



POLICY STATEMENT

Stand Up Paddleboard Use

Policy
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Objectives of this policy

The Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) is a piece of equipment that can have benefits to patrolling, by giving additional elevation, relating to different user groups and maintaining fitness.

Stand Up Paddleboards also pose risk to the user and the public and therefore guidelines must be followed to minimise risk to all groups.

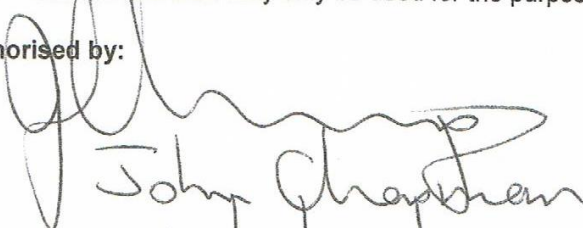
Application

- This policy applies to Orewa SLSC owned SUPs and lifeguards using SUPs for patrolling.
- This policy is to be used in conjunction with all other relevant SLSNR and SLSNZ policy.
- Usage should not exceed the manufacturers' recommendations or warnings.
- When responding to an emergency, operators may operate outside of this policy, but must pay due care and attention to ensure the safety of themselves, the public and avoid reputational damage to the club, region and Surf Life Saving. Their actions may be subject to investigation by the Executive Committee or Judiciary Committee.
- This Policy shall take effect from September 2012.

Operator responsibility:

- Equipment must be inspected prior to use and be free of damage that could affect handling, cause risk or permanent damage to the craft.
- The craft is only to be used during patrol with permission from the Patrol Captain, during organised training led by a member of the Exec Committee, or with prior permission from the Club Captain.
- A leash must be worn at all times when using the craft.
- Unless responding to rescue, the craft must remain outside of the Red and Yellow flags.
- Craft may not go further than 400m from Orewa Beach, unless approved by a member of the Exec Committee.
- The operator must take every precaution to ensure safety of themselves, passengers and all other water users at all times.
- For assisting patrolling, a rescue tube must be secured to the front of the craft.
- Club owned craft may only be used for the purpose of Stand Up Paddleboarding.

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