

BBSC HANDBOOK SECTION 1, PART 14: RADIO COMMUNICATION

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In the case of an emergency

Remain calm. Go to the **Emergency Plan in Part 19** of this Handbook and follow the procedures for making a Distress or Urgency signal/call on **VHF channel 16 or 80**.

With the Race Officer – on VHF

Radio communications between the Race Officer and a boat in a race shall be on **VHF Channel 74**.

When participating in a race, maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 74 (for race related information) and VHF channel 16 (Marine Rescue NSW).

With Marine Rescue Batemans Bay – on VHF

Logging-on

Do not try and log-on/log-off within 3 minutes of the beginning of each hour or half hour when radio silence should be observed to facilitate a listening watch for a weak Distress or Urgency signal/call.

Listen on channel 16 to ensure the channel is clear.

If a member of the Batemans Bay Marine Rescue Radio Club, use the prefix **BM** before your Radio Club membership number, eg **BM - - - -**.

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Press the transmit button and say:

- (a) Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, Marine Rescue Batemans Bay this is BM - - - - on channel 16.
- (b) Over.

Marine Rescue will:

- (c) acknowledge your call; and
- (d) ask you to go to, and call it on, channel 73.

When you make contact on channel 73 repeat you call sign (Say: Marine Rescue Batemans Bay this is BM - - - - on channel 73) and provide the following information:

- (e) the number of persons on board;
- (f) where you are coming from and going to (eg:, I am leaving the marina to participate in a sailing club race on the Bay);
- (g) your estimated time of return; and

Finish the contact by saying “Over”.

Marine Rescue will confirm your details.

Acknowledge the confirmation and conclude by thanking Marine Rescue and informing it you will be maintaining a listening watch on the Club’s racing channel 74 **and** channel 16.

Logging-off

Listen on channel 16 to ensure the channel is clear.

Press the transmit button and say:

- (h) Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, Marine Rescue Batemans Bay, Marine Rescue Batemans Bay this is BM - - - - on channel 16.
- (i) Over.

Marine Rescue will:

- (j) acknowledge your call; and
- (k) ask you to go to, and call it on, channel 73.

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When you make contact on channel 73 repeat you call sign (Say: Marine Rescue Batemans Bay this is BM - - - - on channel 73) thank it for its coverage and ask to be logged-off.

Wait for Marine rescue to acknowledge your request.

In the event of a radio failure

In the event of a radio failure, you may contact Marine Rescue Batemans Bay on **4472 3060**