LOP OP

06   **Marine Rescue Vessel Tracking - Greater Sydney Region**

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this LOP is to provide a guideline on the contacting procedure by MR Sydney with Marine Rescue Vessels - Greater Sydney Region (MRVs). The Greater Sydney Region operate in a unique way in regards to radio/vessel communication.

MR Sydney completes the MRB function for the majority of the Greater Sydney units with the exception of MR Solander and Hawkesbury when operational.

With the introduction of an 'after hours callout' technology platform, Telstra Desktop Messaging System (TDMS) and the standardisation of a MRNSW Asset Status Board the need to clarify reporting expectations for the Greater Sydney Region is important to ensure at all times the status and location of MRVs is known to optimise tasking MRVs. Tasking is not isolated to MR Sydney but also includes Regional Operations Manager (ROM) or Duty State Controller (DSC).

2. Vessel Status, Tracking and Monitoring

2.1. MR Unit will inform MR Sydney when they are operational.

2.2. All MRVs are required to log on using their call sign (eg CP30) when they depart their Base as follows:

    2.2.1. All MRV from Cottage Point, Broken Bay, Middle Harbour and Port Jackson are to log on directly with MR Sydney.

    2.2.2. All MRVs from Hawkesbury and Solander (ie Port Hacking/Botany Bay) are to log on with their own Base if it is opened otherwise they must log on with MR Sydney.

    2.2.3. Exception to item 2.2.2 is when a MRV from Hawkesbury is going offshore - it must log on with MR Sydney under these instances.

2.3. If a MRV is attending to all incidents or is offshore, MR Sydney is required to log on MRV as follows:

    2.3.1. The log off time will be 30 minutes after the log on time, irrespective of when the MRV plans to complete its voyage. Use the *"Update Log Off Time"* option and add the SITREP details. (**NOTE:** DO NOT use the "Contact Request" as it will NOT allow time to be extended and is too noisy).

    2.3.2. Log off location will be the location the MRV is expected to be at the end of the voyage, irrespective of where the MRV will be in 30 minutes.

    2.3.3. Contact is to be made by MR Sydney with the MRV when overdue -

standard operating procedures for overdue vessels to apply - or as soon as it is practical (MR Sydney dealings with vessel of the public take priority).

> 2.3.4. Upon contact MR Sydney will get a brief Situation Report (SITREP) by way of either LAT/LONG, a feature or comment, and duty. MR Sydney will extend the log of time by 30 minutes from this contact on Seahawk.

2.4. MRV logging on with MR Sydney for patrol or training, SITREPs are not required. The log off time will be the time the MRV has indicated they will return to MR Base. The MRV is responsible to inform MR Sydney of changes to their voyage. If the MRV voyage changes to attending to an incident or voyage is offshore, section 2.3 applies.

2.5. MR Sydney is responsible for maintaining the Asset Status Board;

2.6. After each MRV SITREP, the Asset Status Board *ONLY* needs to be updated if there are changes (eg the MRV has moved to a different area that has been recorded).

2.7. MRV logs off with MR Sydney at the end of the voyage irrespective of its intention to leave again.

2.8. Seahawk is to be maintained as per standard operating procedures.

Note:

General Information:

Whilst MR Hawkesbury is a "boat base", it operates on weekends as a radio base to provide coverage for the area recognising it has a licence to operate a radio base and there is an independent local entity competing to provide coverage for the area.

A member is encouraged to remain at the MR Boat Base to maintain a physical presence for public interaction and provide assistance and support. Vessels logged on by a MR Boat Base, are transferred to MR Sydney immediately for MR Sydney to take on monitoring responsibility for the vessel. MR Solander is an exception to the later as current operating procedures remain unchanged.

Incident Tasking
- There are different avenues from which incident tasking can come including direct to a MR Base via direct phone call or radio call or a MRV flagged down by the public.
- MR Sydney will contact MRV directly for tasking if MR Sydney received the initial call.
- If a MRV is flagged down by the public, MRV shall act upon activation and notify MR
- Sydney. MRV is responsible for notifying ROM of tasking/status directly as per MRNSW SOP.
- MR Sydney will gather and record incident details, update records as per procedures as set out in Section 2 above,
- MR Sydney will notify ROM, MAC and or Unit Commander as per MRNSW SOPs.
- With best endeavor the ROM (or DSC) will assist to ensure the most appropriate MRV is tasked based on location) and to contact MR Sydney for vessel tasking. At times this will be impractical for the ROM. If the MRV is contacted directly, the MRV shall notify MR Sydney.