

## Surf Life Saving GB Trainer/Assessor Annual National Update 2011

**Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay – 26th & 27th February**

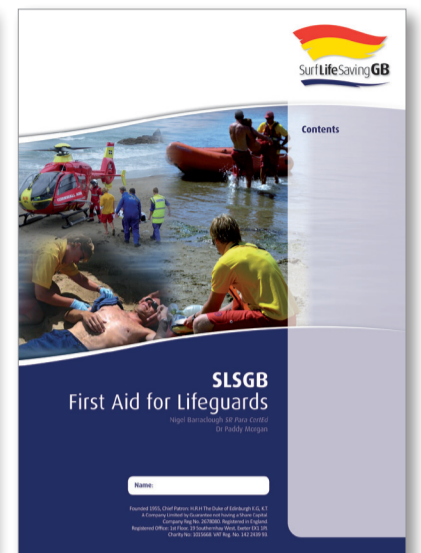
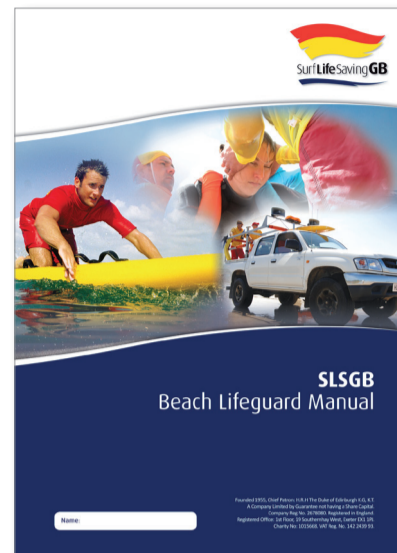
This year's event took place at the Kilbirnie Hotel in Newquay, and attracted nearly 60 Trainers/Assessors from all over the country. The focus of this year's event was the launch of the new Beach Lifeguard Manual and the First Aid Manual for Lifeguards.

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Dr Patrick Morgan SLSGB Hon. Medical Adviser opened the weekend explaining the changes in the Resuscitation Guidelines 2010 and the reasons why we should be promoting the training and greater use of AEDs in line with the new Resuscitation Guidelines.

Esther Pearson (who starts her new role as CEO of SLSGB in March 2011) and Andrew Byatt SLSGB Operations Manager gave a presentation on the current staffing structure and the positive and exciting future for Surf Life Saving GB.

This year's guest speaker was Dr Timothy Scott from the University of Plymouth. He outlined the new research he is doing on rip currents around the United Kingdom, which are responsible for over 70% of beach related rescues.



### All delegates attended 3 workshops:

- SLSGB First Responder**  
Unit 1:- AED  
Unit 2:- Oxygen
- SLSGB Spinal Management**
- Risk Assessment**

The weekend also included three open forums which introduced the SLSGB new Member Information System (MIS) and encouraged Trainers/Assessors to sign up to the new trial of the online awards function, which many did. This will enable them to:

1. Register courses online
2. Sign up candidates online
3. Do pre-requisite checks and processing online (e.g. check for current members)
4. Pay for courses online via PayPal
5. Complete assessment records online
6. Complete certification online

### APL/RPL Accreditation/Recognition of Prior Learning

Due to the ever increasing membership of SLSGB, this year we have introduced Recognition of Prior Learning for SLSGB's Trainers. This will enable any member who holds the appropriate award and a background in training to fast-track to become a probationary trainer.

### CPD Continuing Personal or Professional Development

With the ever increasing training standards to the Beach Lifeguard Program, a system of Continuing Professional Development has now been introduced. This will become an annual return which all current Trainers/Assessors will be required to complete.

Attendees were also introduced to risk assessment procedures and various forms which could be used. Delegates were invited to look at these forms and provide feedback which will be used to ensure that they are sufficient for use nationally as the recommended paperwork to use to conduct risk assessments for activities undertaken within SLSGB at club, regional and national levels.

One other session was run discussing where we are as an organisation and where we ought to be going. The message being that we can only move forward and expand as an organisation if we all pull together and support ideas at both club and regional levels. The session concluded with the message, 'If we want it, together we can achieve it, but, only by working together.'

All the workshops and update information will now be rolled out through the regions as part of the annual update process.

