



## Document Control

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### 1. Purpose

**1.1** The purpose of this LOP is to provide a guide to Marine Rescue Sydney State Communications Centre (MRS) members on the VHF Radio and Channels to use in the Greater Sydney Region. Refer LOP OP 6 for use of DCN.

### 2. VHF Radio and Channels to be used by MRS to cover Greater Sydney Region

**2.1** If a call comes in loud and clear on North Head VHF 16 radio, the MRS Radio Operator (RO) should send the call directly to:

Channel 19 (RO to use North Head VHF CC radio) or  
 Channel 22 (RO to use North Head VHF 22 radio found on the “Sydney Tab” of ALTO) or if North Head VHF CC Channels 19 and 22 are both busy, direct the call to:

Channel 73 (South Head VHF CC radio)

If the call is unclear, ask for the location and send the call to the appropriate channel. The RO may need to change radios as described below.

**2.2** If the call is off shore South or in Botany Bay or Port Hacking and MR – Solander is operational, ask the caller to contact MR Solander on VHF 16. If the vessel wants to continue contact with MRS, complete the call and relay the details to MR Solander by phone. If it is a log on, advise the vessel to call MR Solander to log off with MR Solander (if the destination is off shore South or in Botany Bay or Port Hacking) and transfer vessel to MR Solander on Seahawk.

**2.3** If MR Solander is not operational or not hearing or responding to the call, RO should direct the call to Channel 78 and the RO is to use Heathcote VHF CC radio or if this is busy use Maddens VHF 82 radio (found on the “Sydney Tab” of ALTO)

**2.4** If the call is offshore North or in the Pittwater area, direct the call to

Channel 78 (RO to use Killcare VHF CC Radio) or if busy, direct call to  
 Channel 21 (RO to use Killcare VHF 21 Radio) or

If the vessel is further down Cowan Creek or the in the Hawkesbury area, call can be directed to 81 and the RO to use Cowan VHF 81 Radio (found on the “Sydney Tab” of ALTO).

(NB: On the “Statewide Tab” of ALTO, the Local VHF CC radio is set on Channel 81 to enable monitoring.)