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Please contact the office if you know of other web links that may be of interest.

**Promotional Material**

OMC Pamphlets – having an event, request some OMC pamphlets. The pamphlet PDF file is also available on our website for printing at: [http://www.amc.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/895002/OMC-flyer-Mar-2017.pdf](http://www.amc.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/895002/OMC-flyer-Mar-2017.pdf)

Dear All,

After several queries from our invigilators we asked our external experts to review the radio procedure for Man Overboard.

The view is that the initial call would be distress (MAYDAY), IAW IAMSAR Vol 3. All subsequent radio traffic, including that from a RCC, would be urgent (PAN PAN). Our thanks to our experts – in particular the team at AMSA.

This means that the exam answer will be changed and in effect for the exams printed 1st July 2018.

OMC is working with a senior researcher on a VDES related project looking at data transmission via satellites. VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) is a radio communication system that operates between ships, shore stations and satellites on Automatic Identification System (AIS), Application Specific Messages (ASM) and VHF Data Exchange (VDE) frequencies in the Marine Mobile VHF band.

*Martin Crees-Morris*

**2018 Boat Shows**

It is that time of year again when OMC are gearing up to attend a couple of boat shows. This week Liz will be at Sanctuary Cove in the AMC stand, Martin will attend Melbourne Boat Show in June with AMC and in August all of us will be coming to Sydney and will be sharing with BOM again. Come say “hi” and collect your free Radio Call Logbook, VHF dial stickers, pamphlets etc.

**Exams - January to June 2018**

Examinations are fast approaching their expiry date so if you have some that you don't think will be used please return to us so we may recycle them and not waste money on getting more printed.

**Facsimile / Telephone**

Due to the technical issues we have been experiencing with our fax machine, we have decided to phase out this form of communication in our office. The number is being removed from our stationery.

If you have called the office recently you may have noticed music plays immediately and you do not hear a ringtone. This is due to UTAS replacing telephones with Skype for Business.

**MRO Handbook**

A 2018 edition of the MRO Handbook is currently underway and will be available later this year. The biggest change to this new version is the Table for Transmitting Channels in the VHF Maritime Mobile Band (page 97) along with a few typos fixed. This update does not affect any examination or revision questions.

This Table is available to view/print on the website:

<http://www.amc.edu.au/industry/omc/handbooks-and-revision-questions>

**Practical Assessments**

Please ensure that the correct Practical Assessment is used for the exam being undertaken. There have been instances where a LROCP exam has been sat with a SROCP practical assessment.

When conducting the LROCP practical assessment the first two assessment criteria are required to be assessed on both radios and an appropriate mark placed on the sheet.

Not sure what to write on the Practical Assessment sheet?  
“S” in each area of assessment is suffice along with any additional comments you may like to make.

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#### **Invigilator Contact Details**

*If changing your contact  
details, sponsor  
organisation, going overseas  
for a while or resigning as an  
invigilator, please let the  
office know so that our  
database can be updated.*

#### **Feedback**

*The OMC welcomes any  
feedback or comments  
regarding the content of this  
newsletter, our exams, the  
Marine Radio Operators  
Handbooks, and any other  
aspect or our service*

#### **OMC Forms**

Don't have enough copies of a  
form? All forms are available to  
print from our website:  
[http://www.amc.edu.au/industry/omc/  
/invigilator-information](http://www.amc.edu.au/industry/omc/invigilator-information) .

If you print off your own forms, it is a  
good idea to periodically check our  
website for updates to make sure  
that you are using the latest version.

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#### **Credit Cards**

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Invoice/Receipt instantly?  
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on our website:  
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This instantly generates a receipt to  
you and notifies us of your payment.  
No more waiting or chasing a  
receipt!

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#### **Direct Deposits**

Don't forget to let us know if you  
have made a direct deposit into the  
UTAS bank account. It is a huge  
bank account and unless you tell us  
we don't know to add it on our  
spreadsheet and claim it!

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If you place an order with us and  
don't think that you will be home to  
receive it, let us know. If you are  
agreeable we can arrange for an  
"Authority to Leave" form to be sent  
with your consignment. This will  
save you having to re-organise its  
delivery and us getting charged  
twice for the consignment.

Queries? We are only a call away!

#### **BOM – news**

**BOM Weather** is the Bureau of  
Meteorology's weather app giving  
you the most accurate weather  
information at your fingertips.

The app includes:

- Current Conditions
- Forecasts
- Radar
- Warnings
- Locations

Download the app today on Google  
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#### **Express Post increase**

There has been a slight increase in  
the Express Post costs for some of  
the envelopes that we use.

500gm envelope - \$8  
3kg Satchel - \$16

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. What do I need to return once a  
candidate has completed their  
exam?

A. The following documentation:

- ✓ Exam Question booklet
- ✓ Application/answer sheet  
With date of birth, contact  
details, photograph and  
signature;
- ✓ Practical assessment/  
observation checklist  
Signed by both candidate and  
invigilator/trainer.
- ✓ Examination Lodgement  
Form  
With payment advice,  
comments and signed by  
invigilator.