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Chief Controller's Incident Report.

- 01.11.09 A Jet-ski sinking at the mouth of Auckland Ck (phone call from wife). Called crew and asked boats being launched if they could help. One towed the jet-ski back to the ramp. Crew stood down. Controller Steve Mattson.
- 04.11.09 Vessel – 3 POB – with a damaged impellor off North West Is. 'Gladstone I' Skipper Paul Thompson and crew John Johansen & Hamish McLeod did the job. Controller was Steve Mattson. 28 man hours.
- 05.11.09 16ft vessel – 3 POB – out of fuel in the Harbour. 'Mobil II' Skipper Paul Thompson and crew Darren Daniels & John Johansen did the job. Steve Mattson was the Controller. 18 man hours.
- 08.11.09 17met. Ketch with engine failure near Sable Chief Rocks. With big seas and 25 knot S.E. winds they sailed around Gatcombe Head, then were towed in by 'Gladstone I' and skipper Frank Daly with crew Terry Werder, Paul Van Meteren & Dave Warne. Controller was Brian Haydon. 24 man hours.
- 08.11.09 The Gladstone 100 – 'Gladstone I' skipper Frank Daly and crew Terry Werder, Paul Van Meteren & Dave Warne and 'Mobil II' skipper Paul Thompson and crew Darren Daniels. All put in a full day.
- 10.11.09 Following relayed phone calls from Keppel Sands Coast Guard that 3 people were sitting on Oyster Rock with vessel damaged and can't start, 'Gladstone I' skipper Paul Thompson and crew John Johansen & Darren Daniels brought them back. State of the tide & strong winds made vessel recovery impossible. Jim Purcell was Controller. 13 man hours.
- 15.11.09 A phone call about a vessel adrift from Rundle Is. to a Father resulted in a Police activation. 'Gladstone I' skipper Paul Thompson and crew Trevor Davies, Garry Matthews & Darren Daniels set out & a helicopter was diverted by Police. The vessel was grounded earlier but later floated off and on the way home. 2 POB, both OK. No radio and a flat phone battery caused the mix-up. Controller was Brian Haydon. 16 man hours.
- 22.11.09 Vessel with a motor overheating near North West Is. making slow progress but finally stopped. Joe Mobbs and his mate towed them home. Thanks boys.
- 05.12.09 A vessel with 2 POB was sinking at 23° 43.3S x 151° 39.9E. Another vessel was first on the scene and took the crew off. (Thanks Michael). 'Gladstone I' skipper John Ibell and crew Dirk Mouton, Darren Daniels, Bruce Janson & Lisa Cadona attended. The Controller was Brian Haydon. 23 man hours.
- 08.12.09 Vessel with 2 POB required a tow from along the Bund wall above Auckland Ck. 'Mobil II' skipper Paul Thompson and crew John Johansen attended. 5 man hours.
- 10.12.09 Vessel with 2 POB out of fuel near Clinton coal wharf. Another vessel 'The General' loaned them fuel. Many thanks to 'The General'. Controller was Jim Purcell. 3 man hours. No crew called.
- 14.12.09 Vessel with 1 POB possibly low on oil outside anchored Freighters. 'Mobil II' being run in, took oil half way down but wasn't needed. Skipper Paul Thompson and crew Dave Warne & Lisa Castley.
- 20.12.09 Vessel with 3 POB, with engine trouble near Polmaise Reef and needed a tow. 'Gladstone I' skipper John Clark and crew Trevor Davies, Joe Mullins, Graham Lehmann and Bob Craven did the job. Hamish McLeod was Controller.
- 20.12.09 A Pan Pan relay put out by 'Spirit of Success' on behalf of a spear fisherman attacked by a shark in the Lamont Reef area allowed Controller Hamish McLeod to organize the Rescue Helicopter to meet the casualty at Heron Island. Many thanks to the 'Spirit of Success', the Heron Island nursing staff and the Rescue Helicopter.
- 22.12.09 6 met. runabout, 3 POB, broken down 10 n. miles west of North West Island and needed a tow. 'Gladstone I' skipper John Ibell and crew Joe Mullins, John Johansen and Darren Daniels did the job. Controller was Hamish McLeod. 18 man hours.
- 25.12.09 (Christmas Day) – 10ft dinghy with 2 POB had a flat battery near Witt Island. 'Mobil II' skipper Frank Daly and crew Darren Daniels found him and got him underway. Controller was Hamish McLeod.
- 27.12.09 A Medivac request from Curtis Island campers. Police vessel 'W.D.Wrembrek' was on the water and offered to do the job. Controller was Steve Mattson. Radio and phone help only.
- 27.12.09 Vessel with 2 POB broked down near Ripple Rock. Another vessel offered to get them. Steve Mattson was the Controller. 2 ½ man hours. Thanks Peter.
- 03.01.10 A 6.2met. ½ cabin, 4 POB, with fuel problems 14 n.miles off North Entrance. 'Gladstone I' skipper Doug Savage and crew Tony DiRosa, Michael Spalek, Ray English and John Johansen did the job. Controller was Jim Purcell. 20 man hours.
- 07.01.10 Police Activation – a yacht in the Calliope River taking water. 'Mobil II' skipper Joe Mobbs and crew John Johansen did the job. (A very quick response – 50 minutes from call to pumping). Controller was Jim Purcell. 6 man hours.
- 07.01.10 A 4.2met. runabout, 3 POB, out of petrol in the Calliope River. 'Mobil II' skipper Joe Mobbs and crew Michael Spalek did the job. Controller was Jim Purcell. 7 man hours.
- 20.01.10 A 6.6met. ½ cabin on the way home from Douglas Shoals required 20 litres of fuel & oil. 'Mobil II' skipper Frank Daly and crew Iain Maeneil did the job. Hamish McLeod was the Controller. 4 man hours.
- 24.01.10 Police Activation – A 38ft yacht aground on the outside of Facing Island, 1 POB. 'Gladstone I' skipper Mal Clarke and crew Trevor Davies, Joe Mullins and Paul Van Meteren did the job. Steve Mattson was the Controller. Many thanks to Kerrod Heinieger, who took crew across the island by 4 WD as is was too rough to get in from seaward. 43 man hours.
- 29.01.10 Medivac from South End on Curtis Island. Authorised by Heather. 'Mobil II' skipper Paul Thompson and crew Paul Van Meteren did the job. 5 man hours.

*Jim*

**JIM PURCELL**  
**CHIEF CONTROLLER – VMRG.**



*From the Unit Training Co-Ordinator.*

The roll out of the “Workplace Based Task Book” for: Certificate II in Transport & Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswain) TDM20307 is now in progress with ongoing enrolments.

Firstly, I appreciate your patience in waiting for this to take place. There has been a tremendous effort by our members in identifying training needs and identifying the gap training required, so our Active members now have the ability in completing the “Workplace Based Task Book” for: Certificate II in Transport & Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswain) TDM20307 and I personally thank those members who assisted me. Job well done.

We have formed a training team consisting of the assistant UTC David Kopelke, qualified trainers, assessors and content experts. The training will be flexible to ensure training is available to the maximum number of members; we will be concentrating our efforts in assisting our new and current members to complete competent crew modules and assist those who need to complete their modules to become a Coxswain.

The training will be delivered on an as needs basis, to provide a plan to develop the levels of competency, so that members can perform their roles and tasks more safely and effectively, consistent with their roles, operational readiness and emergency response capability.

We will be consulting with the Boat Skippers and providing the necessary assistance required, so they can provide training opportunities for their respective crew members. Training will be structured in line with the recognized format and satisfy the VMRAQ and AQTF learning outcomes. Access will be given to suitable training material to ensure the training is consistent across our Organisation.

For those members who are not yet enrolled in the: Certificate II in Transport & Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswain) TDM20307, please contact the Gladstone UTC, so we can provide you with the necessary assistance and guide you through the process.

We will formally commence training on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> March. This session is designed to introduce participants to the Certificate II in Transport & Distribution (Coastal Maritime Operations – Coxswain) TDM20307, and to provide advice and assistance to all members on their training needs.

Once again, thank you for your support.

*Paul Van Meteren*

**UNIT TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR – VMRG.**



Late last year, up on “The Hill”, Maurie & Ian installed the water tank (Donated by President Dave), the water pump, safety shower and eye wash. They wondered at the time, how long the tank would take to fill up.

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## Is Your Photograph A National Winner?

Based on the adage that a 'picture is worth a thousand words', the Attorney-General's Department is searching for the best photographs to recognise emergency management volunteers in action. The theme is 'Emergency Management Volunteers – Thank You'.

### *Who can enter?*

The Competition is open to:

- Professional photographers (ie media organisations or freelance)
- Individuals who are not professional photographers
- Secondary school students (Years 9-12).

### *What are the terms and conditions?*

Full terms and conditions of the Competition can be viewed online at [www.ema.gov.au/volunteers](http://www.ema.gov.au/volunteers). Follow the link to the National Emergency Management Volunteers Photographic Competition web page. Entries close 31 March 2010.

### *What are the prizes?*

Winners and finalists will be invited to attend a National Awards Presentation in Canberra at the commencement of National Volunteer Week, 10-16 May 2010.

The photographer judged to be the outright winner in each category will receive an award plaque, framed certificate, and gift card generously sponsored by Harvey Norman (Professional photographer \$1,500; Individual photographer \$750; Secondary school student \$500).

Highly commended entrants in each stream will receive a framed certificate. The judging panel may also confer commended awards, with the entrant receiving a framed certificate.

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