

**Title:** EOI – Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR)  
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## Introduction

SLSSA are delivering two Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Courses in late March/early April.

The Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue is an award that provides participants with the skills and knowledge to participate in search and rescue operations. Surf Life Saving SA will deliver state-run courses comprised of members of the EOG, members who wish to obtain the SMAR award and members working towards the PUA30319 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search & Rescue).

SLSSA recognises that this is a highly desirable course, but numbers will be limited to 24 in total for each course.

## Awards

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Award  
PUAWHS002 – Maintain Safety at an Incident Scene  
PUASAR011 – Search as a member of an aquatic search team

## Learning Outcomes

- Contribute to preparation activities for search and rescue operations
  - o Interpret task information
  - o Use basic navigational techniques
  - o Select appropriate search and rescue equipment
- Perform search and rescue of a missing person
  - o Identify hazards to self, bystanders, and patient at an incident scene
  - o Minimise risks
  - o Select appropriate personal protective equipment
  - o Communicate incident details to relevant personnel at appropriate stages
  - o Demonstrate an advanced water entry technique
  - o Describe search patterns
  - o Operate as a member of a search team
  - o Perform retrieval of a submerged object at a depth of 3-5 meters below the surface
  - o Participate in a night search operation
- Demonstrate recovery and stand down procedures
  - o Complete operational documentation
  - o Perform equipment recovery, cleaning, and maintenance in line with organisational procedures
  - o Describe symptoms of operational stress and sources of support

## Pre-Requisites

Candidates must meet ALL the following conditions:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of final assessment
- complete a 400-metre swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25m length
- hold and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion
- attend all the training detailed in the timeline
- have access to all personal equipment detailed in the resources.

## Application Process

### [SMAR Expression of Interest Form](#)

Applications close 0900hrs Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

SLSSA recognise this is a highly desirable course and with the limited number of places available, there is no guarantee that all members who apply will be able to participate. Successful applications will be based on the applications and SLSSA receiving payment as soon as possible (if applicable).

Successful applicants to be notified by COB Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and will be asked to enrol into the course.

## Course Details and Timeline

### Pre-requisite Swim and pool session

The pre-requisite swim and pool session will be completed as part of the first session of the course to be held at Marion SAALC. Successful completion is required prior to SMAR weekend course (only need to complete one pre-requisite swim).

### Course dates

	<b>Pre-Req Swim and pool session</b>	<b>SMAR Theory, Night Search</b>	<b>SMAR Practical</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 7pm to 9pm Marion SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 1400 to 2200 SLSSA West Beach	2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 0830 to 1500 Port Noarlunga SLSC
<b>Option 2</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 7pm to 9pm Marion SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 1400 to 2200 SLSSA West Beach	16 <sup>th</sup> April, 0830 to 1500 Port Noarlunga SLSC

## Costs

\$100 for Club members. The course will be held over the equivalent of two and a half days, and the cost covers materials, all food, snacks, water, and all other resources.

Course fees are covered for members that are completing the VETIS cert III program and have already sent through their enrolment form to SLSSA.

**Payment will be required prior to the course.**

## Resources

**Session 1.** Please bring:

- Swimming gear – bathers, towel, goggles
- Fins
- Snorkel and mask

**Session 2.** Please bring:

- Handheld torch (no headlights)
- Pens and a notebook
- Warm clothes and shoes eg. Sneakers, for the night search exercise
- Refillable water bottle

**Session 3.** Please bring:

- Wetsuit (Steamer)– you will be in the water for several hours plus climbing onto the reef. A long wetsuit is considered PPE
- Booties or Reef shoes
- Dive mask & snorkel – NO goggles
- Rescue tube and fins (1 set per person with your/club name on)
- Hi-Viz top
- Multiple changes of clothes and towels (pack for hot and cold weather for the evening)
- Refillable water bottle with your name on – you will drink a lot of water this weekend!

### **National Learning Resources**

- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue members eLearning course
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Learner Guide
- 35<sup>th</sup> Edition Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue training manual

## Assessment

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation, and application of all elements of competency in the workplace. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

## Proficiencies

Proficiency is required for this award to remain current.

Award holders may be expected to remain current through participation in annual update sessions or search and rescue exercises.

## SLSSA Contact

Any questions, please contact Member Education Coordinator [Tom.Janowicz@surflifesavingsa.com.au](mailto:Tom.Janowicz@surflifesavingsa.com.au) or call 08 8354 6900.