



MARINE RESCUE NSW

THINKING ABOUT JOINING MARINE RESCUE NSW?

Marine Rescue NSW is the state's official volunteer marine rescue service, with headquarters based in Sydney and 47 units: 45 along the NSW coast between Point Danger to the north, Eden to the south, and our first two units on inland waters, Marine Rescue Alpine Lakes in the Snowy Mountains and Marine Rescue Moama on the Murray River. Membership currently exceeds 3,200 volunteers.

By joining MRNSW, you will become one of a team of committed emergency service volunteers, who are dedicated to saving lives on the water. There's a job for almost everyone at one of our 47 units, including:

- Rescue crew
- Radio operator
- Fundraiser
- Training
- Administration and
- Publicity.

We're confident you'll find a role in which to put your existing skills and the new qualifications you'll gain as part of our professional training system to good use. If you're interested in pursuing a maritime career, your experience with MRNSW can help you reach that goal.

Just as importantly, by becoming one of our volunteer members, you'll have the satisfaction of working side-by-side with your mates to give something back to your community. That's as rewarding as it is admirable.



Marine Rescue Botany Port Hacking Unit operates two 10 metre Kevlacat 3000 Commercial Series fast response rescue vessel, one covering the waters of Botany Bay, Georges River, and fifteen (15) nautical miles seaward between Wedding Cake Island and Cape Bailey, and one covering the waters of Port Hacking and fifteen (15) nautical miles seaward between Cape Bailey and Stanwell Park. We also operate Solander Radio Base, located at Hungry Point, Cronulla.



MRNSW – our services

MRNSW provides boaters on NSW waters with a vital safety net:

- Swift, coordinated search and rescue with a fleet of more than 70 accredited rescue vessels
- 24/7 continuous marine radio monitoring along the coastline
- Boating safety education and boat, PWC and marine radio licence courses for boaters.

Vessel Log On and Off service

MRNSW is the only body in NSW that provides boaters with a vessel tracking Log On/Off service. Boaters simply contact their nearest MRNSW unit when they are heading out on the water and provide details of their vessel, the number of people on board, their destination and planned return time. When they return, they Log Off to let us know they're back safely. This means someone responsible knows they're out on the water and can swiftly start to search for them if they do not return as scheduled.



Search and Rescue



Our crews respond to MAYDAY and other distress calls.

MRNSW crews are tasked to carry out Search and Rescue (SAR) operations by the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command, which is responsible for the coordination of rescue operations on both land and water.

We work with other agencies, including Police, Roads and Maritime Services, Surf Life Saving and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, on major SAR operations.

Routine assists

As well as SAR operations, our units also help boaters in less life-threatening incidents on the water, such as:

- Battery and/or mechanical problems
- Needing a tow back to their mooring or safe anchorage
- Need their hull pumped out
- Un-grounding
- Stuck anchors



Medical emergencies

- Our members have first aid training
- We are equipping the fleet with life-saving automatic defibrillators
- We can transport medical crews to remote locations
- We work with NSW Ambulance paramedics to help boaters needing medical attention



Radio operations

Our trained Radio Operators provide a range of services:

- Log On/Off service for boaters travelling between ports or just out for the day
- Vessel tracking
- Monitoring radio transmissions on VHF Channel 16 (also repeater channels 21, 22, 80, 81 and 82, depending on the region)
- Monitoring radio transmissions on 27 MHz Channel 88
- Monitoring MF/HF 2182 kHz transmissions
- Marine radio transmission and reception checks for boaters
- Broadcasting regular weather forecasts
- Marine Radio licence courses for the Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency and Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency



Training

MRNSW is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), which means we are licensed to train our members according to recognised standards. Our competency-based training is designed by MRNSW in line with industry standards and State Rescue Board requirements.

MR RTO delivers training in marine rescue and/or radio operations to members at the local unit or through regional workshops, for example, marine firefighting.

Members can choose to train for:

- Vessel duty
- Radio operations or
- Both, depending on the unit's resources and facilities

The Maritime and Public Safety Training Packages include subjects such as seamanship skills, WHS and safety at sea, navigation and electronics, simple engineering, communications, operational risk assessment, working as a team, search and rescue and debriefings.

Members must complete a set number of Units of Competencies (subjects) to achieve their ratings. We provide mentoring support during training.

Qualifications issued by other RTOs will be fully recognised by MR RTO, as long as a certified copy of the original qualification is provided to the unit Training Officer.



What Does MRNSW Want?

- Willingness & Ability to work as part of a team. This is important as the safety of the vessel, your life and your crew mates can depend on you following orders.
- Dedication ,
- General Keeness
- A sense of responsibility.
- Ability to offer yourself & your time on a regular basis.
- Flexibility with rostering & training
- Willingness to learn and take part in all activities
- Complete each level of training within 12 months if not quicker.
- Willingness to be of public assistance.

Your Commitment

- Before joining, please discuss this with your family and get them to support you as your commitment can greatly impact your family and social life.
- As Marine Rescue is an accredited Combat Agency with the State Rescue Board and Emergency Management NSW, we form a part of the overall State Emergency Services network under the control of the Minister for Police & Emergency Services.
- There can be times where we attend dangerous situations, which can increase the personal risks of injury or life associated with your duty. Just to add to this, our unit has not lost any members to a work accident in over 40yrs.
- You should also discuss your commitment with your employer as MRNSW is part of the State Emergency Services, and is regularly called on to help out other organisations in times of disaster. RFS – Bushfires, SES-Floods, AMSA & Police – Maritime Search & rescue, Sydney airport plane crash,

What is required of you?

- We require you to obtain your MSW Recreational Boat Licence as a minimum. You can also sit for the PWC licence if you wish as well. This can be gained before or after you have joined.
- Also we require you to obtain your Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (**MROCP**)
- The MROCP is a one of fee for a life time licence.
- These two statutory licences are personal and are paid for by you.
- All active members must possess a current First Aid & Advance Resuscitation certificates.
- After you fill out the application form and provide a 100 point ID check, you will first be screened by CrimTrac. (CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK).
- You will be put on probation for six months, and placed with a rostered crew. Your attendance will be monitored.
- The roster covers Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays for the following:
- Boat duty is 1 day per month, start 08:00 Finish 18:30. If a rescue is in progress we continue until finished or relieved.
- ½ Day per month Radio duty. Shifts are AM & PM. AM starts 006:20 finish 12.30. PM starts @ 12.15 and Finishes 18:30 hrs or when all vessels have been logged off. If a rescue is underway, the Base stays open until all rescue vessels have returned to their moorings.

- You are also required to attend a minimum of six (4) bi-monthly unit meetings at the units' headquarters in Cronulla, Unit meetings are held during the even months of the year.
- As we are a registered charity, we have to fundraise to help cover operating expenses. You will also be required to assist regularly with fundraising and Public Relations activities such as; BCF club night BBQ's, Bunnings BBQ's, sell raffle tickets, boat ramp visits, boat shows, etc.
- You are also expected to attend regular training sessions. Courses are competency based, some are conducted in a class room environment on week nights or weekends, and others are conducted as on the job training in the Radio Base and on the Vessels.

What do you receive?

- You will be issued with a Free Uniform after your probationary period. Returnable on leaving MRNSW.
- You will get to be part of a team of great people (both Male and Female).
- You will be trained in all aspects of Marine Operations and Safety as well as First Aid and Resuscitation.
- You will gain knowledge of safe boat handling and first-hand knowledge of our beautiful waterways.
- You will have a sense of satisfaction in being of public assistance in rescues and emergencies.

Ask Yourself What & Why.

- What are you looking for by joining Marine Rescue?
- Why do you want to join?
- What can YOU offer MRNSW?
- What is your availability for meetings, duties & training?
- Are you prepared to become involved?
- Have YOU considered short & long term costs to you? (Time, money, travel, family, work).
- Are you willing to obey lawful commands from superior officers?
- Do you have any medical condition which could possibly endanger you, your vessel or colleagues?

More information

Information on MRNSW can be found in a range of documents and locations.

Website

The MRNSW website, www.marinerescuensw.com.au, is a valuable store of information, including:

- MRNSW Constitution
- News updates and upcoming unit events
- Online editions of our *Soundings* magazines
- Boating safety and radio information

MRNSW is also on face book <https://www.facebook.com/MarineRescue?ref=mf>

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Join up today!

Look up Marine Rescue NSW website select "**BECOMING A VOLUNTEER**"

Please complete the online **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** form & submit.

This will go to our Headquarters who will forward your request to your nearest or requested Unit (for a full list of Units) at main menu select "**FIND A UNIT**" <http://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/volunteers>