



# URGQ Radio Procedure

*Skippers are required to log all URGQ Boat Trips with Australian Coast Guard (CG) or Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR)*

Emergency Channels: **VHF: 16** **27 Meg: 88**

**Radio Silence Periods:** 3 minutes beginning at each hour and at 30 minutes after each hour of each day.

## Call 'Log on' Procedure;

- ☐ Ensure VHF Radio is on, volume is up, tuned into an appropriate channel for your local VMR/CG and squelch at appropriate setting
  - If you are unsure of correct frequency, use the VHF Emergency Channel 16 and follow their directions of which channel to switch to.
    - Note VMR only operate on Weekends. Default to nearest CG on Weekdays
    - Chan 73/81 CG Brisbane, CG Redcliffe, VMR Brisbane, VMR Raby Bay (Manly), VMR Bribie Island
    - Chan 73/80 CG Mooloolaba
    - Chan 80/81 VMR Bundaberg
    - Chan 80/82 CG Tin Can Bay (Wolf Rock)
    - Chan 16 Marine Rescue Point Danger (Tweed River)
  - For areas further outside Brisbane please look up appropriate contact
- ☐ When ready to speak; Depress button on Mic, ensure you speak clearly.
  - "VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane. This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1 on Channel Seven-Three. Over" >> Await response
  - "VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. We would like to be put on the Log for today please.
    - Our Vessel Rego is JL176Q.
    - Our Coast Guard Member# is 486
    - We are a 6.3m Semi-Inflatable Rib, Red in Colour.
    - We are departing <Boat Ramp Location>
    - with # POB <persons on board>
    - and our ETR (Estimated Time of Return) is XXXX <24 hr time>.
    - The mobile number on board today is {slight pause} ##### ### ###
    - Over"
  - Await response – You may need to repeat some/all details.
  - "VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. I can confirm that <repeat details>. Over"
  - Await response – They will request further details OR say you are on the log.
  - Repeat Details OR "Thank you VMR Brisbane. Diver 1 **Out**"



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## ‘Bar Crossing’ Procedure

- ☐ Before crossing significant Bars (South Passage, Tweed River Mouth etc) log your Bar crossing. Using the same local VMR/CG you Logged On with.
  - “VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane. This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1 on Channel 7.3. Over”
  - Await response
  - “VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. We are preparing to Cross the <Insert Bar Location>. Over”
  - Await Confirmation before crossing Bar
  - When safely across bar “VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane. This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1. Over”
  - Await response
  - “VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. We are safely through <Insert Bar Location>, Thank you. Over”

## Call ‘Log off’ Procedure;

- ☐ When you are in sight of the boat ramp/safely inside a marina;
  - “VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane. This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1. Over”
  - Await response
  - “VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. We are safely back at <insert location> and would like to be taken off the log please. Over”
  - Await response
  - “VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. Thank you for your coverage. Diver 1 **Out**”
- ☐ If you are going to be later than your Estimated Time of Return
  - “VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane, VMR Brisbane. This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1. Over”
  - Await response
  - “VMR Brisbane, this is Diver 1. We would like to update our ETR to XXXX <24hr time> please. Over”
  - Await response
  - “Thank You VMR Brisbane. Diver 1 Out”



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Distress Calls on **VHF Chan 16** or **27 Meg 88** – i.e. The Boat sinking, Capsized or on Fire

- 'mayday, mayday, mayday'
- 'this is – Diver 1 Diver 1 Diver 1. Mayday'
- 'This is Diver 1'
  - 'We are at <best description of general location>'
    - You can give a specific location later
  - 'state nature of distress and assistance required'
  - 'There are # people on board'
  - 'Diver 1 is a Semi-Ridged Inflatable Rib, Red in Colour'
- 'We plan to <insert course of action here>'
- 'over' >> Wait for a response.

Urgent Calls (but not immediate distress) – I.e. Run out of Fuel, Diver Overdue for return, Medical assistance needed

- ❖ 'pan pan, pan pan, pan pan'
- ❖ 'hello all stations, hello all stations, hello all stations'
- ❖ 'This is – Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1'
  - 'We are at <best description of general location>'
    - You can give a specific location later
  - 'state details of assistance required'
- ❖ 'over' >> Wait for a response.

Safety Calls – I.e. Caution required/Loose Shipping Container Floating

- ❖ 'say-cure-e-tay, say-curee-tay, say-cure-e-tay' (*SECURITE*)
- ❖ 'hello all stations, hello all stations, hello all stations'
- ❖ 'This is Diver 1, Diver 1, Diver 1.'
  - 'details of the warning'
- ❖ 'over' >> Wait for a response.