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Title:	SLSQ Marine Stinger Course Rollout
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Summary:	SLSQ Marine Stinger Award Course Rollout
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Surf Life Saving Queensland announced a new marine stinger course in November last year. This award encompasses the skills and knowledge required to effectively manage our tropical beaches with particular focus on Irukandji and Box Jellyfish. All qualified members will be required to hold this new award by the end of the 2023/2024 season with courses to commence as soon as possible. The new marine stinger award is a requirement set by Workplace Health and Safety and is a priority for trainers to put members through.

The course is designed as a blended delivery model with interactive online learning followed by a practical face to face assessment at your club. It is a requirement that the online learning be done prior to the practical assessment.

Please note, due to the nature of the course and its assessment requirements, the practical assessment is only offered from Tannum Sands SLSC (Wide Bay Capricorn Branch) through to Port Douglas SLSC (North Queensland Branch).

Pre-requisites:

- Minimum 15 years of age at the date of assessment
- Be enrolled in or hold a proficient SRC or Bronze Medallion award
- Meet SLSQ working with children requirements (BlueCard, CRYMS, CSA)
- Be a current and financial member of a club

Enrolment process:

Interested members are encouraged to express their interest with their CTO/Club.

Members can complete the online learning at any time via the SLSA Members Area / E-learning portal.

Long into your Members area account, click the “eLearning” tab, then “Training Library”, “SLSQ Education” and then the “Marine Stinger Award” to being.





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Frequently asked questions:

Q: Why is the practical only accessible to clubs from Tannum Sands North?

A: Any member is able complete the online learning for knowledge, however due to the equipment required to run the course, these will only be available at the clubs that fall within the tropical marine stinger area.

Q: Why has a new course been created?

A: The SLSQ Marine Stinger Policies and Procedures went under review which resulted in some major changes, as such this course was created to bridge the gap and ensure all Lifesavers/Lifeguards are operating safely on our beaches.

Q: What if I've done the old award?

A: For those that hold the "Marine Stinger Management" award, due to the number and nature of the changes, the State Lifesaving Committee determined that all members must be updated to the new "QLD Marine Stinger Award" by the end of 23/24 patrolling season. This will mean completing the online theory and completing a practical assessment.

Q: Who can train and assess the award?

A: SLSQ has already started inducting trainers in the North Queensland, North Barrier, and Wide Bay Capricorn Branches to assist in the rollout of the award. Members will need to be a "Training Officer - Bronze", hold the "QLD Marine Stinger Award" and have completed the probationary requirement to become a "QLD Training Officer – Marine Stinger"

If you have any further questions, please contact your Chief Training Officer or Branch office.

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