

The Formentera Department of Interior reports that tomorrow will mark the start of a new season for lifeguards on local beaches. The service extends from 1 May to 31 October and is funded by the administration.

Ten lifeguards will take to their stations tomorrow and another 12 will join the ranks at the start of June. The full crew, 23 staff members in all, remains on duty until 30 September. The crew shrinks to 10 lifeguards and the team's coordinator in October.

Interior chief Josep Marí pointed out that openings would soon be listed for new recruits to the local team. Applicants must be accredited to work in natural outdoor settings.

Refresher course

Yesterday and today lifeguard and rescue staff completed refresher courses for some of the most frequent parts of the job, like reanimation and emergency preparedness.

In the low-season months of May and October, lifeguards patrol Ses Illetes, Llevant and Arenals. From June to September, service expands to cover El Pas des Trucadors, El Tanga, Es Pujols, Cala Saona and Es Caló.

Adapted and 'heart safe' beaches

Es Arenals and Es Pujols beaches are both equipped to allow swimming for individuals with reduced mobility. The service is available 12 noon to 5.00pm (green flag hours); at Arenals, from May to October and at Es Pujols, from June to September (both inclusive).

Defibrilators are available everywhere lifeguard services are offered in case of cardiac arrest.

For information about sea conditions, visit www.platgesdebalears.com .

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