SAFETY BULLETIN

Marine Stingers Safety Bulletin

ALERT NO: 10/26 DATE: 05/11/2026

REMINDER – Marine Stinger Safety

Ahead of the upcoming marine stinger season, all SLSQ Clubs and Services are reminded to review marine stinger procedures and ensure the required signage and personal protective equipment (PPE) are ready for use.

Background and Context

This Safety Alert reminds volunteers and lifeguards of SLSQ's marine stinger procedures, signage requirements and PPE requirements ahead of the upcoming season. Volunteers and lifeguards are reminded that they must wear the new marine stinger suits as outlined in the procedure. Please review the PPE requirements before the season begins.

Policies/Procedures/Supporting Documents

LSP006 Marine Stinger Procedure	Marine Stinger Control Measures
Lifesaving Patrol Operations Manual (POM): Marine Stingers	Marine Stinger Risk Assessment Form *(Electronic version on LIMSOC)*

Marine Safety Stinger Signage Standard Sign Template

Before the upcoming stinger season, please check that your Club or Service has the standardised Marine Stinger Safety Information sign approved by SLSQ. This sign replaces previous locally produced or modified versions. If you cannot locate your sign, contact your Regional Staff immediately to arrange a replacement.

Approved Yellow Pole:

Clubs and Services are reminded that the Marine Stinger Safety Information sign must be mounted on a yellow pole with sliders. This is the same pole type used for Powercraft Launching signage, ensuring consistency across beach hazard messaging. Please check that the required pole and sliders are available before the season begins.

Sign:

During stinger season, place the Marine Stinger Safety Information sign at service commencement and remove it at service conclusion. Follow the correct setup shown in the second image on page 2.

Removal of Hazard Rating Placards & Sandwich Board Placards

High / Medium / Low marine stinger hazard rating placards displayed on sandwich boards are **no longer to be used** by SLSQ Clubs or Services as it is not included within the current Marine Stinger Risk Management Procedure or associated policies. All existing marine stinger hazard rating placards are to be **removed from service**

Key actions for clubs and services

- Ensure the approved Marine Stinger Safety Information sign is available and erected daily during the higher-risk stinger season from November to May
- Confirm signage is mounted on the correct yellow pole with sliders
- Review and comply with all policies and procedures
- Contact Regional Staff if signage is missing, damaged or requires replacement.

For further information, please contact your local regional office.

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Updated Marine Stinger Suits

The new marine stinger suits have now been distributed to all clubs and should be used during marine stinger drags and whenever lifesavers are operating in a rescue-ready capacity. These suits have been introduced to provide appropriate protection while maintaining comfort and mobility in marine stinger environments.

Members who prefer to do so may continue to wear the existing neoprene suits, however the new marine stinger suits are the recommended option for these patrol activities.

Incorrect Setup



Correct Setup



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