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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

Hi all,
Winter can be cold in Tassie, but on the mornings when the frost is thick on the ground the days can be brilliant. When the fog clears the day can be clear and sunny – but still cold.

Invigilator Status

As you are aware, all invigilator's status expired 30 June 2017. There have been quite a number of invigilators who have decided not to reregister. OMC staff would like to thank them for their efforts and input in the time that they have been invigilators.

If you have not reregistered your file has been marked as inactive as of 30 June. **Do not conduct examinations until you have reregistered. Examinations conducted may be cancelled and payment forfeited.**

If you have not received your reregistration form please contact the office and we will get one sent. We will accept reregistration's until 31 July, after that the process will be a full application.

We are also working on getting the invigilator list on the web updated again this takes time. Basically the new website software does not 'talk' to our old database software. Where the update used to be automatic, now we have to provide a spreadsheet to be manually added to the web.

Practical Component

Because of the introduction of the practical component we have extended the expiry date of the current exams from 30 June to 31 July. Do not use these expired examinations after the 31 July 2017. They will not be processed, the candidates will have to resit.

As of 1 August it will be very important to have all returning paperwork correctly filled out and signed. A delay in processing papers will occur if incomplete paper work is received. Please have patience with our staff as we commence this new process. As per our agreement with

ACMA we have 15 working days to process a **completed** application ie all documents are complete, photo included and payment made. As many are aware we currently try to process papers within a week. In the coming months this may not happen. Please let your candidates know about the 15 working days and if any papers are urgent let our staff know and we will try to accommodate the request.

Thank you to those invigilators who have reregistered and agreed to include a practical component in the examination process.

Under 16 years of age

Do not let a person who is not 16 years old sit the examination – it is not legal. Even if it is a couple of days prior to their birthday and you send it in after – it is still not legal. This requirement has now been in effect since 2011 so it is very surprising when we get an application where the candidate is not 16. It is unfortunate because the candidate forfeits their examination fee.

Regards Suzanne, Liz and Sheree

Result Emails – Hotmail addresses

Sometimes we have trouble sending to Hotmail addresses. We send the email and receive no negative response so we assume the email has been received. If this has happened to you then we apologise. If you have an alternative email address we can use in our system please let us know.

Frequently asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q. Are online examinations available?
A. Not yet, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. OMC has been informed that we will be able to access the UTAS student system. The problem has been that our applicants have been considered as external students (not registered in a UTAS approved course) and therefore we could not have access to the student system and online exams. 2018 could be an interesting year as we once again negotiate the process for providing online exams.

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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 of our service

BOM – News

Hazardous Surf Warning

The Bureau of Meteorology has recently expanded its service to warn boaters about hazardous surf conditions. Boaters can continue to get marine weather information in the local and coastal waters forecasts. Now they can now also check the National Warnings Summary for Hazardous Surf Warnings in NSW and southern QLD coastal waters. Hazardous Surf Warnings will be issued for today and/or tomorrow, up to 42 hours in advance of conditions that are hazardous for marine activities such as boaters crossing bars. Boaters can also get these warnings on Marine Radio and the Bureau's app 'BOM Weather'. Find out more here:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/about/hazardous-surf-messages.shtml>

Unit of Competency (UOC)

1 August 2016 we commenced a year trial period of accepting a valid UOC for the issuing of marine radio certificates. The trial period is almost over and the decision has been made to incorporate UOC applications as an integral part of OMC business. A few RTO's have changed to submitting UOC's. If you are an RTO that has the relevant MAR packages on scope information is available on our website at: <http://www.amc.edu.au/industry/omc/certificates>.

During July I will be updating the web to reflect this decision.

Sydney International Boat Show

Liz and Suzanne will be attending the SIBS 3 August 2017. We will be sharing a stand with BOM in the maritime safety area.

OMC Annual Statistical Report

The following are a few of the statistics that we report to ACMA.

Certificate Applications

Year	LROCP	SROCP	MSCE	Verifications	Total	Variance
2012	4363	1642	39	19	6063	3.0%
2013	4262	1546	41	44	5893	-2.8%
2014	4009	2060	34	31	6134	4.1%
2015	3532	1795	22	59	5408	-11.8%
2016	3460	1687	57	62	5266	-2.6%

Percentage of Applicants who passed

Year	LROCP	SROCP	MCSE	Average	Variance
2012	95%	95%	93%	95%	1%
2013	96%	94%	94%	96%	0%
2014	96%	96%	100%	96%	0%
2015	97%	96%	100%	96%	0%
2016	98%	96%	100%	97%	1%

Handbook Sales

Year	MROHB (LROCP)	MVHB (SROCP)	Total	Variance
2012	3801	2151	5922	-2.2%
2013	2878	2112	5000	-16.0%
2014	3616	2524	6140	22.8%
2015	2770	2208	4978	-18.9%
2016	2349	2065	4414	-11.3%