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## Aboard VMR Brisbane Vessels

### 1.0 Introduction

This document provides guidelines for the safety of active crew personnel when serving aboard VMR Brisbane vessels.

### 2.0 References

VMR Brisbane Training Manual  
Small Ships Manual 1993

### 3.0 Detailed Information

- a) All persons aboard a VMR Brisbane vessel shall comply with the instructions of the person responsible for the safety of the vessel and crew.
- b) Each active crew member serving aboard a VMR Brisbane vessel has a position to which they are allocated.
- c) Unless the person responsible for the safety of the vessel and crew assigns a crew member a task, each crew member shall maintain their position until directed to move.
- d) All unnecessary movement aboard a VMR Brisbane vessel shall be kept to a minimum as movement can affect the trim of the vessel.
- e) Always maintain a secure hold while aboard a VMR Brisbane vessel.
- f) The ability of VMR Brisbane vessels to manoeuvre at high speed, coupled with operating in adverse conditions, can result in injuries for any person failing to maintain a secure hold.
- g) Due to the confined working area aboard VMR Brisbane vessels, it is most important that the decks be kept clean and tidy at all times to reduce the risk of injury to passengers and crew.
- h) Horseplay is forbidden while aboard a VMR Brisbane vessel.
- i) While moving around on a VMR Brisbane vessel, move carefully and maintain a secure hold and a safe footing.
- j) Never move hands free.
- k) The consumption of alcohol 12 hours prior to active duty shall be reported to the senior person on duty at the time and a decision made as to the suitability of the affected member to be on roster.
- l) When coming alongside a vessel or an object, e.g. jetty, pontoon, etc. and a crew person is sent to the bow of the VMR Brisbane vessel, that crew person shall make their way to the bow via the opposite side to which the VMR Brisbane vessel intends to come alongside the vessel or object.  
**Example** – If the VMR Brisbane vessel was to come alongside a vessel with that vessel on to her starboard side, then the crew member should make their way to the bow via the port side.
- m) In adverse conditions, were a crew member to make their way to the bow on the same side as the VMR Brisbane vessel was to come alongside another vessel, and the crew person slipped, they may fall into the other vessel and be injured or fall between the two vessels and be crushed.



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## 4.0 Summary

By strict adherence to these basic guidelines, persons serving aboard VMR Brisbane vessels should be able to do so safely.