SEARCH URGENCY – MARINE

NEW ZEALAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

Incident/Event #:		Event/Incident:		
Prepared by:		Date:		Time:

	Assessment of incident target/area/conditions etc	Value	Score	Comments
Method/Type of Alert	• ANY Distress or notification of Distress Signal Clear information of Life at risk (Direct or Third party) <u>Persons in water</u> • Pan Pan/Urgency • Overdue • Vessel broken down	*1 1 2 3		
Weather Conditions	• Current weather bad • Weather outlook is worsening • No weather issues	1 2 3		
Medical Issues	• Significant issues • Minor issues • None identified	1 2 3		
Vessel/Equipment Suitability or Vessel Condition	• Not known/Poor condition/ Overloaded • Not suitable • Adequate • Entirely suitable	1 1 2 3		
Time of Day	• Dark/Dark in less than 2 hours • Dark in 4-2 hours • More than 4 hours of daylight remain	1 2 3		
Location	• Exposed "no shelter" • Location U/K or Not confirmed • Exposed, shelter available • Known few adverse hazards (weather, tides, rips, water temp) • Sheltered location	1 1 2 3 4		
Score	SCORES Search Urgency & Level of Response			

Search Urgency		Total
Distress, requires emergency response	≤ 7 or with *1 in Score	
Alert, a measured response	8 - 15	
Uncertainty, evaluate and investigate	≥ 16	

Re-asses frequently and EVERYTIME ANY FACTOR CHANGES, including any sudden loss of communication, advising the relevant Coordinating Authority.