

## Special Interest Articles:

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## Web links of Interest:

- Radiocommunications (Maritime Ship Station - 27 MHz and VHF) Class Licence 2001 –

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_301](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_301).

- ACMA seeks views on use of VHF radio by recreational boaters.

[http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC\\_311900](http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_311900)

## Cheques and Money orders

Please make all cheques and money orders payable to the University of Tasmania. Not AMC or OMC.

## General

### Greetings

Here we are, past the half way mark for 2011, and a busy twelve months ahead.

The office is currently busy re registering those invigilators who have returned their application forms.

A new set of examination papers are doing the rounds for the second half of this year. Please do not continue with the older examination papers. If, for some reason, you are holding papers for some candidates who have not completed the paperwork, just send them on to us.

### Under 16

**OMC** can no longer process examination papers for candidates under the age of 16, check your candidates age.

### Boat Show

Once again we shall be attending the Sydney Boat Show - July 28th to August 1st. Our location has been moved, although still with NSW Maritime Services, we will be between the AMSA site and the NSW Westpac Helicopter site. I expect we shall have a good time with them.

Last year we conducted a small number of examinations at the show. Mostly for candidates who just needed a bit of a rev up, and for some who on the spur of the moment decided to have a go. Once again we will conduct examinations.

Modern technology means we will have internet access and will be able to check up on our data base should anyone have a query as to their qualifications.

### VHF Review

The review is ongoing, ACMA to decide on a further meeting and final decisions as to the for or against VHF certificate. Nothing has been decided yet, so should anyone ask, Yes a certificate is still required for the operation of a marine VHF.

### VHF Handbook

ACMA has once again persuaded us to make the VHF available for free downloading off the internet, for another three months trial.

Regards,

John Mair – Manager.

## Re-registration of Invigilators

As at 30 June 2011 all invigilator status expired. Late May we sent out 1001 re-registration forms to active invigilators. At the end of June we dispatched 524 Authorisations to be an invigilator with OMC until 30 June 2014. If you have re-registered your name will appear on our website (only your name if you requested your details not be published). If your name is not there then we have not received a form from you, please check our website if you are unsure. If you are giving papers to another invigilator check they have re-registered. We have been very surprised at the numbers who have not re-registered particularly some very active invigilators!

A number of our invigilators have resigned. We would like to express our thanks for their input to the radio examination process over the years.

Also we would like to welcome new invigilators and don't forget OMC staff are always happy to assist and answer questions you may have.

## Stickers

As part of the Summer information awareness campaign ACMA have available to give away VHF channel stickers and a post card with basic information on it.

For ordering contact:

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[Genevieve.Meadowes@acma.gov.au](mailto:Genevieve.Meadowes@acma.gov.au)  
or telephone 03 9963 6990

## Tender

The Australian Government has published the tender for the Examination and Certification Services for marine radio operator qualifications. Tenders have to be submitted by 1 August 2011.



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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*

**Weather**

In winter there are days (on end) when it is cold wet and miserable, and I am green with envy when an invigilator rings from a warmer state and tells me he is basking in 25° c. But today is not one of those days. Winter can be lovely in Tassie. Today the sun is shining through the bare trees, making the frost on the ground glisten. The snow on the mountains is brilliant white against the blue sky and the daffodils are just starting to poke through the hard frozen ground. This morning I didn't mind scraping the frost of the car or wearing my heavy coat, scarf and gloves (-2° C overnight) because it is beautiful when the sun is shining and the wind has dropped. Suzanne W

**Revision Quiz**

Don't forget to tell your candidates about the revision quiz questions on our website under the handbook tab. We have been getting a lot of positive feedback about our revisions quizzes. If you think you have found an error please take a note of the question (not the number because the system does a small amount of randomizing) and let us know.

The system we are using is a free download from the web so if we get lots of positive feedback we may have to look at paying out for a better system.

**FAQ's (Frequently asked questions)**

Q. Do we accept digital photos?

A. Yes, either as JPEG or BitMAP files. The photos must come from the invigilator so that we know the photo has been verified by the invigilator.

**Examination Orders**

We have received back quite a few unused examinations. We know sometimes it cannot be helped as courses are cancelled, people don't turn up etc. But please consider the number of exams you order (1 or 2 over is fine) as waste adds unnecessarily to the cost.

**New Fees**

The following fees were approved by the ACMA and were instigated 16/5/2011. These fees have been calculated so that at the expiry of the Deed the OMC will have (theoretically) neither a loss nor a profit. Provided nothing extraordinary happens and all goes as budgeted the fees should not change until 31 July 2012 when the Deed between AMC and ACMA expires.

The charges for OMC Services (Inclusive of GST) are:

Item	Old Fees	New Fees Effective from 16/05/2011
Examinations – MROCP, MROVCP, MCSSE	\$56.00	\$59.00
Replacement Certificates	\$31.00	\$26.00
Marine Radio Operator's Handbook	\$34.00	\$36.50
Marine VHF Radio Operator's Handbook	\$14.00	\$15.00
Postage & Handling for 1 handbook	\$06.00	\$2.50

Postage for multiple handbooks phone 1300 365 262 for quote.