



GENERAL GUIDE LINES

Cleaning and Disinfecting VMR Vessels

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1. Introduction

This Guideline describes the general guidelines for the purpose of Cleaning and Disinfecting on board VMR Vessels.

It is the responsibility of every crew member to follow these guidelines.

2. Reference

QWPS Fact Sheet 25/03/2020

3. Detailed Procedures

STANDARD VMR1 VESSEL PROCEDURES VMR WHITSUNDAY - Novel Coronavirus

1. General Guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting vessels

- Paramedics and patients are not permitted beyond the blue seating area
- If an interior cabin has been used to transport a person displaying potential symptoms, the following process is to be utilised to decontaminate the vessel:
 - Use hospital grade (non-bleach) disinfectant solution, prepared as per the manufacturer's instructions for dilution; (Glen 20 spray is an acceptable substitute)
 - Prepare solution and wear PPE as necessary;
 - Spray affected area, including seats, footwells, rear of seats, dash board, controls and all inside surfaces, and wipe using paper towels or disposable cloths;
 - Dispose of gloves, mask, paper towel etc. In a leak proof plastic bag;
 - Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water and then pat dry using paper towel or a disposable cloth. If water is unavailable, decontaminate hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel (hand sanitiser);
 - Record the decontamination and cleaning on the Vessel Log Sheet.
- If an exterior area of a vessel has been used to transport a person displaying potential symptoms, the following process is to be utilised to decontaminate the vessel:
 - Use freshly-made bleach solution prepared at a dilution for disinfection as per the manufacturer's instructions; *Note: some products may not need dilution;*
 - Gloves, eye protection and P2 mask are to be used when preparing solution, decanting into a spray bottle and using;
 - Thoroughly spray to the entire external area of the vessel where the person was;
 - Leave for 10 minutes or as directed by manufacturers' directions;
 - Hose out the area and allow to dry naturally if possible; (Product can make decks slippery if not hosed down)



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- If wiping is required, use paper towel or disposable cloths.
- Dispose of gloves, mask, paper towel etc. In a leak proof plastic bag – crew member to deliver to QAS, 7 Schnapper St, Cannonvale;
- Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water and then pat dry using paper towel or a disposable cloth. If water is unavailable, decontaminate hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel (hand sanitiser);
- Record the decontamination and cleaning on the Vessel Log Sheet.

Surfaces:

- Isolate affected surfaces;
- Prepare bleach based solution (exterior surfaces) or disinfectant solution or Glen 20 spray (interior surfaces) and wear PPE as detailed above;
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- Spray affected area and wipe using paper towels or disposable cloths; Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water and then pat dry using paper towel or a disposable cloth. If water is unavailable, decontaminate hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel (hand sanitiser);

2. Guidelines for handling documentation on non- coronavirus activations until further notice (excludes Medivacs)

- Read the following questions to the assisted vessel's Skipper
 - Have you been exposed to Coronavirus?
 - Have you recently arrived from overseas or from a cruise ship?
 - Are you required to be in self-isolation?

If any answer is “yes”, the Skipper shall (or delegate to a crew member) call QAS on 07 4930 5366 or 131 233 and request further instructions. When arrangements have been agreed advise the VMRW phone or radio operator. (do not overlook the possible use of a second VMRW vessel in arrangements required).

The activation must then take all the precautions included in the Coronavirus Medivac plan

- Use rubber gloves and mask when handing documentation for credit card authority to the assisted skipper. This applies at all times – especially for Credit Card and Drivers Licence. Disinfect clipboard.



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3 Guideline for multiple activations during a Coronavirus Activation

In the unlikely event that we are tasked for a Coronavirus Medivac due to unavailability of Water Police to do it, and WMRW starts the Medivac with the minimum crew for such an activation of a skipper and a senior crew, we could hypothetically receive a mayday call.

In this unlikely event, the Skipper shall use his discretion whether to attend the mayday, or not, taking due regard to the severity relative to both situations and bearing in mind the availability of the other VMRW vessel.

4 SUMMARY

If we all follow these guidelines we will be less likely to have problems/injuries whilst on activations.

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