

Are you aware that :

It is a legal requirement that all operators of VHF marine radios are QUALIFIED.
(There is an exemption for use in emergency situations.)

You cannot operate the DSC Emergency red button without having a "MMSI" No.
(qualification to gain this through attending a course)

There is a new VHF Channel 16 Network for Emergencies along the coast of Vic.

There is a new AWQ VHF Marine Radio Certificate: Introduced by the Australian Media and Communications Authority (AMCA) as a simplified qualification for coastal operators of VHF Marine Radio.

VHF AWQ Marine Radio Licence Course

MYC Members: \$155 (non-members: \$175)

- A three hour course
- Theory and "hands on" use of radios
- Two (2) tests - One multiple choice theory test and a practical test using the radios.
- On successful completion of both tests, a certificate and card are issued on that evening

At VHF AWQ Marine Radio Licence you will:

- Learn the correct channels to use and when to use them.
- Learn how to use "repeater stations" for coastal waters.
- Receive up to date weather and navigational information.
- Obtain a MMSI number for DSC use
- Learn how the use DSC (the "RED Button for emergencies".)
- Learn distress and safety procedures, how to access search and rescue.
- Learn how to respond to an emergency call.
- Send messages that are understood and others know how to respond.
- Learn when and how to operate an EPIRB in a distress situation



Next Course:

Thursday 20th July, 6pm – 9pm @ MYC

Bookings essential by **Sunday 16th July**

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