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President's Report.

Dear Members,

We have appointed a number of new skippers over the recent months and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well, as we know they will do an excellent job.

'Gladstone I' over the recent weeks has been anti-fouled and other maintenance carried out. It is now fully operational and ready for the tasks ahead.

Training has continued, and our crews are maintaining a high level of professionalism in performing their tasks. All our Active members should be congratulated on the enormous dedication and energy contributed to our Organisation.

It's that time again, when the renewal of our memberships is important to us all. Winter is a good opportunity to carry out maintenance on our boats and make sure that all the survival equipment is current and in good working order.

Remember – for safe boating, **LOG ON** to VMRG before going on that trip and **LOG OFF UPON YOUR SAFE RETURN**.

All the very best



DAVE WARNE
PRESIDENT – VMRG.



Chief Controller's Incident & Training Report.

- 02.02.10 Police Activation – unmanned vessel in the Calliope River dragging down on yacht 'Windcall'. 'Mobil II' skipper Adam Balkin and crew Gary Rampton attended. Controller was Paul Thompson. This incident ran into the next incident.
- 02.02.10 Police Activation – an unmanned vessel adrift near the mouth of the Calliope River. 'Gladstone I' skipper Adam Balkin and crew Jeff Caldwell & Gary Rampton did the job. Controller was Paul Thompson. 25 total man hours for the 2 jobs.
- 03.02.10 Police Activation – an unmanned vessel adrift near the mouth of the Calliope River. 'Gladstone I' skipper John Clark and crew Jeff Caldwell & Darren Daniels did the job. Controller was Paul Thompson. 12 total man hours.
- 10.02.10 Medivac from Gatcombe Heads. 'Gladstone I' skipper Joe Mobbs & crew Rick Melksham & Tracey Galland did the job. Brian Haydon was the Controller. Total man hours – 9.
- 14.02.10 Vessel with steering trouble at The 12 Mile- 4 POB – 'Gladstone I' skipper John Ibell and crew Dirk Mouton & Bruce Jansen did the job. Controller was Hamish McLeod. 12 total man hours. A nice thank you for VMRG was a \$100 donation.
- 13.02.10 May Day – vessel with 2 POB ran onto Sykes Reef in the dark at near High Tide. Bow aground, stern sinking. The vessel 'Too Bad' came from 1 nm away and stood by. FV 'Coimbra' offered but was too far away and wasn't required. Bait burley and fish washing out made swimming to 'Too Bad' too dangerous. Alan Hollis on the National Parks vessel 'Renella' later got them off and took them to Heron Is. Thanks also to VMR Round Hill and Gladstone Water Police. Hamish McLeod was the Controller. A good job by all involved. Our crew was on standby from 1945 hrs till 2130 hrs. Total man hrs – 20.
- 20.02.10 TRAINING – On 'Mobil II', skipper Frank Daly & crew Terry Werder, Lisa Castley, John Johansen, David Nolan & Greg Sharp went down to Gatcombe Boat Harbour, then across the Island by 4x4 & Frank pointed out Rocks & Reefs etc. Steve Mattson was Controller. Training man hours 40.
- 06.03.10 TRAINING – Close Quarters Manoeuvring with 'Mobil II'. Skipper Russ Charles & crew Jeff Caldwell, Edwina Harding, Chris Galea, Andrew Louttit, Will Gould, Ian Macintosh, Greg Sharp & Gregg Schneider. Brian Haydon was Controller.
- 07.03.10 Vessel with 2 POB, failed motor required a tow from 23°47 x 151°36. 'Gladstone I' skipper Russ Charles & crew Ian Macintosh, Edwina Harding, Jeff Caldwell, Andrew Louttit, Greg Sharp & Gary Rampton did the job. Controller was Brian Haydon.
- 07.03.10 Vessel - 1 POB with flat battery. This job done with previous one. Skipper Russ Charles & crew Ian Macintosh, Edwina Harding, Jeff Caldwell, Andrew Louttit, Greg Sharp & Gary Rampton. Controller was Brian Haydon.
- 13.03.10 TRAINING – 'Gladstone I' in the Marina. Close Quarters Manoeuvring. Skipper Joe Mobbs & crew Dave Warne, Hamish McLeod, John Johansen, Tracey Galland & Greg Sharp. Hamish McLeod was the Controller.
- 20.03.10 Training – 'Mobil II' Rafting & EPIRB Detection in the Harbour. Skipper Mal Clarke & crew Hamish McLeod, Greg Sharp, John Johansen & trainee Peter Bonnici.
- 24.03.10 Vessel, 2 POB in the Calliope River needed a tow to the boat ramp. 'Mobil II' skipper Paul Thompson & crew Darren Daniels did the job. Controller was Jim Purcell. Total man hours 3.
- MAR 10 TRAINING – Probable Close Quarters Manoeuvring – 'Gladstone I' & 'Mobil II'. Skippers Mal Clarke & Hamish McLeod & crew Lisa Castley, John Johansen, Dave Warne, Greg Sharp, Frank D'Arro, Garth Breayley & trainee Chris Castley. Controller was Paul Thompson.
- 27.03.10 May Day near One Tree Island crew on standby. Skipper Joe Mobbs & crew Dave Warne, Ray English, Frank D'Arro & Terry Werder. Controller was Paul Thompson. Everyone was on standby for 4½ hours.
- 02.04.10 Vessel out of fuel east of Castle Rocks. 'Gladstone I' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Dave Warne & Darren Daniels did the job.

- 03.04.10 Medivac off a vessel near Pig Island in the Colosseum. 'Gladstone I' skipper Russ Charles & crew Greg Sharp, Dave Warne, John Johansen & Rob Craven. Controller was Brian Haydon. Total man hours 20.
- 03.04.10 Brisbane to Gladstone Race yacht lost rudder 8 nm east of Fairway Buoy. 'Gladstone I' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew John Johansen, Jeff Caldwell & Allyn Thorburn did the difficult job. Controller was Brian Haydon. Total man hrs 38.
- 04.04.10 Injured crew on another Brisbane to Gladstone racing yacht. Radio and telephone assist only. Brian Haydon was the Controller.
- 10.04.10 A 6.7m half cabin vessel with 3 POB, 2nm off Gatcombe Heads with engine failure. 'Gladstone I' skipper Russ Charles & crew Dave Kopelke, Greg Sharp & Greg Schneider did the job. Controller was Hamish McLeod. Total man hours – 17.
- 10.04.10 A 5.2m runabout – 2 POB – with engine failure at the Cabbage Patch. 'Gladstone I' skipper Russ Charles & crew Dave Kopelke, Greg Sharp, Greg Schneider & Terry Werder did the job. Controller was Hamish McLeod. Total man hrs – 50.
- 11.04.10 7.2m half cabin with 3 POB, had engine failure near N10. 'Gladstone 1' did the job with skipper Russ Charles & crew Gregg Schneider, Greg Sharp & Edwina Harding. Hamish McLeod was the Controller. 16 total man hours.
- 12.04.10 A vessel, probably a Charter Boat (10 POB) put out a Mayday call after a wind change put them up on North West Island. Radio & Phone assist only. Hamish McLeod was the Controller. Total man hours – 8.
- 20.04.10 Medivac off South End of Curtis Island. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Peter Miles & crew Michael Spalek & Tracey Galland attended.
- APR 10 Skippers John Ibell & Mal Clarke with crew John Johansen, Dirk Mouton, Bruce Janson, Greg Sharp, Terry Werder, Hamish McLeod & Michael Spalek. Controller was Jim Purcell.
- 25.04.10 Vessel broken down off North Entrance. Called skipper John Ibell & crew Greg Sharp, Dirk Mouton, Darren Daniels & Bruce Jansen but Trevor Laver towed him in and crew stood down. Jim Purcell Controller.
- 26.04.10 A 56ft Trawler type vessel, 8 POB, dialled 000. Had no steering out at the Fairway Buoy. Phone went flat. Water Police found vessel & tasked us to attend. Police fixed steering, but we had to attend later when the vessel caught fire. We stood by in case of 'abandon ship'. Police RIB No 6 took the Furies down. Skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Bruce Jansen, Greg Sharp, Dirk Mouton & John Johansen. Controller was Jim Purcell. Total man hours 26.
- 26.04.10 Vessel with broken starter motor at The Oaks needed a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Bruce Jansen, Greg Sharp, Dirk Mouton & John Johansen attended. Controller was Jim Purcell.
- APR 10 Medivac from The Oaks came in while on previous incident. We organized Ambulance Officers, but Water Police offered to take them over if we brought them & patient back, but Water Police did the whole job. Controller was Jim Purcell.
- 01.05.10 TRAINING – EPIRB Detection & Instrument Orientation, Skipper Hamish McLeod, Crew Terry Werder, Dave Warne, Gary Johnston, Frank D'Arro, Tracey Galland, Greg Sharp, Kim Lynch, Bob Craven & John Johansen. Controller was Jim Purcell. Training fuel 27 litres.
- 01.05.10 6 met. Vessel – 3 POB, at 23°55.9S x 151°28.869E had steering failure and needed a tow. 'Gladstone 1' Skipper Hamish McLeod & Crew Dave Warne, Terry Werder, John Johansen, Frank D'Arro, & Kim Lynch (Trainee) attended. Controller was Jim Purcell. 35 total man hours.
- 02.05.10 Vessel with 3 POB broken down in the Calliope River, but got vessel going themselves. Crew Paul Thompson & Terry Werder stood down at 11.30hrs. Controller Brian Haydon. Radio assist only. 2 man hours.
- 03.05.10 4.6m Sportscraft, 4 POB, near Tide Island and needed a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Terry Werder, John Johansen & Frank D'Arro attended. Controller was Jim Purcell. Paid in full.
- 07.05.10 8m catamaran at est. position 23°06.50S x 151°32.00E adrift from North West Is. overnight and found by 'Freedom Monach' at 1400 hrs at 23°06.33S x 151°32.56E. Controller Jim Purcell. Man hours 8.
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- SAREX OPERATION CONDUCTED BY YEPPON COAST GUARD & KEPPEL SANDS COAST GUARD – 8TH & 9TH MAY 2010.**
- 08.05.10 TRAINING – Travel Gladstone to Yeppoon. Rosslyn Bay Marina to Keppel Is. to Keppel Bay. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Frank Daly & crew Trevor Davies, Hamish McLeod, Brian Haydon, Kim Lynch, Ian Macintosh & Edwina Harding. 14 Man hours.
- 08.05.10 TRAINING – KEPPEL Is. to Keppel Bay. Sarex incident – Svensons Beach G.K.I. 'Gladstone 1' skipper John Ibell & crew Frank Daly, Frank D'Arro, Jeff Caldwell, Will Gould, Gary Rampton & Sarex observer Bryon Higgins. 16.1 man hours.
- 08.05.10 TRAINING – Man reported in water S.W. Pelican Island – Keppel Bay to Pelican Is. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Trevor Davies, Greg Sharp, Tracey Galland, Kim Lynch & Darren Daniels. 22.8 man hours.
- 09.05.10 TRAINING – Return voyage, Yeppoon to Gladstone. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Trevor Davies, Greg Sharp, Tracey Galland & Kim Lynch. 21 man hours.
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- 10.05.10 7m punt, 7 POB, with swamped motor at 23°43.74S x 151°08.08E at the top of Targinnie Creek. 'Mobil II' skipper Frank Daly & crew Brad Busted attended. Hamish McLeod was Controller. 7.5 total man hours.
- 11.05.10 33ft Randell vessel, 4 POB, heating problem off QAL wharf. Made temporary repairs and returned to Marina. Skipper Mal Clarke & crew Trevor Davies & Joe Mullins on standby, then stood down. Radio assist only Controller was Hamish McLeod. Total man hours 6.
- 11.05.10 Runabout with 1 POB, location Jenny Lind – throttle jammed open. Standby only as person made his own way back to Boyne River safely and killed motor at the Ramp. All OK.
- 14.05.10 32ft cruiser, 3 POB, required a tow from Farmers Point. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Trevor Davies & crew Graham Lehmann & Paul Thompson attended. Controller was Hamish McLeod.
- 15.05.10 6m half cabin, 4 POB, had motor trouble at 23°29.123S x 151°32.050E and required a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Dave Kopelke & crew Terry Werder, John Johansen & Andrew Johnson attended. Controller was Brian Haydon. 37.5 man hours. This incident was attended to in conjunction with the next one.

- 15.05.10 5.1m runabout, 3 POB, motor trouble at 23°17.781S x 151°32.027E and required a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Dave Kopelke & crew Terry Werder, John Johansen & Andrew Johnson attended. Brian Haydon was the Controller. 37.5 man hours.
- 15.05.10 8m vessel, 4 POB, motor trouble at 23°31.278S x 151°18.669E and required a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Hamish McLeod & crew Jeff Caldwell, Gary Rampton & John Johansen attended. Controller was Brian Haydon. 38 total man hours.
- 20.05.10 4.8m runabout, 1 POB, motor trouble in the channel at Farmers Point and required a tow. 'Gladstone 1' skipper Brad Busted & crew Brian Haydon attended. Brian Haydon was Controller. 4 total man hours.
- 20.05.10 5m cuddy cabin, 2 POB, motor east of Farmers Point at 23°44.871S x 151°19.580E and required a tow. 'Mobil II' skipper Frank Daly & crew Jeff Caldwell & Terry Werder attended. Controller was Brian Haydon. 13 total man hours.

I would like to thank all the Skippers, Crew, Radio Operators & Controllers for an excellent job during the Brisbane to Gladstone Mono & Multi Hull Yacht Races over the Easter weekend. You all sounded & acted very professional. You all arrived for your rosters on time, kept your minds on the job, were courteous to all our Dignitaries, who commented on the good job you all did. They didn't even mind going out on 'Mobil II' when 'Gladstone I' was towing in a competitor who lost his rudder. You are all a credit to this organisation.

I hope you all would be prepared to do the same next year. It would be very much appreciated. We do need more crew for 'Mobil II' next year though.

I would also like to thank Maureen Mason, the Council Liason for Easter and Brian & Nicole from the Yacht Club who between them, provided prawns, sandwiches, biscuits & drinks. They were very easy to work with.

VMRG NEEDS MORE RADIO OPERATORS FOR THE BASE STATION FOR WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. Men or women. You would have to get your Radio Licence, then we would train you till you feel comfortable on your own. Next Radio Licence course is on Tuesday & Thursday nights 24th & 26th August commencing at 6.45pm AND THERE ARE 6 COMPLIMENTARY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR VMRG OPERATORS. For more information or to get started, please ring me, Jim Purcell on 4972 1676 or 0429 721 676

Jim

JIM PURCELL
CHIEF CONTROLLER – VMRG.



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