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Sea Day to give Darwin employers taste of Navy life

A group of 20 Darwin business people will take to Darwin Harbour aboard a Royal Australian Navy Armidale Class Patrol Boat on Monday (10 August) to gain a better understanding of the training given to Defence Reservists.

The group, which includes many employers with marine-related businesses, will spend four hours aboard the vessel in Darwin Harbour.

They will have the opportunity to see a variety of training manoeuvres, such as the fire and man overboard drills, and also hear about the important contribution Navy Reservists make to defence in the Northern Territory.

Director General Reserves – Navy Commodore Ranford Elsey will host the group and encourage them to employ Reservists and appreciate the enhanced skills Reservists can bring to their businesses due to the unique training provided.

Defence Reserves Support - Northern Territory State Manager Lieutenant Colonel Peter Herden said he hoped the activity would be thought-provoking and interesting for the employers.

“We really want to strengthen the relationship between the local business community, the Navy and us,” he said.

“This activity will expose the employers to the high level of training associated with being in the Navy Reserve.

“We are confident that following their involvement, the employers will be keen to have Reservists on staff and also readily release them when they are required for Defence service.”

For further information on Defence Reserves, visit www.defence.gov.au/reserves or call 1800 803 485.

MEDIA NOTE: Media interested in being involved in Monday’s Sea Day, which begins at 9am, can contact LTCOL Herden on 0410 206 552. Other enquiries can be directed to Deanna Nott on 0438 013 548.