



Volunteer Marine Rescue Services



What do the Volunteer Marine Rescue Services do?

Volunteer Marine Rescue Services (VMRS) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure their local communities are safe.

VMRS members serve their respective local communities on a voluntary basis by undertaking both operational and non-operational roles.

VMRS groups work in close liaison with the Western Australia Police, coordinating and performing a range of marine rescue activities for the WA community.

Volunteers are trained and equipped to carry out a range of activities such as those listed below.

- Undertaking the role of Skipper or Crew on a dedicated marine rescue vessel.
- Operating local marine radio services.
- Conducting accredited training courses in marine safety.



What volunteer roles are available?

Volunteers undertake various roles according to their abilities, interests, and what they are comfortable with.

The different VMRS roles are listed below.

- Crewing a marine rescue vessel
- Administration
- Radio communications
- Chart reading and navigation
- Boating and sea safety education
- Training and assessment
- Social and digital media
- Group marketing and public relations.





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What are the benefits of volunteering?

- Opportunity to serve your community
- Increase your knowledge and skills
- Opportunity to apply existing skills in a new environment
- Gain personal satisfaction
- Be active
- Challenge yourself
- Meet new people.

What will I be doing?

Time commitment varies from location to location and depends upon your responsibilities. In most cases it can be tailored to suit both you and the group.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending incidents whenever possible.
- Following instructions given by group officers.
- Operating and maintaining equipment correctly.
- Attending group meeting regularly.
- Participating in training as required.

Group contact information

Group Name:
Group member:
Position:
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For more information

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