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Audience:	Patrolling members, Directors of Education and Lifesaving, Club Administrators
Summary:	SLSWA to continue to provide financial support for members to gain a Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST) for IRB and Rescue Water Craft (Jetski) operations.

The Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST) is a nationally recognised certificate of competency which shows that the holder has the minimum knowledge and practical skills needed to operate a powerboat safely.

It is the minimum qualification needed to operate a powerboat in Western Australia. It is also a pre-requisite for entry into a SLSWA member's power craft training course (e.g. Inflatable Rescue Boat Driver and Jetski Operator).

As this is a compulsory requirement, SLSWA recognises that there is a cost implication to each member that requires this qualification to participate in a power craft training course. During the 19/20 season, SLSWA committed to provide financial support to cover the cost of an RST for members who are dedicated to achieving a power craft qualification. This support will continue to be provided for members that have been authorised by their Club and meet the minimum award requirements to enroll in a power craft course (IRB Driver or RWC Operator).

Members are able to have one attempt at gaining an RST funded by SLSWA however if found to be "Not Yet Competent" any subsequent attempts are to be at the expense of the participant.

SLSWA have agreements in place with authorised RST providers that members can enroll with at no cost to the member. When a member is unable to access the training through an SLSWA nominated supplier then SLSWA will cooperate with the member to identify an alternative, suitable RST provider and SLSWA will meet the cost of the course.

Members are requested to contact SLSWA Club Lifesaving and Training Officer, Domenic Cowdell (08 9207 6666 or dcowdell@slnwa.com.au) in order to assess the availability of trainers/courses and to receive information and instructions on the most appropriate method of gaining an RST qualification.



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