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Continuous Assessment Programme (CASS)

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Overview

The CASS (Continuous Assessment) programme is the mechanism that Scouts South Africa are using to ensure that our Water Activity License Holders are keeping current in both skills and knowledge. When an individual receives their Water Activity License, they have two options for renewal; either they can redo the course every 5 years, or they can join the CASS programme.

Once the 5 years are up and their license is about to expire, we will check the CASS Logbook to see if they have hit their totals. If we find that the hours have been completed to our satisfaction, then the License will be renewed. If the hours have not been completed or there has been misconduct the renewal will either be denied, or additional criteria will be put in place. All renewal applications will need to be approved by the Water Activities Committee.

Requirements

Each license holder needs to get 50 hours over the course of the 5-year period. The hours are weighted accordingly:

Oversight Hours & Educational Hours

80% of your hours must be achieved through Oversight or Educational methods. You can mix them up as you wish. Oversight Hours would be achieved by staffing on selected courses/competitions or being a WAL Holder for an event. Educational Hours would be logged if you achieved your Skippers Ticket for example.

Activity Hours

20% of the hours must be logged as Activity Hours. For this you would need to be taking an active role in a water activity such as sailing.

Logging Hours

At present the hours can be logged electronically through the CASS Hours Collection form online. The hours will be tallied every 6 months. If you would like to see how far you are in between official tallies, then you can send an email to: cass@wateractivities.co.za and we will advise how far you are.

Limitations

The most hours that one can get from an event is 10 hours. Whether it is a single day of boating or judging on a competition etc the limit is set at 10 hours. This can be made up of either Oversight, Educational, or Activity Hours. How this is split is entirely up to you.

Allowable Craft

At this point in time there are no limitations being placed on the craft that can be used. As such, you are free to use any 'Boat' as defined in the Safe Scouting Policy: Water Activities Practice Note (Section 4 | Page 6).

Irresponsibility

Your application will be received at the end of the 5 years and the Water Activities Committee will need to determine if a renewal is in the interests of the movement. Whether there have been any complaints or accusations of irresponsibility against you in those 5 years and if you are deserving of having your Water Activity License renewed. The Regional Water Activities Committee does reserve the right to revoke a Water Activity License as per the Safe Scouting Policy¹.

¹ SSA Safe Scouting Policy Practice Note – Water Activities | Section 2 Clause 2.4.4 PG 1 |