

Boat Crew

What is expected of our crew?

Most of our volunteers are weekend boat crew. We ask for 3 half days per month, the majority of which is on the rescue boats. You do not need any experience as you will be fully trained in accordance with our Sea Rescue operating best practice. We also expect a reasonable level of fitness, punctuality and a strong sense of team spirit.

Crewing on the boats is fun and rewarding. However it can also be difficult and demanding: it is the nature of our work that we often attend distressed people in difficult circumstances, sometimes far out to sea.



When are the shifts?

Saturday & Sunday, 8am - 1pm & 1pm - 6pm

Where will I go?

Swan River, Rottnest, Carnac and anywhere in between or beyond.

What is the time commitment?

3 half days per month + evening training on the first Tuesday of each month.

What is my role?

General deck duties, learning to throw tow ropes, operate salvage pumps, navigate, operate the radios, marine first aid... those are just a few.

Can I pilot the boats?

Everyone starts as crew to learn the Sea Rescue procedures. Promotion is according to merit, with potential skippers being identified after at least a year.

Mid-week Radio Operators

What is expected of our mid-week radio operators?

The Radio Communications Tower in Fishing Boat Harbour is the focus of our operations, as it is the first point of contact that most boaters have with Sea Rescue.

Boaters contact the tower to log their voyage plans or to request assistance from us, so in the summer it can be a very busy environment.

If you have some time during the week and would like to train as a radio operator, we would love to hear from you. The commitment is half a day each week, with one half Saturday or Sunday per month. You do not need any experience as all training is provided by our friendly mid-week crew.

When are the shifts?

Monday to Friday, 7.30am - 12.30pm & 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Where will I work?

At the top of the Radio Tower, Fishing Boat Harbour, Fremantle.

What is the time commitment?

Half day per week and half Saturday or Sunday per month.

Other Important Roles

We are always looking for people who can offer some time mid-week for boat crewing, boat maintenance or general administration work.

Whether you regularly have time available each week, or on an ad hoc basis (such as for Fly-In-Fly-Out workers) we would always be interested to hear from you.

With a fleet of six rescue boats to maintain, a network of our 3000 affiliate members to administer or our continuous ongoing fund-raising efforts, there is always something that needs doing. Please go to our General Enquiry Form and send us any details you feel appropriate.

The Next Step

After you fill out our sign-up form you will be contacted by our admissions officer, Mike Meehan. You will be invited to an informal induction evening (held every three months) where you can meet some of the crew and ask your questions.

If you have any questions in the meantime, or would like more information, please ask Mike via the form, or call us on 08 9335 1332.