

MBTBC Radio Room News

EPIRBs

This might be of interest to the Deep Sea Group and members doing coastal passages.

Current requirements for vessels operating beyond Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters ie outside Moreton Bay and more than two nautical miles from land include, 406 Mhz EPIRBs and formally and correctly registered with AMSA to a particular vessel.

There may be problems for search agencies if an EPIRB registered to a particular vessel is being used on another vessel. There is provision on the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's website to advise them if an EPIRB is to be used on another vessel.

Some EPIRBs are water activated, these EPIRBs should be kept in a dry location to prevent accidental activation.

Scheduled Weather Broadcasts

Following the closure of Coast Station Brisbane Radio some years ago VKQ 447 has been making scheduled weather broadcasts at 0733 and 1233 Monday to Friday on VHF Ch 73 and 27.90 after an initial advice on the calling channels VHF 16 and 27.88. As far as we are aware these are the only Moreton Bay weather broadcasts on 27.90.

Security Broadcast Frequencies

After an initial advice on the calling channels VHF 16 and 27.88 Security broadcasts including strong wind warnings will be made on VHF Ch 73 and 27.90

MBTBC Vessels Log On's

All members are encouraged to log on with VKQ 447 during the week and with Coast Guard Brisbane on weekends and public holidays.

Anecdotally only 30% of vessels using our ramp log on. Logging on gives us a chance to initiate enquiries and possible rescue service action if you are overdue and provides a useful check on your radio equipment should you have a need to use it in an emergency. VKQ 447 is always happy to hear from you.

Remember... For Your Safety, Log On; For our Peace of Mind, Log Off.