

PORT SAR EX 7– LONGSHORE CURRENT SEARCH

Task & purpose:

- To develop a comprehensive search plan from limited task information.
- To practice recovery from the water & simulated medical rescue in close inshore situations.
- To plan for recognising & dealing with crew’s operational stress/trauma.


Initial (task information) Report:

1330 - Message from “Sail Boat” to SARCC –

- Three divers have failed to resurface at the scheduled time of 1300 to their “Sail Boat” anchored close off the rocks at Nobbies headland. A large shark was seen nearby.

1335 - Message from Police to SARCC –



- A member of the public reports swimmer in obvious distress sighted off Nobbies.

Team member names and date of exercise:		
Training Officers must exercise the due care in respect of SRB SOP No 9.		
First clarify and evaluate your task information.		
* Training officer’s note: The further information overleaf in the <i>requested additional information</i> is only given if requested by specific questioning from the training exercise team.		
<i>Who -</i> <i>What -</i> <i>Where -</i> <i>Why -</i> <i>Conditions -</i> <i>Injuries -</i> 		
<i>Assets available:</i> Duck Rib Crown Sail Boat		
Initial plan	Skippers duties	Duties delegated to crews

Scenario- Requested additional information:

1400 - Message from Rib after initial search at Knobbies.

Rib recovers one diver at 31° 26′.8 S 152° 56′.0 E. He is confused, suffering excruciating shoulder pains and has laboured breathing. Says a shark spooked them and they all split up.

Now prepare your Operational Plan	
Operational information: <i>Departure point-</i> <i>Conditions-</i> <i>Forecast -</i> <i>Tides -</i> <i>Daylight -</i> <i>Hazards -</i>	Compile information from today's conditions here.
The SAR plan and brief of personnel.  Search pattern & datum.	Sketch search plan here.
On scene risk assessment.	State the hazards here.
De-briefing. 	Did you? Deploy Rib for immediate response, oxy treatment & medevac. Deploy Duck on beach search & organise/liaise with a shore based search team. Approach the incident scene and make a hazard assessment? Deploy Crown for drift test. Search the downwind/current shore for survivors? Plan for the after effects of stress and trauma.
Exercise corresponds to: Motorboat Simulator Port Scenery.	Diver One at location (31° 26′.8 S 152° 56′.16 E) Diver Two at location (31° 27′.7 S 152° 56′.25 E) Diver Three at location (31° 28′.3 S 152° 56′.36 E)

Subsequent update reports revealed by trainer during practical exercise:

1420 -CR1 reports drift test. Use real results. (Simulator Ex. use 0.25Nm @ 170°T in 20mins)

1440 -Shore searchers report a diver stranded on the south outlying rocks off Miners Beach.

1500 -Remains of deceased victim of shark attack recovered from water at Pyramid Rock.

1530- A crewman who previously suffered vomiting is now behaving unusually reserved.

Training resources:

Workbook- "Participate in Marine Rescue Operations" & "Bare Facts of SAR".
Presentation- CD Index>C.C. Lessons> Part. in Mar. Rescue Operations >"Rescue ops"
Presentation- PMSRG Coastal orientation.
Motorboat Sim.- Port Scenery.