

Keeping in Touch with VMR Bribie

April 1st (Edition 1)

Commodore Update

We are certainly living in extraordinary times and you have all been informed about the measures we have had to take at VMR to keep all of our Volunteers safe and healthy while still providing a rescue service and if the last few weekends are any indication of what lays ahead we are still going to be kept very busy.

This virus is likely to impact our normal operations for a minimum of six months and the Management Committee will do everything we can to ensure the physical safety of our volunteers.

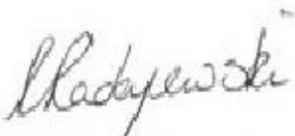
We are also concerned about the mental health and well-being of our active members, so we are introducing a "Keeping in Touch" email which will go out to all of our Active Members on a regular basis.

It will bring our active members up to date on what has been happening at the base, number of vessels that have Logged On, assists done, training tips while at home, birthday wishes, any news on any of our active members, nautical joke etc.

This will become part of the important process of keeping you informed, along with our regular posts on Facebook that Karen Darlington does for us and our regular two pages in the Bribie Islander that John Traill organizes for us.

If you have any suggestions, ideas or colorful stories that would be worth including in these e-mails please forward them to Peter McNamara (mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com) who will be helping to pull all this together.

I would urge all of you to keep in regular contact with your fellow active members by phone for a friendly catch up and chat as these are going to be challenging times for all of us. *We thank all of you for your ongoing commitment to VMR Bribie*



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Commodore

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Radio Statics

Number of calls for March 1039

Number of vessels logged on 295

Number of Assists 19

Saturday March 21st at 0747----- 7.5 metre cruiser with engine problems required tow back from Caloundra Wide to Spinnaker - Non Member VMR Skipper Ian Grimes, Radio Operator Bob Brandis.

Saturday March 21st at 1643-----5 metre cruiser with engine failure required tow back from The Ripples to Bellara Boat Ramp - Member VMR Skipper Ian Grimes, Radio Operator Petra Schrodter

Sunday March 22nd at 0847 -----7.5 metre cruiser with engine problems required tow from Moreton Island back to Pacific Harbour - Non Member VMR Skipper Liz Radajewski, Radio Operator John Warner

Sunday March 22nd at 1500 ----7 metre cruiser with engine problems required tow South of Tangalooma back to Pacific Harbour - Non Member VMR Skipper Liz Radajewski, Radio Operator John Bodycombe.

Tuesday March 31st at 1026 ----Unknown Stranded Vessel tow from Gilligan's to Spinnaker - Non-Member VMR Skipper Liz Radajewski, Radio Operator Denny Freeman



Radio Room News Flash !!!!!!!

We have established an emergency backup Radio Base at the home of our IT guru Peter Morton at his Ocean View home (in the hills behind Caboolture). Over the next week we will be doing some further testing. Only to be used as a backup.

The Radio Operators always thought that the view from the Radio Room was good but our new emergency radio back up from the home office of Peter Morton has a view that is not too bad either.

Message from the Radio Officer

John Bodycombe wanted to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

Remind everyone to wipe down all the mics and keyboards before starting your shift and before handing over to your relief.

If you are being swamped by phone calls and need help give John a call and he will arrange for someone to come in and sit in the outside office to monitor the calls for you.

We are all here to help each other.

Safety and Maintenance

New face masks have been purchased and have now arrived no mean feat as no one in QLD has any, so we ask that you use them to protect yourself and others when on assists. We have put 4 masks in the COVID kits on B2 & B3 and 6 masks in B1. There are also 6 masks in the boat contamination kit. They will be in the crew room and in the COVID-19 kits on the boats.

I am thinking maybe drawing a happy face on the mask this may make them look less scary



We have put together a COVID-19 boat washing kit together in the unlikely event that we are asked to move a COVID-19 patient we will need it to decontaminate the vessels.



A guide to how this is to be done is below.

- If an exterior area of a vessel has been used to transport a person displaying potential symptoms, the following process is to be utilised to decontaminate the vessel:
 - Use freshly-made bleach solution prepared at a dilution for disinfection as per the manufacturer's instructions; *Note: some products may not need dilution*;
 - Gloves, eye protection and P2 mask are to be used when preparing solution, decanting into a spray bottle and using;
 - Thoroughly spray to entire external area of the vessel where the person was;
 - Leave for 10 minutes or as directed by manufacturer's directions;
 - Hose out the area and allow to dry naturally if possible; (Product can make decks slippery if not hosed down)
 - If wiping is required, use paper towel or disposable cloths.
 - Dispose of gloves, mask, paper towel etc. in a leak proof plastic bag;
 - Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water and then pat dry using paper towel or a disposable cloth. If water is unavailable, decontaminate hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel (hand sanitiser);

Surfaces:

- Isolate affected surfaces;
- Prepare bleach based solution and wear PPE as detailed above;
- Spray affected area and wipe using paper towels or disposable cloths; Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water and then pat dry using paper towel or a disposable cloth. If water is unavailable, decontaminate hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel (hand sanitiser);

Training at Home

Knowing how to do knots correctly is a very important part on being on crew, while we are all at home here is a good way of keeping our skill levels up. Go to the link below and practice your knots knowledge. <https://www.animatedknots.com/complete-knot-list>

Getting to Know You



NAME: Liz Radajewski aka Liz Rideajetski aka The Grommodore

HOW LONG AT VMR: Signed up as a boating member in 2004 and then as crew in 2008 and have been active ever since

WHY I JOINED VMR: Primarily joined for the boat cover but as I had time to spare and Marine Rescue appealed to me as a hobby I signed up as crew never imagining where I would end up -- although when the new Kevlacat Bribie 1 was commissioned and christened in 2004 I was at the ceremony and had a tour of the vessel and thought to myself " maybe I will get to drive this boat one day " Little did I know !!!

WHAT I ENJOY MOST ABOUT MY ROLE: Primarily working with a fantastic group of people, having heaps of fun crewing, teaching and managing but getting serious when need to.

WHAT IS MOST MEMORIAL MOMENT SO FAR: Have been lots but no single one comes to mind but the smiles and thanks from the boaties when you bring them home safe and sound always is up there in front.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANY LADIES CONSIDERING JOINING VMR : Don't hang back, there is always something you can do to help the squadron run efficiently no matter what you do, gals are just as good as the guys and in all my years at VMRBI I have always been treated as one of the team.



You have to keep a good sense of humour in times like this.

Nautical Joke for the week

For those who are going to miss the State of Origin Series.

A colourful crash

A boat carrying red paint crashed into a boat carrying blue paint and the crew were marooned.

How to catch an Australian:



Safety Dave`s Message



Safety Dave the Frenchie is really getting serious now; he wants you all to wear the masks that have been supplied for your own safety when out assisting people on vessels. As we know this virus is not fussy who it infects so lets all stay safe look out for each other and make it through these ever-changing times.

Birthday Wishes

We like to wish all of you who have just had a Birthday or about to have one in the next few weeks.

A Big Birthday wish from all your VMR Colleagues.

Those in March who celebrated their Birthday were:

Sharyn Giles

David Wereszczuk

Leona Patrick

Gail Tranter

John Bodycombe

Graham Parker

Kula Puurand

Kerrie Parker

Rosemary Blythe

Keith Walters

Karen Darlington

Anthony Bliss

Andrew McAlister

Max Goodair

John Pepper

Dale Mullins

Les Oldmeadow

Celebrating Birthdays in the first two weeks of April are:

Sturat Dodds

Mark Coleclough

Keith Freeman

Connie Adams

Andrew Veary

Peter Morton

General Information

The Local Government Elections were held on Saturday 28th of March at the base. No VMR Personal were involved. The area used for voting was then professionally cleaned on Sunday 29th of March at the expense of the Qld Electoral Commission.

F.Y.I Busy Fingers closed on Saturday 28th of March until further notice.

HAPPY NEWS



Big event for Green Sunday Skipper Nathan Gundry.

He has just announced his engagement to his Girlfriend Kate Elizabeth.

From everyone at VMR Bribie we wish them all the best and much happiness for the future.

STAY SAFE , STAY HEALTHY AND IF YOU NEED HELP GIVE US A CALL

"" We are all in this Together ""