

CIRCULAR

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This circular has been designed to ensure that all clubs IRB patrol requirements, operations and status is standardised across all clubs.

IRB OPERATIONS

All IRB operations are to be logged via the Patrol Ops Ap or with SurfCom.

IRB driver and IRB crew MUST be proficient and financial members.

Operational

This means that:

- The hull pressure is appropriate for operations
- The fuel cell is secure
- There is sufficient fuel for intended area and duration of operations; allowing for a safety margin
- The fuel line is securely connected to the motor
- The fuel bulb is primed
- The motor run switch is in the "on" position
- The safety cable is connected
- The motor is secured to the craft in the middle of the transom
- The radio is operational

Stand-by

Means that all of above Operational status has been reached.

The IRB is not at the water's edge because of poor weather or post-patrol wash down but it is response ready within a reasonable time frame prior to the arrival of an IRB driver.

Non-operational

This is an IRB that cannot meet the requirements of either operational or standby status, as detailed above. Examples of this could be:

- No working motors
- Split in fuel cell or fuel lines
- Damaged transom
- Tear or rupture to IRB hull or keel

Out of hours'/call outs

Outside of patrol days and patrol season.

- Hull just off operational pressure
- Keel deflated
- Motor is accessible
- Fuel cell is accessible
- Rescue tube and tow rope on board
- Response ready within a reasonable time frame prior to the arrival of an IRB driver

*if smaller clubs cannot meet the above requirement then: IRB inflated to operational pressure, motor and fuel within accessible reach, to be response ready within a reasonable time frame prior to the arrival of an IRB driver and crew.

IRB Training

IRB training must be conducted by approved trainers and away from the flagged patrol areas with SLSA Powercraft Training signs erected.