal.
4. Annual distribution be restricted to a maximum of 50% of the annual income generated by the Foundation.
5. Decisions on the distribution to be made by the Management Committee.
6. The signatures for the Foundation accounts be the usual Club signatories.
7. The bank books and investment receipts remain in the custody of the Club's Honorary Treasurer.
8. All expenses directly attributable to the Foundation be paid out of the Foundation.
9. All donations/bequests to the Foundation be acknowledged in the Club's Annual Report.
10. The Foundation's funds to be available to the Club general account on a loan basis, only in times of extreme financial hardship and with the approval of the Club's Management Committee.
11. These Foundation conditions to form part of the Club's By-Laws, and as such, can only be altered or repealed as per Rule 2\5 of the Club's Rules (Constitution).

On 13 May 1993 the Club started the Foundation with \$10,000 and continued with further investments.

OFFICE BEARERS

Patron: Hon Mark McArdle MP
Vice Patrons: Coun. Tim Dwyer
Hon Peter Slipper MP
Mrs Judy McArdle

President:* Mrs Paula Koda
Deputy President:* (vacant)
Secretary:* Mrs Patricia Barry
Treasurer:* Mr Paul Barry
Club Captain:* Mrs Lynda Barry
Chief Instructor:* Mrs Jeannie Baxter-Reid

Registrar/Recorder:+ Mr Sam Coxeter
Clubhouse Director: Mr Robert Schwartz
Gear Steward:+ Mr Paul Seto
Club Vice Captains:+ Ms Vanessa Mullins
+ Mr Robert Schwartz

Deputy Chief Instructor:+ Mr William Arber-Colmer
Communication Officer: Mr Paul Seto
Publicity Officer: Mrs Patricia Barry
Rookie Co-ordinator: Ms Vanessa Mullins
Jr L/guard Administrator:* Mrs Lynda Barry
Jr L/guard Co-ordinator:+ Mr Paul Barry

RLMR Boat Captain:+ Mr Paul Barry & Mr Sam Coxeter
IRB Captain:+ (vacant)

Vice Presidents: Mr John McClelland AMSM, CRLSS
Mr Russell Green Dip RLSS, FRLSS
Mr Scott Brady
Mr Michael Darben DipRLSS, ASO

* Management Committee members.

+ Council members (including Management Committee members)

Auditor: Mr James McClelland DipRLSS, CRLSS
McClelland & Associates, Public Accountants

LIFE MEMBERS

1961	Mr George Marr	+
1979	Mr John McClelland AMSM, CRLSS	
1982	Mr Ben Williams	
1983	Miss Bronwyn McClelland	
1984	Mr James McClelland DipRLSS, CRLSS	
1985	Mr Robert Stinson CRLSS	+
1989	Mr Stephen Pearl	
1990	Mr Stephen Skinner FRLSS	
1991	Mrs Ann McClelland	+
1993	Mrs Yvette Skinner	
1996	Mr Scott Conway	
1999	Mr Paul Barry	
2000	Mr Jeffrey Phillips	+
2003	Mr Mathew Schneider	
2004	Mrs Helen Morris CRLSS	
2009	Mrs Lynda Barry	
2010	Mrs Patricia Barry	
2011	Mr Anthony Barry	



Junior Lifeguard Coaching Session



Club Patron The Hon. Mark McArdle MP and his wife Judy at the Club's Sign-on Day, Sept 2012.

MEMBERS

Following is a list of current financial members, excluding Life Members and Office Bearers.

Senior Members

Lydia Allen	Lisa Arber
Samantha Barry	Frank Barletta
Paul Biggs	Bradley Clegg
Sarah Clegg	Rhys Evans
Ross Johnstone	Christopher Mahon
Margaret Marsh	Kay Moule
John Mullins	Robert Reid
Cosimo Roncini	Dianne Saffigna
Paul Saffigna	Julie Schuller

Rookie Members

Jordan Barletta	Conor Biggs
Edan Charsley-Safe	Alice Green
Lachlan Hardy	Kellie Johnson
Joshua Mullins	Emily Pearce
Troy Robinson	Jessica Simpson
Henry Webb	

Cadet Members

Reid Alderton	Lily Ash
Laura Barry	Katja Biggs
Myles Buckingham	Max Clarke
Beau Clarke	Jamie Evans
Jessiah Forrest	Sean Casley
Viv Casley	Olivia Galina
Liam Hawgood	Katie Johnson
Gemma Koda	Aiden Leicester
Jayden Macklin	Zoey Miller
Emily Moore	Rebecca Mullins
Anne Simpson	Gabi Wilson

MEMBERS

Junior Members

Brock Armitage
Laura Galina
Osin Mackle
Holly Rees
Angie Simcoe
Alyce Webb
Abi Wright

Laura Barry
Caitlin Hawgood
Joel Phillis
Thomas Reid
Patrick Simpson
Ruby Webb

Competition Members

Sue Baxter-Winch

Edward Longley

Honorary Members

Ian Grant
Zara Williams

Dan Seagrove-Castle

Social Members

Lance Alderton
Scott Armitage
Christina Clarke
Naomi Forrest
Irfan Galina
Michelle Hawgood
Adam Lees
Tracy Mackle
Kevin Miller
Alan Moore
Julia Randall
Michelle Simcoe
Ian Webb
Terri Wilson

Sam Armitage
Tony Buckingham
Rachael Evans
Chris Casley
Julie Galina
Fiona Johnson
Nicky Leicester
Sandra Macklin
Selena Miller
Claire Phillis
Stephanie Rees
Michelle Simpson
Peter Wilson
Simon Wright

CLUB TROPHIES

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

Junior Lifeguard of the Year

(Mark McArdle Bursary Award)

For continued and outstanding performance and teamwork by a junior lifeguard.

2002/03	Amy Mitchell
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Emma Kobez
2005/06	Louisa Cools
2006/07	Lauren Deagon & Jake Robinson
2007/08	Sarah Mannion
2008/09	Jake Theis
2009/10	Izaac Wilson
2010/11	Alice Green
2011/12	Gabrielle Wilson
2012/13	Katja Biggs

Most Improved Award

2004/05	Amy Mathers
2005/06	Sean McNevin
2006/07	Alice Green & Emma Green
2007/08	Laura Barry
2008/09	Jack Mannion
2009/10	Gemma Koda
2010/11	Alice Green
2011/12	Jordan Barletta & Taylor Rees
2012/13	Ruby Webb

Life Saving Skills Award (Juniors)

2004/05	Louisa Cools
2005/06	Jake Theis
2006/07	Issac Wilson
2007/08	Emma Green
2008/09	(not awarded)
2009/10	Kurt Theis
2010/11	Gemma Koda
2011/12	Reid Alderton & Katja Biggs
2012/13	Tom Reid

Life Saving Skills Award (Cadets)

2005/06	Lauren Deagon
2006/07	Samantha Barry & Jake Theis
2007/08	Chris Mahon
2008/09	Alliyah Higton, Chris Mahon & Jack Webb
2009/10	Alice Green
2010/11	Kellie Johnson & Emily Pearce
2011/12	Jayden Macklin
2012/13	Reid Alderton, Aiden Leicester & Gabi Wilson

CLUB TROPHIES

ROOKIE LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

2008/09	Samantha Barry
2009/10	Christopher Mahon
2010/11	Christopher Mahon
2011/12	Henry Webb
2012/13	Jessica Simpson

SECRETARY'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

(Donated by Helen Morris)

For overall Club "encouragement".

1992/93	Hannah Gadsden
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	Aaron Dahm
1998/99	Corey Dahm
1999/00	Sarah Dahm
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Tracey James
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	(not awarded)
2005/06	Michael Smith
2006/07	Paula Preston & Nick Robinson
2007/08	Angela Keegan
2008/09	Sam Coxeter
2009/10	Paul Seto
2010/11	William Arber-Colmer
2011/12	Lydia Allen, Paul Biggs, Margaret Marsh & Vanessa Mullins
2012/13	Cosi Ronconi & Julie Schuller

SENIOR LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

(Mark McArdle Bursary Award)

2005/06	Isaac Cox
2006/07	Jim Connelly
2007/08	Robert Schwartz
2008/09	Robert Reid
2009/10	Sam Coxeter
2010/11	Paul Seto
2011/12	Paul Seto
2012/13	Paul Barry

CLUB TROPHIES

THE PRESIDENT'S SHIELD

(Donated by Brian Davis MLA)

For continued and outstanding contribution at "coast/patrolling activities".

1979/80	Stephen Skinner
1980/81	Bronwyn McClelland
1981/82	(not awarded)
1982/83	Gordon Palmer & Adam Musial
1983/84	Yvette Barry & Michael Madden
1984/85	Michael Madden
1985/96	Stephen Pearl
1986/87	Paul Barry
1987/88	(not awarded)
1988/89	Catherine Stumer
1989/90	Karen Miles/Paul Hudson
1990/91	Jeffrey Phillips
1991/92	Scott Conway
1992/93	Mathew Schneider
1993/94	Salina Currie
1994/95	Mark Riken/Salina Currie
1995/96	Salina Currie
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	(not awarded)
1998/99	Brendan O'Shea & Tony Spriggs
1999/00	(not awarded)
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Matthew Kay
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Bob Sims
2005/06	Jeffrey Phillips
2006/07	Brad Clegg & Paul Seto
2007/08	Diane Clegg
2008/09	Robert Schwartz
2009/10	Robert Schwartz
2010/11	Christopher Mahon
2011/12	Paul Barry
2012/13	Henry Webb

CLUB TROPHIES

McCLELLAND TROPHY

(Donated by the McClelland family)

For most patrols undertaken by cadets.

2006/07	Sam Coxeter
2007/08	Samantha Barry
2008/09	Jake Theis
2009/10	Brittany Jeffs
2010/11	Brittany Jeffs
2011/12	Gemma Koda & Rebecca Mullins
2012/13	Gemma Koda & Rebecca Mullins

DARELLE RENEW TROPHY

(Donated by friends of the late Darelle Renew (nee Stubbs) – club captain from 1967 to 1969)

For the most all-round member.

2009/10	Jeffrey Phillips
2010/11	Robert Schwartz
2011/12	Will Arber-Colmer & Rhys Evans
2012/13	Paul Biggs



Reel & Line Squad, 1969 Bronze Medallion

Back row – Denis Robinson (instructor), Christine Day, Pamela Gammon, Lindsay Logan (instructor)

Front row – Wendy Ratcliffe, **DARELLE STUBBS**, Kerry Williams, Elizabeth Diggles

CLUB TROPHIES

PATRON'S CUP

(Donated by Joe Venning)

For continued and outstanding contribution at "pool training".

1969/70	Angela Perry
1970/71	Angela Perry
1971/72	Linda Gallagher, James McClelland & Doug Hawly
1972/73	Judith Godwin
1973/74	Bronwyn McClelland
1974/75	(not awarded)
1975/76	(not awarded)
1976/77	(not awarded)
1977/78	(not awarded)
1978/79	Peter Bell
1979/80	Leah Doyle
1980/81	(not awarded)
1981/82	Stephen Pearl
1982/83	Michael Madden
1983/84	Paul Barry
1984/85	Scott Conway
1985/86	Jose Zahran
1986/87	Catherine Stumer
1987/88	(not awarded)
1988/89	Simon Johnson
1989/90	Tom Dunstan & Benjamin Kells
1990/91	Karen Morris & Claire Morris
1991/92	(not awarded)
1992/93	Claire Morris
1993/94	(not awarded)
1994/95	Graham Meiforth & Bianca Spraggon
1995/96	(not awarded)
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	Kerrie Bell & Tegan Bell
1998/99	Natasha Selwood
1999/00	(not awarded)
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Lynda Barry
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Matthew Warner
2005/06	(not awarded)
2006/07	Andrea Theis
2007/08	Andrea Theis
2008/09	Adam Smyth
2009/10	Kim Jeffs
2010/11	Paul Barry
2011/12	Chris Mahon
2012/13	Anthony Barry

Vale to Jeff Phillips & Diane McClelland



Jeff passed away on the 15th January 2013, 75 years of age. He was a Club icon and was an active member who will be remembered not only as a part President, Clubhouse Director and Communication Officer, but the person who advanced the Club's radio communication.



At a young age of 65 years Di passed away on the 25th May 2013. She was a strong Club supporter during the 1970s & 80s attending all Club functions, competitions, fundraising and clubhouse repairs (a great painter).

Members wish the families their sincere condolences.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING MARINE RESCUE (RLMR)

The Club purchased an aluminium boat, which was launched in September 2008, primarily for use in the Caloundra passage area. The purpose of this boat is to be a water safety boat, and assist with rescue's and preventative actions.

Due to our unique situation, many rescues the Club performs, involve water craft our Inflatable Rescue Boat whilst able to assist, are not suitable for rescue. A larger rigid hull boat would better site such situations. Funds towards the purchase were raised by members.

It is also noted that SLSA no longer operate a Jet Boat from Maroochydore, which previously covered the southern end of the Sunshine Coast.

An aluminium boat is particularly suitable for day long surveillance, monitoring and towing light craft such as jet skis and small boats; both of which an IRB is not suitable.

It is appropriate to point out that the boat does not overlap with Coast Guard functions, which are more aligned to larger yachts and pleasure craft.

As the Club is accredited with DES, the boat complies with Part 5, Div 3 of the Maritime Safety Qld Licensing legislation, in that Skippers are required (as a minimum) to hold a recreational marine drivers licence (as is the case with IRBs), and Society certification for the boat.

All boat crew and skippers must complete additional training (in addition to holding a recreational marine drivers licence). Such training is a modular based program.



