



## SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S LEADING PROFESSIONAL DIVE SCHOOL CHOOSES MOBILARM CREWSAFE

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The Underwater Centre Fremantle (TUCF) has chosen Mobilarm Crewsafe for its 21m class 2B diving vessel *Fortescue*. This follows the installation of the first Crewsafe network, aboard *Nemesis*, the largest police vessel in Australia and the Southern hemisphere in February 2009 and reflects growing acceptance of the unique Crewsafe safety concept, especially in relation to detecting and rescuing Man Overboard (MOB) casualties.

During typical diving operations, *Fortescue* travels up to 30nm from safe anchorage and much further during offshore operations. As a leading school for professional divers across all industry sectors including aquaculture, scientific and commercial construction diving, TUCF management is committed to safety and upon recognising the benefits of Crewsafe, was eager to have the system installed.

“There are risks associated with any voyage, particularly when there are people on board who are unfamiliar with the vessel or not used to being at sea,” says TUCF Managing Director Ian Milliner. “It’s unrealistic to believe that you can keep a close eye on everyone all of the time, so for me, the Mobilarm Crewsafe man overboard system is a necessary

addition to Fortescue's safety equipment. We have been fortunate in that TUCF has not lost anyone overboard, but it can, and does happen to operators in all marine industries.”

Mobilarm Crewsafe is a wireless safety network that provides a new level of marine employee safety and security through crew location monitoring and by automatically initiating a network-wide alert to all personnel within seconds of an incident occurring, such as man overboard. In such an incident, it provides GPS waypoint, range and bearing in order to facilitate a quick, effective rescue of the person in the water. Additional features of the system include covert and overt alarm capability, paging of groups or individuals, location monitoring, individual duress alarm and manual alarm activation. This unique functionality is achieved through a network of routers onboard and small Crewsafe tags, carried by everyone onboard.

“We use Crewsafe because it provides the best safety practices in regards to search and rescue of a man overboard and provides an additional layer of safety on board, particularly during night watch keeping duties or when crew are on deck alone,” continues Milliner.

“Automatically alerting the watch keeper and crew to any man overboard incident is at the heart of Crewsafe.” continues Milliner. “The waypoint that the system logs enables us to track and retrieve the casualty even if no-one saw when or where they fell overboard.

That can be the difference between life and death for a person lost at sea, especially during the night and in remote locations.”

Find out more about Mobilarm Crewsafe's unique ability to improve safety at [www.mobilarm.com](http://www.mobilarm.com).

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**Notes for editors:**

Based in Perth, Australia, Mobilarm is the world leader in electronic marine safety products that protect and save lives in man overboard emergencies for commercial mariners. Available online and through a global network of dealers and distributors, Mobilarm's award-winning products are specifically designed to improve the workplace safety environment for all mariners, by providing an instant alert to vessel and crew in the event of man overboard.

The company's Australian and International awards include the Australian Design Award and the winner of the Seatrade Safety at Sea Award, the first such award given to an Australian company.