



VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE WHITSUNDA

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) TENDER LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL

1. Introduction

This SOP describes the procedures for safe Launch and retrieval of the tender 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 Procedures

The Master must give approval before the tender is to be launched, VMR1 is to be stationary and head to wind or current.

Remove the safety bar and line at the stern and secure, Install the bung, fuel tank, fuel line and prime carburetor.

Ensure the painter is secured and snap shackle removed from tender.

Two crew must be used to launch the tender as it is heavy and difficult to handle.

Crew must wear life jackets and carry a portable VHF radio when entering the tender, once aboard lower and start the engine ensuring that the dead man line is attached to the wrist.

A radio check on the nominated channel must be made before departing, a torch must be carried at night and there is a spare torch in the safety bag in the tender.

Tender and crew not to travel any further than a 500 metres from VMR1 On return the fuel line must be removed, the blank fitted to the engine and the carburetor ran dry, retrieve the tender in the reverse procedure.

4 Summary

If we all follow these guidelines we will be less likely to have problems/injuries whilst launching and retrieving the tender.

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