

### 2026 SLSSNB SURF BOATS BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY CIRCULAR

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<b>Summary:</b>	Entry circular for 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Surf Boats Championships.
<b>Action Required:</b>	All SLSSNB members competing in the 2026 SLSSNB Surf Boats Branch Championships are to adhere to the event rules and criteria for this year's Championships as set out by this circular

#### BRANCH SURF BOATS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Open Championship will be conducted on **Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at Queenscliff Beach.

#### WATER SAFETY

The Clubs who have been chosen due to large competitor numbers in surf boat competition will be required to provide an IRB with drivers and crew for the entire day of competition. These Clubs will be notified of their obligation separately.

#### HI VIZ SINGLET

All water competitors must wear Hi-Viz Pink singlets. Any competitor wearing colors other than pink or faded pink singlets may be removed from the starting line.

#### OFFICIALS

All Clubs are to provide Officials as per SNB quota of a minimum of 1 official if entering 2 or more crews and 2 officials if entering 5 or more crews. This does not include officials who are also competing. Clubs that do not adhere to this requirement may have their competitors suspended from the Branch Championships.

#### SURF BOAT SWEEPS ACCREDITATION

All Surf Boat sweeps entered in the SLSSNB Branch Championships are required to have completed their appropriate Coach's accreditation and their sweeps competency check list. All sweeps must have been issued with their sweep's accreditation number.

SLSSNB reserves the right to conduct a random audit of all sweeps entered in these Championships. Copy of the sweep's accreditation list is available upon request from SLSSNB.

#### COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

All members entered MUST be Proficient and Financial members by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. SLSSNB reserves the right to conduct a random or detailed audit of any Club Entries.

#### CREW CHANGES

Any changes to crews after the date of entries closing must be done by using reserve rowers already entered into Liveheats.

### BOAT SCRUTINEERING

The onus of ensuring that all personal or club boats and equipment meet safety and scrutineering specifications remains with the owner / user of the craft and equipment. Spot checks may be carried out during the Branch Championships, and action taken as required which could include the craft/equipment not being permitted to be used until the issues are addressed.

### LIFESAVER RELAY

The Lifesaver Relay will not be held at the 2026 Branch Championships.

### EVENTS COMPLETION

If time does not permit the completion of these events, the events may be postponed to a future date. There is a 4:00 PM curfew for all SLSSNB Branch Championship Events with water components.

### EVENTS

The following Championship Events shall be conducted in their respective areas and as per the current Surf Sports Manual, 38th Revised Edition and any subsequent SLSA and SLSSNB Bulletin updates and circulars.

#### OPEN SURF BOAT EVENTS

Open Male Surf Boat Race  
Open Female Surf Boat Race

Male Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race  
Female Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race

Under 23 Male Surf Boat Race  
Under 23 Female Surf Boat Race

Under 19 Male Surf Boat Race  
Under 19 Female Surf Boat Race

Open Surf Boat Relay

#### MASTERS SURF BOAT EVENTS

160 Years min Male Surf Boat  
160 years min Female Surf Boat

180 Years min Male Surf Boat  
180 Years min Female Boat

200 Years min Male Surf Boat  
200 Years min Female Surf Boat

220 Years min Male Surf Boat  
220 Years min Female Surf Boat

240 Years min Surf Boat – Male and Female  
260 Years min Surf Boat – Male and Female