



Craft policy for storage and general use

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy is designed to represent a fair opportunity for all members of North Steyne SLSC to access equipment to practise and develop their lifesaving skills, improve health and fitness, and prepare for lifesaving competition representing North Steyne SLSC.

Authorised (personal) surfcraft under this policy (and prices for annual storage):

- a. Rescue boards (Club-owned only);
- b. Racing board/Racing Mals (\$50 per year);
- c. Nipper boards (fibreglass/epoxy/carbon) (\$50 per year);
- d. Nipper boards (foam) (\$50 per year);
- e. Surf ski (spec ski type, not ocean ski or waveski) (\$150 per year); and
- f. Body boards (Club-owned only).

An additional fee will apply for the allocation of a security fob for access to member areas of the Club. The Admin Manager will coordinate this at the time of application approval.

Excepting those members competing in the Iron-person event, each member may have not more than one craft stored within the North Steyne SLSC building – there's just not enough space! Those competing in the Iron can have two – a board and a ski.

Storage of all craft will be reviewed annually, at the commencement of the new season. When considering craft storage applications, priority will be given as follows:

1. North Steyne patrolling members competing for North Steyne SLSC (including meeting SLSNSW requirements for competition ie, 25 hours per calendar year); then
2. North Steyne Patrolling members; then
3. All other North Steyne members.

If at the time of application there aren't any available racks, the applicant will be put on a wait list that will be prioritised as per above. At the commencement of each new season a full audit of craft storage which considers any waiting list will be made. Racks will be allocated for the upcoming season to members as per the above priority.

All applications for storage of surfcraft at North Steyne SLSC are to be made in writing to the club Administration Manager at admin@northsteyneslsc.com.au

The Club secretary (secretary@northsteyneslsc.com.au) is the first point of contact for application of this policy.

North Steyne SLSC craft policy for storage and general use

Purpose

This policy is designed to represent a fair opportunity for all members of North Steyne SLSC to access high-quality and safe Club equipment to practise and develop their lifesaving skills, improve health and fitness, and prepare for lifesaving competition representing North Steyne SLSC.

It is accepted that, in addition to Club-owned surfcraft, there will be a need for some personal craft stored in the Club building to be available for training and competition. Storage space is a challenge for North Steyne SLSC as our building has not been approved for expansion or redevelopment and, therefore, additional space is not forthcoming – we have to make do with what we've got right now.

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General principles

1. Authorised (personal) surfcraft under this policy (and prices for annual storage):
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2. Due to limited capacity of the North Steyne SLSC building, storage of club gear will continue to take priority over personal craft until such time that the Club facilities are upgraded. Storage of personal craft will be limited to one item per member. It is intended that the Club will provide good quality surfcraft for general use as a first-principle over privately owned craft storage. The Club Captain and Surf Sports Director are to liaise with the Treasurer for the CAPEX budget annually to achieve at least a 50/50 ratio of high quality Club-owned craft for general / training / competition use.

3. The three principal locations for storage of surfcraft are:
 - a. Craft storage area ('Competition Shed' or 'Board Shed'), at the northern end of the Club building for senior members. This area is not for Nipper or surfboard storage. The Surf Sports Director manages this area.
 - b. Nippers Cage, internal downstairs area designated for Junior Activities for Nipper members only. The Junior Activities Director manages this area.

- c. Locker Room, internal downstairs main area designated for lifesaving equipment and lockers. The craft racks are for Club-owned lifesaving equipment storage only. The Club Captain manages this area.
4. Storage of all craft will be reviewed annually, at the commencement of the new season, as follows:
 - a. Priority for storage will be given to members actively patrolling at North Steyne SLSC.
 - b. Additional priority will go to those members competing for North Steyne SLSC (including meeting SLSNSW requirements for competition ie, 25 hours per calendar year).
5. All applications for storage are to be received by the Admin Manager. Spaces will be allocated in accordance with the priorities listed above. If no space is available when a member applies for storage of their craft, then their name will be added to a waiting list in order of submission date and IAW the priority for allocation.
6. If allocated a space and after payment , the members' fob (ie. security access token) will be amended to include swipe access to the Board Shed. If a member does not yet possess a fob, one can be arranged through the Administration Manager by email to admin@northsteyneslsc.com.au.
7. An audit of craft and available space will be conducted periodically by the Club Captain and Surf Sports Director when new applications are made, and any available space will be recommended for allocation to the next priority member on the waiting list.
8. At no time may non-approved craft, including surfboards, are to be stored within the North Steyne SLSC building (including in the Board Shed, main locker room area, corridors, Nippers cages, gymnasium, toilets, Northern or Southern boat sheds) for without formal request (detailed below) or direct authority of the North Steyne Board of Directors. Craft identified to be stored without the appropriate approval will be deemed a safety hazard and secured by a Club Officer. Any craft removed for reasons of safety will be held until claimed, at which time the Board may censure the individual responsible.
9. No approved craft are to stored in any location other than the area designated in the Board-approved application.

10. Non-adherence to this policy by any member may constitute a review, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, of ongoing access to Club craft and/or storage of personal craft within the Club under this policy.
11. Any person using a Club craft is to be a financial member of North Steyne SLSC.
12. Any damage to Club craft is to be reported to the Club Captain (for lifesaving equipment) by email (captain@northsteyneslsc.com.au), Junior Activities Director (junior.activities@northsteyne.com.au) for Nipper equipment, or the Surf Sports Director (competition@northsteyneslsc.com.au) for training equipment as soon as practicable, for member safety and prompt repair. Damage determined to be unfair wear-and-tear or resulting from misuse will be repaired at the member's expense. That member's ongoing use of Club equipment will be reviewed.
13. Rescue boards designated 'Patrol only' are not to be used outside of rostered patrols, except for a NODUF or 'real-time' rescue.
14. All rescue boards, except those designated 'Patrol only', may be used for lifesaving training (or water safety tasks) under the normal provisions outlined in this policy, ie. beach open, hi-vis worn, buddy system employed.
15. Personal craft owners are encouraged to use a bike-lock or similar device to secure their property. Please ensure the lock does not inadvertently prevent or impede use of other craft, Club facilities or block freedom of access to other members.
16. Use of another members' craft is wholly at the discretion of the owner. Use of privately owned craft without permission will not be tolerated and may be dealt with in accordance with the SLSA and SLSNSW Code of Conduct, North Steyne SLSC Regulations (Code of Conduct) through the Club judiciary.
17. Members using craft are to be otherwise in compliance with all standards for dress and equipment in accordance with SLSA Standard Operating Procedures and are to use the buddy system of training with another proficient member.
18. Club craft are to be inspected upon completion of use, thoroughly cleaned and returned to their designated storage space.

19. Club craft are not to be used in the water when the beach is closed or a risk assessment determines conditions are unsafe. It is recommended that personal craft are employed with the same considerations.

20. Members are to close and lock access doors upon completion of craft use and prior to departure from the Club.