



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE WHITSUNDA

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) ANCHORING

1. Introduction

This SOP describes the procedures to safely anchor VMR1. It is the responsibility of every crew member to follow this procedure.

2. Reference

VMR Training – Risk Assessment 23 July 2017

3. Detailed Procedures

Before anchoring the vessel we need to check the charts, (bottom type, depth, obstructions, zoning).

Check suitability of anchorage for protection from prevailing wind direction, strength and any forecast changes.

Check tide book for tidal variation during anchoring period and determine length of scope required, (min 4:1 max depth).

Select the correct anchor for bottom type.

Skipper and foredeck crew to familiarize themselves with standard hoisting signals.

Do not operate remotely if crew on deck

Crew to release safety clip on anchor and keep clear of winch at all times, retreat to walk around deck then signal to skipper that anchor is ready to drop, (thumb up).

Winch only to be operated from active helm station when skipper has a clear view and no crew are near the winch

Skipper to lower anchor, go astern and set the required scope



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Detailed Procedures (cont..)

An anchor watch shall be kept whilst at anchor.

When pulling up anchor, crew to keep chain clear of winch,

Crew and skipper to communicate with signals until anchor is up.

Crew to secure anchor clip before returning to cockpit.

4. Summary

If we all follow these guidelines we will be less likely to have problems/injuries when anchoring VMR1.

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APPENDIX A – Hoist Signals



