

Migrant Activity Interoperability Meeting HMCG & Cros Gris-Nez

30th September 2020 @ 0900

Attendees

HMCG

Julie-Anne Wood (Assistant Director HMCG Policy & Standards)

Mike Bill (Divisional Commander)

(Dover CG Controller)

Cros Gris-Nez

(Directeur)

(Directeur-adjoint)

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Role and Responsibility for Ministere de la Mere and HM Coastguard
3. Incident response to SAR incidents from migrant activity
4. Hand-over process between France and UK for SAR operations
5. Exchange of information between UK and France SRR for SAR Operations –
6. SAR resources available within SRRs
7. Locate migrants calling for help
8. Agree future meetings

Minutes

Agenda Item

1. Nil
2. Nil
3. On the French side they categorise a migrant incident as a Distress incident. They will not task a French lifeboat (voluntary service) due to concerns that they may be overrun by the migrants who then commandeer their lifeboat. The French have a MIC based at Cherbourg, which is similar to HMCG's NMIC and they maintain a regular communication.

4. Cros Gris-Nez SMC telephones the DCG SMC to pass a handover. An email is also sent to Z14
5. Exchange of information between both via email
6. SNSM (4 x French Lifeboats at Dunkerque, Gravelines, Calais and Boulogne) volunteers / State Assets Navy, Customs they have other missions, organized by the MOC in Cherbourg. The states assets are not always the same, Gris-Nez receive a daily email informing them which state assets they have available. French have 2 x Helicopters & the Navy Tug (like the UK ETV). Both sides have insufficient assets to deal with heavy days.
7. The French use WhatsApp they have a generic ipad in the MRCC to communicate with the migrants. This is something HMCG will look to do.
8. Every month and a 'Hot Debrief' after Red Days (where possible).