

DISTRIBUTION OF INITIAL STORM WARNINGS FOR COASTAL WATERS ON 26/12/98

Warnings are broadcast by Sydney Radio VIS and Melbourne Radio VIM on receipt, and repeated every two hours (at 3 minutes past each even hour from VIS and 48 minutes past each even hour from VIM). Penta Comstat would include mention of the storm warning with NSW coastal waters forecasts broadcast at 4.25pm and Bass Strait forecast broadcast at 5.05pm. The warning would be broadcast for NSW at 7.25pm and for Victoria at 7.35pm.

Warnings are usually broadcast soon after receipt by the ABC and commercial radio stations. The practice of community radio stations varies. The times of broadcast by the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Australian Volunteer Coastguard are unknown, but could be expected to be soon after receipt.

Initial storm warning from Merimbula to Gabo Island, including gale and strong wind warning north to Seal Rocks (south of Forster) issued by Sydney at 2.14pm. The time of dispatch by fax is shown before each addressee.

Marine Radio Stations		2.17	2GO Gosford
2.17	VIS Sydney	2.18	2WL Wollongong
2.20	Penta Comstat	2.18	2WN Wollongong
		2.18	98FM Mt. St Thomas (near Wollongong)
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol		2.18	2ST Nowra
2.22	Old Bar (near Taree)	2.23	2UUU Nowra
2.21	Forster	2.18	2WKT Bowral
2.22	Port Stephens	2.17	2EC Bateman's Bay
2.21	Lake Macquarie	2.17	2EAR Moruya/Narooma
2.22	Gosford	2.18	2RKI Dalmeny (near Narooma)
2.22	Hawkesbury River	2.17	2EC Bega
2.23	Sydney	2.17	2BA Bega (ABC)
2.21	Headquarters	Television Stations	
2.23	Wollongong	2.20	NBN3 Newcastle
2.22	Shoalhaven Heads	2.20	Prime Newcastle
2.22	Jervis Bay	2.18	ABN2 Sydney
2.23	Sussex Inlet	2.23	TCN9 Sydney
2.23	Ulladulla	2.24	WIN4 Wollongong
2.17	Kioloa (south of Ulladulla)	2.20	Prime Wollongong
2.21	Bateman's Bay	2.20	Prime Canberra
2.22	Moruya	Emergency Authorities	
2.22	Narooma	2.20	Police, Sydney
2.22	Merimbula	2.26	Water Police, Sydney
2.18	Eden	2.24	Water Police, Broken Bay
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard		2.23	State Emergency Services HQ Sydney
2.19	Port Stephens	2.19	Maritime Services Board Operations
2.17	Swansea	2.23	Sydney Ports Corporation
2.21	Sydney	2.23	Search & Rescue Emergency Services Board
2.21	Port Kembla	2.20	Norah Head Search and Rescue
2.21	Bermagui	2.23	Shoalhaven Search and Rescue
2.24	Mallacoota	2.18	Bar Point, Brooklyn
Land Radio Stations		2.18	Port of Eden
2.18	ABC Sydney	2.17	Montague Island Lighthouse
2.21	2MC Kempsey	2.19	Nobby's Head Signal Station (Newcastle)
2.17	2GLA Forster		
2.25	2HD Newcastle		
2.24	LMFM Lake Macquarie		

Initial Storm Warning for coastal waters Wilson's Promontory to Gabo Island issued by Melbourne at 1.58pm. The time of dispatch is shown before each addressee.

Marine Radio Stations

2.03 VIM Melbourne

Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol

2.02 Eden

Austalian Volunteer Coastguard

2.04 Sandringham

2.03 Loch Sport

2.02 Mallacoota

Land Radio Stations

2.02 ABC Melbourne

2.02 ABC Sale

2.02 3TR Traralgon

2.02 2BA Bega (ABC)

2.02 2EC Bega

Emergency Authorities

2.03 Emergency Management, Australia

2.03 Victorian Water Police

2.04 Point Lonsdale Lighthouse

2.01 Nowra Navy Defence Centre
(by land line)

Oil and Gas Field

2.02 ESSO Headquarters

2.02 Flounder Platform

DISTRIBUTION OF STORM WARNINGS FOR THE HIGH SEAS ON 26/12/98
(These are intended for large ships outside coastal waters)

The time of dispatch is shown before each addressee.

Issued From SYDNEY at 0315UTC (2.15pm local time)

2.25 INMARSAT
2.27 Radio VIS Sydney
2.27 Radio VIM Melbourne
2.27 Penta Comstat
2.27 Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Sydney
2.25 AMSA
2.27 Sydney Ports Corporation

Issued From MELBOURNE at 0600UTC (5.00pm local time)

5.52 INMARSAT
5.54 Radio VIM Melbourne
5.54 Penta Base
5.54 Victorian Water Police
5.54 Coast Guard Sandringham
5.54 Coast Guard Loch Sport
5.54 Coast Guard Mallacoota
5.52 Nowra Navy Defence Centre
5.54 ESSO Barry Beach

Notes:

1. INMARSAT is the means of sending forecasts and warnings to larger ships at sea. Messages are received automatically on the bridge within a minute or so of issue from a Regional Forecasting Centre
2. VIM Melbourne broadcasts forecasts and warnings for the High Seas from 28S to 50S, 129E to 160E. VIS Sydney broadcasts forecasts and warnings only for the High Seas from 28S to 38S, NSW coast to 160E.