



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Logging On / Off with Volunteer Marine Rescue

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*

