Build Yer Skills Weekend 2025 Courses

RLSS Water Safety Management Program.

What is it and what does it involve?

The NWSMP is split into two levels to ensure candidates get the most out of the course.

Water Safety Awareness

This course is for those working near water as part of a structured activity. The course includes:

Generic Open Water Hazards

Risk Management

Land-based Rescue Techniques

PPE & Aquatic Clothing

Basic Life Support Awareness

Then and in-land and coastal modules

Assessment

The NWSMP assessment takes place at the end of each level/ module. It determines your competence, skills, and knowledge of working near/in water and assesses your ability to apply the skills and knowledge learnt in the specific environment. The assessment is split as follows:

- Water Safety Awareness

- Oral Questioning

- Practical Throw Bag Rescue

- Complete a Risk Assessment

What are the prerequisites?

Each candidate attending an NWSMP course must:

- Be 16 years old or over at the time of being assessed
- Have a good level of fitness
- Be competent at swimming in open-water environments (for Coastal and Inland Waterways module)
- For the assessment, candidates must be able to swim 50m in an open water environment. (for Coastal and Inland Waterways module)

Who's it for and what does it mean in scouting?

This course is relevant to a wide range of sectors, including, scouting, teaching (field trips), construction, environmental health, leisure and the emergency services.

It is referenced in POR as a qualification to provide safety cover during swimming activities when there is no lifeguard. See https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/9-activities/913-water-based-activities