



Migrant Red Days – Meeting

19/11/2021 – 1600 – MS Teams

Name	– HMCG – STN
Peter Mizen – HMCG - PM	
Julie-Anne Wood - HMCG - JAW	
Duncan Ley - HMCG – DL	
Mike Bill – HMCG - MB	
Name	– HMCG - PD
Dai Jones - HMCG – DJ	
Dominic Golden – HMCG- DG	
George Papadopoulos – HMCG - GP	
Name	– MCA - HS
Name	– RNLI – GM
Name	– RNLI – JM
Stuart Whitton – Border Force – SW	
Name	- MG

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair

Noted.

2. Situation Brief (including intel and other organisation's activity) COLO (Dover)

- First gold meeting for this weekend's activity - red day Friday into Saturday – amber – Saturday into Sunday.
- Meeting to take place in two parts – 1. For the upcoming weekend – second part to look at Op. Deveron report.
- From now onwards – wind easing, wave height going to 0.3mtr and lessening – MET office report - aviation should be fine – some cloud cover – waves low into tomorrow night early hours of Sunday all the way through the weekend – condition will start to deteriorate with rain and gales from

then – overnight temps – feels like 11 degrees – Saturday into Sunday morning rapid fall to feel like 4 degrees. Reasonable assumption is 1000 for crossing overnight – same for Saturday into Sunday – conditions on French side favorable – launches will then be coming into rough weather from French Side on Saturday night through Sunday morning with potential for hypothermic conditions – beach landings also a potential for Sunday.

- Unique situation – reasonable to assume overnight launches from French side – risk – normal.
- Very busy migrant day – biggest risk is Sunday where there is a potential for risk to life – bearing in mind conditions and also fact busy day tomorrow assets might be fatigued on UK side. May be a consideration for different operating models for aerial assets – Sunday – potentially surface assets may be doing surveillance policing for distress situations.
- DG – Saturday into Sunday night weather reports are showing thick fog on French side of channel – misty on UK side in early hours of the morning.

3. Staffing

Reps

DJ – no concerns for HMCG network – numbers looking healthy – 43 and 45 respectively over the two nights – JRCC with 9 and 10 – Dover running with 5 and 4 – plenty of resilience in network – no burning issues at present – night shifts – 35/38 Saturday/Sunday – 20/9 at JRCC, 3 and 2 at Dover – but resilience in network to cover. 9 at JRCC tonight and 3 at Dover tonight and tomorrow and 2 Sunday into Monday – 36 in network

4. Risks to effective response

Reps

- Assets
 - Maritime RNLI
 - Aeronautical JRCC-AR Cmdr
 - Coastal Div Cmdr / COAC
- Other

Maritime assets – JM – RNLI – only concerns – crew fatigue – all lifeboats crewed – no perceived shortfalls – only concern is Saturday morning but will be planning for this – no extra support can be offered over weekend but hoping to manage if one lifeboat station goes off with crew fatigue.

RNLI - GM – are going out proactively to stations to give them an idea of situation and looking at potential to plans for duty rosters over the weekend.

PM – appreciate best endeavors from RNLI in regards to crewing but noted we need to button this down and have firm plans in place – we know tomorrow is going to be as busy as Tuesday and Thursday last week – following busy periods there is a high risk period – Sunday morning weather fairly benign on French coast for launching – whilst in transit weather situation will be changing – if we burn all our assets on Saturday we won't be able to respond on the Sunday. Surface asset request for RNLI scenario one – potentially looking at crew for Saturday and crew for Sunday – alleviates fatigue – if not – HMCG will need a rostering system in place from RNLI – use potentially Hastings and Dover – Ramsgate and Dungeness on Saturday. High risk period for us is the Sunday –

ACTION – GM to send acknowledgement to STN for planning for RNLI crews and whether we can have crews for Saturday and Sunday – if not – liaise with STN and GP to ensure we have a rostering system in place and what this will look like. GM – to plan to get response by COB today and update STN and GP.

SW – Border Force – tonight – Cutter and CPV on standby and available for call overnight – Hurricane from 0700 tomorrow morning. Standing up Ops Sommen from 0600 tomorrow morning. Another cutter and tactical coastal craft will be available tomorrow morning and ready to deploy in the morning around 0700 – don't have replacement crews – risk for Saturday night.

Attendees reminded that discussion relating to resourcing to be kept in the confine of this meeting.

PM – Q - If we burn through all assets on Saturday, how long before we can get them back later on Saturday? – SW – A - look to get 10 hours downtime but aiming for 12 hours. PM if we were in a position for worse-case scenario how do we contact Border Force for update when they will be back on the water – SW – Through the Maritime Command Centre in Portsmouth.

DG – Update from 2XL – FWA coverage from 0300 to 2000 Saturday – then drop to two aircraft on Sunday – both drones up tonight from 1730 – and tomorrow from 0530 – Lydd offline tonight and most of tomorrow – look to pull in Humber or Lee on Solent to cover for Lydd.

PM – agreed by at Bristow for Sunday – Humber will come down to Lydd as it has the greatest rescue capacity – stay there until risk picture has developed. We can then make the decision late Saturday night – early Sunday to let them know what we want them to do.

DM confirmed we can have FWA for Sunday night. We will know later today whether or not RNLi have relief crews or if not roster to use assets on Saturday for use on Sunday.

GP – Q - Queried life raft capability for helo – DG – A - we will have this – Rescue 992 has a life raft on board – will be carrying by default.

GE – will deploy CRT to Dover and co-ordinate CRT activity for tomorrow and for Sunday. Potentials on Sunday for beach landings- will deploy teams as required.

5. Options for response (any special arrangements required) All

JAW - Launch plan – if incident mean to the meridian line – can request French assets into British territorial waters re MOU1004.
Similar agreement in place with Belgium and Dutch authorities – if need to be activated – can be utilised is required.

DL- Q – Is there any reciprocal request from France on their side on Sunday morning – PM – A – nothing received – treat any requests for mutual aie and look whether we could assist with assets available.

PD – Q – Have we considered going through JMISC to go through HMCG liaison officer for any assistance that could be offered from military etc? STN - A – not aware of any activity in this regards.

ACTION – STN - flag through JMISC to enquire if there is any assets available to us over the weekend from JMISC.

HS – [Name] available for offers of assistance from press point of view if required. STN noted will contact [Name] for Press matters should it be required.

Forward look –

Later in week – STN – TRIM piece [Name] has been offering Coastal colleagues this opportunity – Maritime have less sight. STN want it highlighted that TRIM is available for staff.

Rhythm for meetings – need to set rhythm in line with clandestine meetings. STN will convene meeting tomorrow – if there are emerging risks over and above this in quick time and urgency STN will convene meeting as required. DL to be involved. Call RNLI 24 hours 24/7 watchkeeper to bring GM into meeting = this will give some consistency in the meetings to date.

Deveron report – Wednesday into Thursday – MB – planning thoughts – fairly low confidence at present – updated picture on Monday – wait until report received and make plan. MET forecast indicated there may be some weather window but MET office report on Monday will give a more updated picture.

6. Actions (discussion and summary) All / Chair

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7. Review of decisions Chair / Loggist

See above actions.

8. Date and time of next meeting Chair

20/11/2021 – Time TBC

Note: These meetings may be single or multi agency and may be held at the Gold / Strategic or Silver / Tactical level and are to be convened as soon as the risk is identified. (Red and Amber days)

Standing Attendees:

Duty Strategic Commander – Maritime (Chair)

Loggist (Please approach Head of Coastguard Operational Support for Loggist)

Duty Strategic - Coastal

Duty COLO (Dover)

Coastal Operations Divisional Commander

Maritime Operations Commander / Migrant SAR Lead

Maritime Tactical Commander (Dover)

Duty Network Commander

Duty ARCC Commander

Area 8 Duty Coastal

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