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**Attachments:** 120605 TP Missing and SOLAS updated 1800.doc  
  
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All,

Please refer to the attached TP's regarding missing ventures and SOLAS situations.

Apart from background information, you and your team members are to be cognisant of the requirement that in the event that you or your team receive any information relating to a SOLAS situation, that you are to in the first instance report that SOALS to AOCC for their attention, and on forwarding to AMSA.

I understand that AOCC are in the process of developing a guide for such process, but in the interim, we need to be committed to this course of action.

Regards

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CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TALKING POINTS	
Subject	<i>Missing vessels – Sun Herald and Four Corners coverage</i>
Date due	Immediate
Media officer	Matt Wardell, Tim Dawson, Stacey Ward.

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- No formal inquiry was undertaken, however since 2009 Customs and Border Protection has implemented a number of measures to ensure classified information that may relate to potential SIEV SOLAS or SAR situations is passed in a timely manner to operational response agencies.

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- In October 2009, the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) response procedures of Australian Government agencies were designed primarily for conventional situations, such as those where the Master of a vessel reports a distress situation and calls for assistance.
- Unconventional SOLAS situations, in particular those involving suspected irregular entry vessels (SIEVs) are more complex.

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- the appropriate reporting and response protocol if the vessel was located in the Indonesian Territorial Sea / Indonesian SAR Region.
- In response to incidents such as the October 2009 missing vessel and other such situations involving distressed SIEVs, Customs and Border Protection and counterpart agencies have progressively refined their response procedures.
- This has included progressively refining procedures for disseminating classified information to search and rescue authorities.
- From May 2010, provision was made for attendance at BPC of a security cleared AMSA officer to facilitate prompt passage of information between those agencies.
- These procedures are evaluated on an ongoing basis following SOLAS incidents.

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*On legislative changes*

- People smuggling is a crime under Australian law.
- Changes that came into effect in 2010 also mean that people in Australia who provide material support to people smugglers face up to ten years jail and fines of up to \$110,000.
- Additional changes last year, reduce the risk of remittance dealers facilitating people smuggling, as well as money laundering, terrorism financing and other serious crimes.

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**Management of Safety of Life at Sea**

- In response to the alleged missing vessel of 3 October 2009, and subsequent SOLAS situations involving people smuggling vessels, Customs and Border Protection in partnership with other agencies, has improved Search and Rescue (SAR) operational and information sharing procedures.
- These SAR procedures and policies are evaluated on an ongoing basis following SOLAS incidents.
- Improvements include:
  - enhanced procedures for handling of information related to SOLAS situations so that information in relation to a maritime distress situation is communicated to AMSA as soon as possible;
  - ensuring agencies have policies and procedures that provide consistent direction to staff who may be inexperienced in these situations; and
  - enhanced interagency awareness of each agency's roles, responsibilities and constraints when responding to potential maritime distress situations.

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This is the relevant section out of the Watchfloor Supervisors Guide

## 2. Emergency Management

### 2.1 Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), including SIEV's in distress

When you receive notification of a Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) event, whether involving a suspected SIEV or not, in the first instance contact **AMSA Rescue Coordination Centre** on **s47E(d)**

**s47E(d)** It is useful to have the following information at hand if possible:

- Location (latitude/longitude)
- Locality of incident (name)
- Time of incident to the nearest hour (UTC)
- Nature of distress
- Name and contact number of caller
- The number of people on board vessel

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A SOLAS event will generally be reported to the AOCC via a State or Territory Police Communications Centre or where the vessel or person in distress contacts the AOCC directly.

It would then be prudent to ring **AFP National Media**.

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In some instances, should information/intelligence relating to a vessel come to the attention of staff within AOCC Watchfloor Operations, it may also be prudent to contact the **BPC** s47E(d) (BPC s47E(d) to pass on that information/intelligence – contacts are s47E(d) s47E(d)



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