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COURSE JOINING INSTRUCTIONS – VHF GMDSS OPERATOR (18/19 FEB 22)

1. Your course will take place at: **Fowey Gallants Sailing Club, Amity Court, Fowey, Cornwall, PL23 1DA.**
2. **Pre-Course Required Actions.**
 - a. **Refreshments.** A meal break has been factored into the course programme for you to have lunch. You must please bring a personal cup/thermos mug and spoon with you so as to be self-sufficient; food and beverage sharing are not permitted due to Covid protection measures.
 - b. **VHF Handbook.** The RYA VHF Handbook G31 will be forwarded to you once you have confirmed your place on the course.
 - (i) You are required to conduct pre-course self-learning of between 2–3 hours' maximum. Areas to be studied should include; Legislation, Voice Procedure and GMDSS.
 - (ii) **Please ensure that the G31 handbook is brought to the course with you** as we will reference it throughout.
 - (iii) RYA publication G22 is also a good reference document for the course and can be provided at an additional cost of £9.00.
 - e. **Photograph.** You are required to bring with you **one passport photograph** for your qualification licence.
 - f. **Covid Countermeasures.**
 - i. As part of our general Covid counter measures personnel are required to log in daily using the NHS Covid app. This can be downloaded free to mobile devices from the following link: www.covid19.nhs.uk
 - ii. Government and local Covid policies are to be followed. Specifically, individuals are to bring face coverings and personal hand sanitizer. Fixed hand sanitizing stations are also setup within the training location.
 - iii. Staff are conducting Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) on a weekly basis. You are requested to conduct a LFT prior to attending the course. If your test is positive, you are **NOT** to attend the course and are requested to contact the instructor to inform the centre of your circumstances.

3. **Parking.** Parking can be difficult in the area and public car parks tend to fill quickly. The nearest public car parks are within 10 minutes walking at a gentle pace:

Fowey Main car park – West of town centre, **PL23 1HA**

Passage Lane car park – North of town centre by the upper ferry crossing, **PL23 1 DY**

4. **Course Start Time.** The course will start at **0830** prompt to allow the whole course and examination to be completed in a reasonable working day. Dependant on student numbers the day should be completed by **1830**.

5. **Course Study Materials.** All the necessary study materials will be supplied to you. A writing implement, highlighter and notebook may be useful for you to bring, but are not essential.

6. **Direct Point of Contact.** In case of any difficulties relating to the course I can be contacted via mobile: **07814 791 796**.

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Mr R Crook