

# Gibraltar's simplified Search & Rescue Plan Cooperation between Search and Rescue services and Passenger Ships

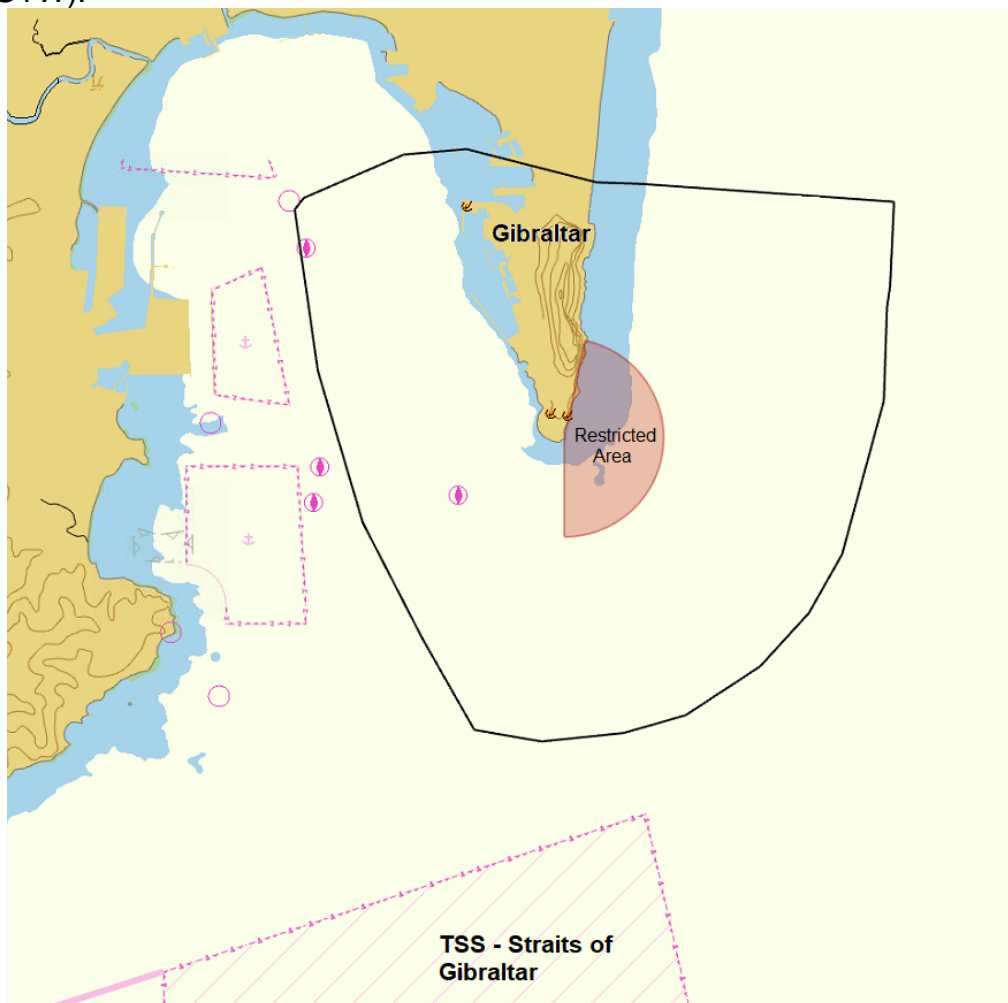
## **Introduction**

The aim of Search & Rescue (SAR) cooperation planning is to enhance mutual understanding between a ship, the ship-owner and SAR services so that in the event of an emergency, all three parties will be able to work together efficiently.

The aim of the cooperation plan is to ensure that ship's staff, the members of a Company response team ashore and SAR service staff are able to work efficiently together to resolve the emergency.

### 1. Gibraltar Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC)

Gibraltar's RCC is manned by the Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA) and is situated at the Southern side of Gibraltar. Vessels calling at the Port of Gibraltar will transit via Gibraltar RCC which encompasses all of British Gibraltar Territorial waters (BGTW).



See also Admiralty Charts 45, 144 & 1448

2. SAR Mission Coordinator (SMC)

The SAR Mission Coordinator is the GPA focal point for SAR operations. The role requires the complete management of the SAR Team, SAR operations and directing the on-scene coordinator as and when required.

3. On-scene coordinator

An On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) is necessary when conducting a mass SAR. The OSC is always one person and will use other team members on watch to assist the coordinator and any other information provided by the mission coordinator.

4. SRR Facilities

Gibraltar RCC - (Gibraltar VTS)

Address: Gibraltar Port Authority, 12 Windmill Hill, Gibraltar

Email: [ops@port.gov.gi](mailto:ops@port.gov.gi)

Telephone (+350) 200 46254, ext. 2003 (24hr)

Emergency (+350) 200 61743 (24 hr)

VHF channel's 12 /16

a. Communications

Gibraltar VTS

- VHF 12 / 16
- Digital VHF with four antennas
- Analogue VHF with two antennas
- CCTV (day and night vision capability)
- MMSI 002361001
- (+350) 200 61743
- [ops@port.gov.gi](mailto:ops@port.gov.gi)
- Fax. (+350) 20077011

b. Availability of designated SAR units

- Interceptor vessels
- Patrol vessels
- Service craft vessels

c. Communications plans

- Non-emergency calls are to be made through a locally appointed agent who will in turn contact Gibraltar Port Authority through normal means.
- Urgent matters vessels are to contact Gibraltar VTS directly using either emergency phone numbers or VHF channels stated above.

d. Medical advice/assistance

- Yes, available upon request.

- e. Firefighting
  - There are firefighting capabilities available within the Port of Gibraltar.
- f. Shore reception arrangements
  - Available.
- g. Informing next of kin
  - Yes
- h. Suspension/termination of SAR action
  - SAR Co-ordinator will determine the duration of all SAR operations with BGTW.

5. Media Relations

All media relations are managed by Gibraltar's Government Office.  
Contact email: [pressoffice@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:pressoffice@gibraltar.gov.gi)

6. Periodic exercises

- Ad-hoc.