



# Volunteer Marine Rescue Services



## What do the Volunteer Marine Rescue Services do?

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services (VMRS) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure their local communities are safe.

VMRS members serve their respective local communities on a voluntary basis by undertaking both operational and non-operational roles.

VMRS groups work in close liaison with the Western Australia Police, coordinating and performing a range of marine rescue activities for the WA community.

Volunteers are trained and equipped to carry out a range of activities such as those listed below.

- Undertaking the role of Skipper or Crew on a dedicated marine rescue vessel.
- Operating local marine radio services.
- Conducting accredited training courses in marine safety.



## What volunteer roles are available?

Volunteers undertake various roles according to their abilities, interests, and what they are comfortable with.

The different VMRS roles are listed below.

- Crewing a marine rescue vessel
- Administration
- Radio communications
- Chart reading and navigation
- Boating and sea safety education
- Training and assessment
- Social and digital media
- Group marketing and public relations.





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## What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Opportunity to serve your community
- Increase your knowledge and skills
- Opportunity to apply existing skills in a new environment
- Gain personal satisfaction
- Be active
- Challenge yourself
- Meet new people.

## What will I be doing?

Time commitment varies from location to location and depends upon your responsibilities. In most cases it can be tailored to suit both you and the group.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending incidents whenever possible.
- Following instructions given by group officers.
- Operating and maintaining equipment correctly.
- Attending group meeting regularly.
- Participating in training as required.

## Group contact information

Group Name:

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Position:

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## For more information

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