

Keeping in Touch with VMR Bribie

14th June (Edition5)

Commodore Update

Hallo All,

Everything is still running smoothly at the base, we are still in lock down and only volunteers who have to be there are able to access the base. Thanks to WHSO and the team for providing all the signs, disinfectants, wipes to keep us safe and maintain their supply.

Crew days are back to normal with crews at the base from 0700 to 1700 and again able to train on the vessels although still observing social distancing and good hygiene. Call outs are still at a normal level, the vessels B1 and B2 have been serviced and all working well.

A new AIS receiver has been installed at the base so we now have the latest and can keep better track of all AIS vessels especially ours.

All social activities are still on hold and as soon as it is practical to hold them again we shall advise all members, hopefully not too long to wait now – I am sure you are missing the laughs and frivolity, not to mention the hamburgers, at Sunset Drinks.

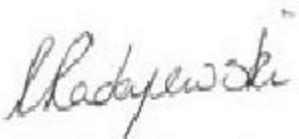
The maintenance team are in 7th Heaven now that all vessels can be pulled out of the water and they have been busy scrubbing and rubbing to have the vessels looking spick and span, thanks team.

Thanks again to all active members for being patient with our processes during this time and for all your hard work.

On a sad note we wish to advise you that Karen Highlands the President of Busyfingers for the past 12 years sadly lost her battle with cancer recently. Karen was a great friend to VMR Bribie. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 restrictions we were not able to have a physical presence at her funeral. We did arrange for flowers to be sent on behalf of our members and a message from VMR Bribie was read out at her funeral service.

Till next time, be safe out there on land and water

Commodore Liz



Liz Radajewski

Commodore

VMR Bribie Island
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Fundraising – COVID-19 restrictions are easing

There are of course many restrictions still in place with COVID-19 but we are planning on starting some activities when appropriate. The raffles etc. may still be some time away as we wait for our partners (like Sandstone Point Hotel, RSL, Bellara) to open normally. Even with the relaxation of 20 people per zone in these areas they cannot have fundraisers wandering around between groups etc. Sunset drinks will be some time off.

We are planning a membership drive at Bellara ramp soon. We will be helping boaties, talking about logon logoff, safety equipment and also selling memberships and some merchandise. This is a great entertaining day usually and you meet lots of people. Last time we had two boats fall off trailers and we heard a lot of stories!



On the Grants side, Simone Wilson MP has provided \$250 for cleaning materials etc to help get us back up and running and we welcome on board the RACQ who is sponsoring the next edition of our local “beacon to beacon” that Gary puts together.

We are still running our online big raffle with “Play for Purpose”. 50% of the ticket price comes directly back to VMR Bribie. The current draw closes in July and the first prize is \$250,000 in GOLD with lots of other prizes! We had a lot of minor prize winners from Bribie in the last draw. Tickets are \$10 each and to buy some tickets go to <https://playforpurpose.com.au/volunteer-marine-rescue>. Remember \$5 from every \$10 ticket supports VMR Bribie directly!

I feel that shortly some of our usual activities will start coming back so I look forward to seeing you there!

cheers

Ces Luscombe
Vice Commodore

Radio Statistics 25th May to 14th June

Number of calls 847

Number of vessels logged on 249

Number of Assists 20

Contacts with VMR Rescue

Bribie 1 57

Bribie 2 67

Jonkers Bribie 3 33

May 26th

Location – Between Caloundra and Cape Moreton / Engine Failure/ Spinnaker Boat Ramp /5.50 half cabin

Skipper Liz Radajewski Radio Operator Uldis Baltars.

May 31st

Location – 50m from beach half way to Caloundra / Out of Fuel / Spinnaker Boat Ramp /5.00 Steel

Skipper Allan Tranter Radio Operator Lynette Boucaut.

June 7th

Location – 15 miles of Cape Moreton towards the Wild Banks/ Engine failure/ Spinnaker Boat Ramp /7.30 centre console

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator Stewart Bell

June 7th

Location – Shipping Channel / Engine failure/ Spinnaker Boat Ramp /5.70 half cabin

Skipper Keith Freeman Radio Operator Stuart Dodds

June 7th

Location – Bongaree / Stuck in the mud/ Bongaree /5.0m runabout.

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator Peta Schrodter

June 7th

Location – Spitfire Channel / Engine failure/ Spinnaker /8.00m cruiser

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator Stewart Bell

June 8th

Location – On the sand at Spinnaker Marina /engine not operating requires assistance to get to a berth /Spinnaker Marina /10.50 cruiser

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator John Warner



June 9th

**Location – Directly in front of IGA Bongaree / anchored dragged/
relocation Bongaree MSQ Buoy /11.50 trimaran.**

Skippers Liz Radajewski and Bob Skinner Radio Operator Graham Gibb



June 12th

Location – White Patch / Motor won't start/ Pacific Harbour /13.00m cruiser

Skipper Gary Voss Radio Operator Noel Justo

June 13th

Location – Caloundra Wide / Motor won't start/ Toorbul Area /4.2m centre console

Skipper Ian Grimes Radio Operator Uldis Baltars

Message from the Radio Officer

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have not be able to run any VHF Radio Courses, but as the regulations are relaxed further we might be in a position to run one in several months' time . Recently the A.M.C advised all Invigilators' that it is now a requirement that they must have a Blue Card because we could be running course with persons of the age of 16 attending. Currently VMR Bribie has three Invigilators myself, Peter McNamara and Dennis O'Neill. Dennis is currently on sick leave. Peter and I recently applied for a blue Card and were successful in obtaining them allowing us to continue in our roles as Invigilators for VMR Bribie and run VHF radio courses.

Radio tower work to re commence on June 22nd and is likely to take several days with several more new aerials to be installed. New A.I.S. receiver has been installed.

Please remember to wipe down all mics and bench tops and chairs before starting your shift in the Radio Room.

Safety and Maintenance

When you are on duty in the VMR Bribie Radio Room you often see a lot of strange things .but when Radio Operator Keith Walters was on duty recently saw our main recuse vessel Bribie One coming down the road on our trailer and being towed by our tractor he knew he had to take some pictures for this was the first time it had happened. Thanks Keith

The tractor trailer combo worked well and enabled the maintenance crew to do some required necessary work on B1 and clean the hull.



Important Safety Alert on use of Hand Sanitizer (provided by VMR Bribie WHSO – Wayne Sclater)

HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT ALERT

Title: **Hand sanitiser fire risk**

Related Fatal Risk Control: **Acutely hazardous or dangerous substances**

Date Issued: **13th May 2020**

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Two recent client alerts have identified cases where hand sanitiser can pose a fire risk.

- A bottle of hand sanitiser caught fire in a light vehicle. The vehicle was unoccupied at the time and the Sanitiser experienced high cabin heat whilst being stored in the driver's compartment
- A client employee used a recommended gel alcohol-based hand sanitiser. The employee touched a surface before their hands were completely dry. Due to static electricity, the fumes from the hand sanitiser ignited with an almost invisible flame on both hands. The employee managed to extinguish the flames, but not before first and second degree burns had occurred.



KEY REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS

Alcohol based hand sanitisers are safe to use when soap and water is not readily available. However, the alcohol content in hand sanitiser results in it being a flammable substance so we must ensure we take extra precaution around safe use, transport, and storage (i.e. avoid high temperatures, hot surfaces, etc)

Use:

1. Ensure hands are dry of hand sanitiser product before touching any surfaces or undertaking work tasks.
2. Use gel-based sanitiser where possible when working in the field. Gels are more stable and less flammable.

Storage:

1. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, well-ventilated area, away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
2. If alcohol-based hand sanitiser is spilled or otherwise released, all potential ignition sources must be immediately removed from the area to mitigate the possibility of fire.
3. Check the label to determine the characteristics of the hand sanitiser is use. Flammable liquids should be labelled accordingly.
4. Ensure the manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available and followed.
5. Ensure we are complying with laws and client rules regarding the use, transport and carry of dangerous goods on-site.

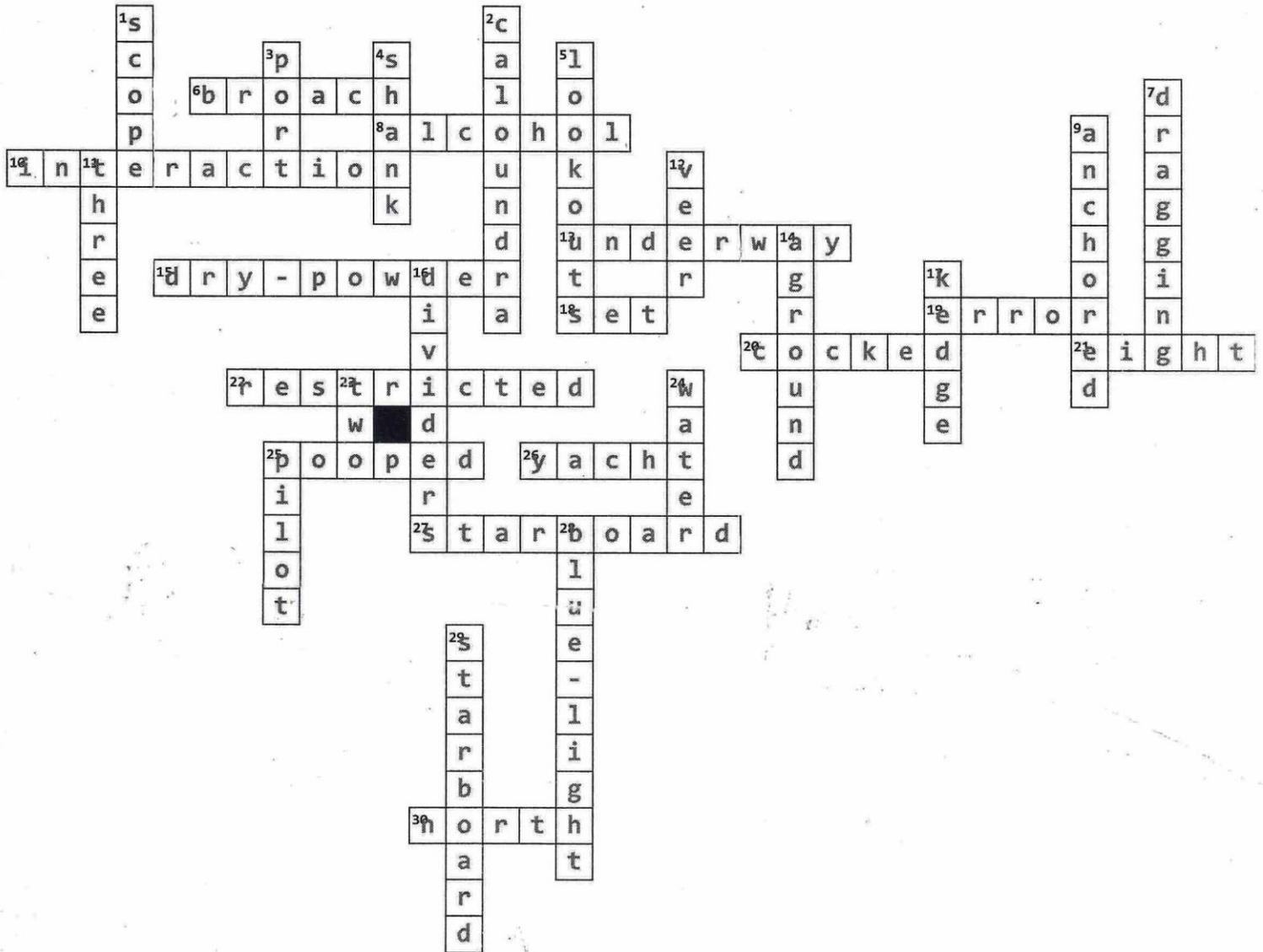
Whilst hand sanitiser is a key tool in managing the COVID-19 risk to our business, homemade and alcohol based sanitisers present additional risks - we must always follow our Fatal Risk Controls – "Know what you are working with". We must ensure the proper use, transportation, storage and understanding of the hazards and controls that we must have in place for the safe use of hand sanitisers across our business.

Training at Home

Here are the answers to the last issues crossword. See how you went with the nautical general knowledge.

A Big Thank You to Ian Grimes for putting this together

Nautical / general Knowledge no 2



Across

✓6. Dangers associated with a following sea

✓8. What stops a compass from freezing

✓10. Two vessels passing by too close

✓13. You see a green light is it a boat or nav warning?

✓15. Type of fire extinguishers are on our rescue vessels?

✓18. The direction in which a current flows

✓19. Define variation and deviation

✓20. Three bearings a vessels position can be determined

✓21. How many inflatable PFD on Bribie 1?

✓22. Vessel displays red white red?

✓25. Dangers of shallow water or estuary opening with waves?

✓26. Red over green what is it?

✓27. In a narrow channel do you move to port or starboard?

✓30. What direction is magnetic

Down

✓1. The ratio of the cable out to the depth of water is?

✓2. Where is the nearest bar to bribie

✓3. Two long and two short what side will a vessel pass you?

✓4. Part of a anchor

✓5. A fog bank is approaching what can you post?

✓7. Anchor not holding

✓9. White light near Bribie Bridge what is the boat doing?

✓11. How many parachute flares are on Bribie 1?

✓12. To pay out a anchor cable is called?

✓14. A vessel displays three black balls?

✓16. Chart work tools

✓17. To haul a boat off a sandbank

✓23. How many tides are usual in a day

✓24. What is a survivors most essential need?

✓25. Near M3 you see a vessel with white over red what is it?

✓28. Approaching from sea what light would you watch for?

✓29. Two vessels meeting head on what course do they take?

Message from Ian Grimes

To all VMR Bribie members I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes after I dislocated my shoulder following an incident at Mission Point last month. I should be back on deck shortly.

Cheers Ian

New VMR Trainees doing their Elements of Shipboard Safety Course under the watchfull eye of Simon Middap



New Chilled Water Cooler for the Crew Room



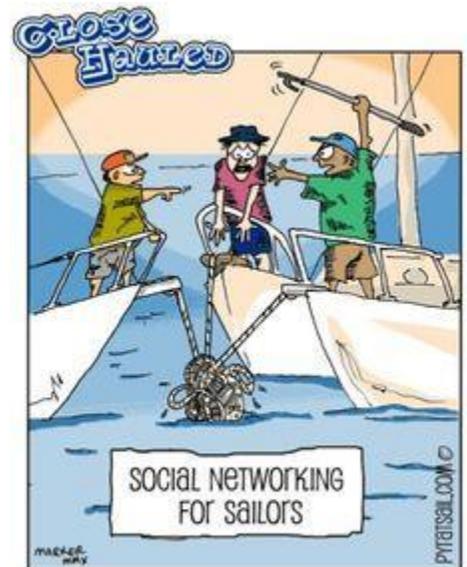
VMR crew member Jamie Darlington filling up his new VMR Water Bottle at the newly installed water chilled water cooler in the crew room . All active crew will receive a VMR Water Bottle.

Humour

Keeping a Sense of Humour in these challenging times is so important.

Send us your us your best joke or funny video link that we can share with all your Colleagues.

Here is one to help put a smile on your dial.



----- WE'RE BACK -----

Due to more COVID-19 restrictions being eased the Management Committee decided to allow the recommencement of the normal rostered crew days at the base from Saturday 6th of June. Red Saturday crew with Simon Middap at the helm were the first team to be back working under semi normal conditions. Social distancing and regular hand clean was being adhered too. All were happy to be back.



Post COVID-19 Travel ideas

SEND US YOUR POST COVID-19 HOLIDAYS IDEAS AND PHOTOS TO

mcnamarap@vmrbribe.com

Clairview

Visit the coastal strip along the east of the locality of Clairview is relatively flat (at or just above sea level), while most of the centre and western part of the locality is hilly, up to 500 metres. The coastal flats are partially used for grazing while the hillier land is undeveloped. Clairview has a natural sand beach along the coastline.



The town of Clairview is in the south-eastern corner of the locality (22°07'03"S 149°32'04"E) and consists of a strip of housing on the seafont.

The Bruce Highway (from Brisbane to Cairns) passes through Clairview from the south (the locality of St Lawrence) immediately beside the town of the Clairview and is one of the few places on this "coastal" highway where the sea is actually visible from the road. The highway then continues north on a more inland route into Carmila. The North Coast railway line (also from Brisbane to Cairns) runs just to the east of the highway in the southern town area and then continues north between the highway and the coast.^[4]



In the northernmost part of the locality is the neighbourhood of Flaggy Rock (21°58'00"S 149°27'00"E), which is sandwiched between the highway to the west and the railway line to the east.

123 kilometres south of Mackay, Clairview is a seaside community on the Isaac Coast. Clairview is a rustic beachside community, with golden sands famous for crabbing. Stay beachside and wake to the gentle lapping of the ocean right outside your door. These waters are a protected sanctuary for an endangered mammal, the Dugong.

Walk along the soft sand and wet a line straight off the beach. The coast from Clairview to St Lawrence is a popular location to catch tasty mud crabs.

A caravan park provides accommodation and facilities. A public park can be located on the esplanade. Beach-side picnic tables and park benches provide picturesque spots to stop for a break. A boat ramp is also available for a day on the water.

Getting to Know You

Name

Nathan Gundry

What is your role within VMR?

Skipper

How long have you been VMR?

19 Years

Why did you join VMR?

Always have had a love for the sea and have always wanted to help the community.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Helping people that are in need with regards to training, assists or even rescues. I always enjoy the challenges that rescues bring.

What is your most memorable moment so far?

Every crew day and call out is a memorable moment for me as there are too many to list.

Tell us something an interesting fact that we may not know about you?

When i was quite a bit younger I was top 10 in the Queensland titles for Go-Kart racing for under 16's.



SAFETY DAVE'S MESSAGE



Safety Dave wants to remind everyone that we should still be practicing social distancing whenever possible this will continue to help the stop the spread of COVID-19. Dave does appreciate this is always not possible especially when on a vessel and dealing with public and their vessels, but when you can let's keep that 1.5 m distance. Also please keep washing those hands

and use hand sanitiser that is dotted around the base. Let's beat this all together.

There are a few news signs around the base keeping you informed



of the Maximum people in each area please adhere to these signs for your own benefit (but doesn't mention dogs just someone called Max so I am all in the clear)

Stay safe everyone.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SAFETY DAVE!!!!!!!!!!



I'm a DAD.....



3 Girls and 2 Boys.

Safety Dave is giving you the opportunity to help come up with some unusual names for his new Safety Crew.

Send us your name suggestion to mcnamarap@vmrbribie.com and the best one selected by Safety Dave will win a prize.

Birthday Wishes

**We would like to wish all you having a Birthday in the next few weeks
A Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!**

Bill Stainton

Nigel Cleminson

Barbara Lucas

Janine Jaavuo

Noel Wendt

Mike Deane

Lyn Boucaut

Charles Guesdon

Denny Freeman

Ces Luscombe

Ian Nesbitt

John Price

Doug Lythgo

Leigh Neindorf

Alan Gough

Mike Lucas

Ray Christensen

Helping the Environment while at home

Something to think about when you are next buying something in a plastic bottle.

At least 8 million tons of **plastic** end up in our **oceans** every year, and make up 80% of all **marine** debris from surface waters to deep-sea sediments. **Marine** species ingest or are entangled by **plastic** debris, which causes severe injuries and deaths.

Single Use **Plastic** Pollution – the Majority of **Marine** Waste

Plastics and polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) comprise 90% of all **marine** debris, with single-use food and beverage containers being one of the **most** common items found in **ocean** and coastal surveys.

Over 1 million **marine animals** (including mammals, fish, sharks, turtles, and birds) are **killed** each year due to **plastic** debris in the **ocean**. Currently, it is estimated that there are 100 million tons of **plastic** in oceans around the world.

Simon Middap

Skipper

Red Saturday

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

“We are all in this together”