



# Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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## **TITLE: Operation of IRB's**

### **PURPOSE**

To ensure Lifeguards, Patrol Captains and patrol members are aware of the use and safe operation of the ASLSC IRB's including appropriate use of personnel protective equipment (PPE).

### **OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The function of the IRB is to provide:

- a) Search and Rescue within inshore waters.
- b) Routine patrols of the main and nearby beaches.

### **Control:**

During patrol hours the operation of the IRB comes under the control of the Patrol Captain or the Lifeguard Team Leader.

### **Drivers:**

- a) Drivers must hold a current IRB Drivers award and be currently proficient and hold a current marine licence.
- b) Trainee drivers must be a minimum age of 16 years and only drive the IRB under the direct supervision of a qualified IRB Driver acting as crewman.
- c) Trainee drivers must hold a current marine licence.
- d) Trainee drivers must be currently proficient Bronze Medallion and IRB Crew certificate holders.
- e) Must adhere to the SLSA IRB code of conduct at all times.
- f) Perform all pre-operational and post-operational checks on the IRB and motor.
- g) Report damage to the IRB Manager. Refer to Policy 015 – IRB Equipment and Maintenance Procedure for further details on the reporting process.
- h) Responsible for set up, pack up, re-fuelling of the IRB. Refer to Policy 015 – IRB Equipment and Maintenance Procedure for further details on the processes.

### **Personnel Protective Equipment**

- a) At all times IRB drivers and crew, including trainees, must wear a lifejacket complying with ISO:12402 or AS:4758 – Level 50. This applies to both lifesaving and surf sport operations including IRB competition.
- b) At all times IRB drivers and crew must wear a safety helmet as supplied by ASLSC.