



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE WHITSUNDA

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) MAN OVERBOARD

1. Introduction

This SOP describes the procedures for MAN OVERBOARD on VMR1.
It is the responsibility of every crew member to follow this procedure.

2. Reference

VMR Training – Risk Assessment. 23 July 2017

3. Detailed Procedure

If a person has fallen overboard shout MAN OVERBOARD MAN OVERBOARD to alert all on board, the person who saw the person fall overboard must keep his eyes on the victim and point to that direction until the helmsman has made a turn and has that person in sight and has taken responsibility.

Helmsman must hit MOB button on Plotter, throw torch overboard and make an appropriate turn preferably into the wind to come back on the person in the water. Skipper to take the helm and decide on actions required= Make radio calls for assistance, set up search pattern, use spotlights.

Senior crew to follow skippers instructions and co ordinate the crew on deck to prepare for recovery,

Have a person ready to enter the water if required.

Have a heaving line, life ring and PFD ready to throw to person if first pass of the boat fails.

Have first aid kit and oxygen ready if person is injured.


Have tender ready for launch.

Approach MOB from leeward side and on the Starboard side of vessel for better visibility, if water is rough tow the life ring around in a circle then pull MOB up to transom to bring aboard.

If person is unconscious use the plastic back board.

Take action to keep MOB warm to prevent Hypothermia.

When the person over board has been recovered and assessed the skipper will decide on any action to follow, taking into consideration that there are Island resorts and other boats in the area that may be able to assist.

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4 Summary

If we all follow these guide lines for MAN OVERBOARD we will be less likely to have problems/injuries whilst carrying out a Man Overboard rescue.

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