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Amber Strobe Lights

1.0 Introduction

This document provides guidelines for the use of the amber strobe lights which are installed on our rescue vessels.

2.0 References

Requirements as indicated by VMRAQ

Regulation lights as published in the Small Ships Manual

3.0 Detailed Information

- a) Two LED amber strobe lights are fitted to the targa frame of Sandgate 1 and to the overhead targa frame of Sandgate 2 and Sandgate 3.
- b) On **Sandgate 1** the on/off switch is located on the dashboard in front of the helm and is labelled "HAZARD LIGHTS".
On **Sandgate 2** the on/off switch is located overhead the helm and labelled "STROBE LIGHTS".
On **Sandgate 3** the on/off switch is located on the dashboard in front of the helm and is labelled "STROBE LIGHTS".
- c) These strobe lights should not be used each and every time our vessels are on the water and in particular, during daylight hours except in the following circumstances:
 - During daylight hours when our vessels are engaged in an official search and rescue scenario sanctioned by the Water Police or other authority.
 - During daylight hours when an assist job is being effected but then only when within a reasonable distance from the distressed vessel in order that the distressed vessel may be able to identify the rescue vessel and thus direct it to his/her position. During the tow to port, the strobe lights must be switched off and the appropriate towing flag displayed.
 - During any night activities the strobe lights may be used at the discretion of the Master, however, the regulation navigation lights must be displayed and, if towing, the regulation towing lights must be displayed.
- d) If for any reason one of the strobe lights does not operate, the remaining one must be switched off as one amber strobe light indicates that you are a hovercraft, which may cause confusion to another vessel.

4.0 Summary

By following the requirements of this SOP, the amber strobe lights will be a useful aid to us being recognised as an emergency vessel.