



# Logging On / Off with Volunteer Marine Rescue

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Most of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups provide a log on / log off service.

The idea being that you LOG ON with the VMR Group and let them know who you are, where you are going and when you will be due back. Then you can go off and enjoy your day knowing that someone knows where you are and when you should be home. If you then get into difficulty and are overdue Volunteer Marine Rescue have a good starting point for searching for you.

When you get back in from your day on the Water DON'T FORGET to LOG OFF with the VMR Group so they know you are back safe and sound – otherwise you will start a search party happening when you're already home.

## Logging On

When Logging on the following information is what you will need to provide the VMR Group with:

- Your Call sign – this is either the name/registration of your boat, or if you are a member of a VMR group your group allocated call sign.
- Where you have departed from.....
- Where you are heading to.....
- How many People on Board (POB)
- How much fuel you have
- Your estimated time of return (ETR)
- If you are not local to the area, the radio operator may ask you for further information like a description of your vessel.

On the next page we will go through the radio process of how to log on

An example LOG ON sequence could go something like this:

**Boat Owner:** VMR619 VMR619 VMR619  
*This is vessel  
Harlequin Harlequin Harlequin  
requesting Log on  
on VHF Channel 21  
Do you receive? Over*

**VMR Response:** Harlequin Harlequin Harlequin  
*This is  
VMR619 VMR619 VMR619  
Please Proceed with your logon  
Over*

**Boat Owner:** VMR619 *This is vessel* Harlequin  
*We have departed the town jetty  
heading out to fish around Goose Island 2 nautical miles  
south of the inlet  
There are 3 people on board  
We have 60 litres of fuel  
and our estimated time of return is 1500 hours  
Over*

**VMR Response:** Harlequin *this is* VMR619  
*Log on confirmed  
we have you heading to fish around Goose Island 2 nautical miles  
south of the inlet.  
3 persons on board  
60 litres of fuel  
and an estimated time of return of 1500 hours  
Is this correct?  
Over*

**Boat Owner:** VMR619 *this is* Harlequin  
*that is correct  
Over*

**VMR Response:** Harlequin *this is* VMR619  
*Have a good day on the water and we will talk to you on your return  
This is VMR619 clear and standing by for any further traffic*

## Logging Off

When you return from your day out on the water it is MOST IMPORTANT that you LOG OFF with the Volunteer Marine Rescue Group.

The log off process is a very simple matter of calling up the VMR group and letting them know you have returned.

An example LOG OFF sequence could go something like this:

**Boat Owner:** VMR619 VMR619 VMR619  
*this is vessel  
Harlequin Harlequin Harlequin  
on VHF Channel 21  
Do you receive? Over*

**VMR Response:** Harlequin Harlequin Harlequin  
*this is  
VMR619 VMR619 VMR619  
Please Proceed  
Over*

**Boat Owner:** VMR619 *this is vessel* Harlequin  
*We have returned to the town jetty  
and wish to log off  
Over*

**VMR Response:** Harlequin *this is* VMR619  
*We hope you had a good day on the water and will speak to you next time  
you are out and about  
This is VMR619 clear and standing by for any further traffic*

## Extending your stay

If the weathers good and your having a good time, sometimes you might want to stay a little longer at that favourite fishing spot or diving/snorkelling the rocks or reef around that island.

No problem, simply call up your VMR group and let them know you'd like to change your estimated time of return to a later time.

*From all the VMR Groups in WA  
Have a great time on the Water  
and Remember*

