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# Remote SMC Policy

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This policy document describes the activities of and responsibilities for HM Coastguard's (HMCG) Maritime Operations when a SMC is remote from the coordinating MRCC.

## Related Links

# Personal Data

## Mandate

As determined by the United Kingdom, HM Coastguard conducts the service, function and activity in accordance with the following:

- HMCG Maritime Operations Concept of Operations
- SOLAS (1974)
- IAMSAR Volumes 1 & 2

## Scope

This policy applies to:

- HMCG Maritime Operations Staff
- HMCG Technical Trainers

## Policy Statements

It is the policy of the MCA that, if an SMC cannot be achieved, then a Remote SMC will be required

## Individual Responsibilities and Accountabilities

| Role             | Responsible and Accountable for  |
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| Chief Coastguard | Responsible and accountable for strategy, leadership and direction, and development and implementation of policy for the Coastguard Maritime Operations Service and for its compliance with the quality and safety management system |

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| Head of Standards (HOS)                    | Responsible and accountable for strategy, leadership and direction, and development and implementation of policy for assessment and monitoring of operational performance standards and compliance with the quality and safety management system by HM Coastguard   |
| Maritime Strategic Commanders              | Responsible and accountable for strategic oversight, leadership, operational delivery and the performance of the Operations Centres in the United Kingdom and for its compliance with the quality and safety management system.   |
| Maritime Tactical Commanders               | Responsible and accountable for the leadership, direction, supervision, administration, operational efficiency and command and control of the MRCC allocated to them and for compliance with the quality and safety management system. Can assume SMC duties when required.   |
| Team Leader                                | Responsible for the leadership, management and supervision of the operational teams at the MRCC/JRCC. This includes the coaching and mentoring of officers to ensure they are competent. Can assume SMC duties when required  |
| Senior Maritime Operations Officers (SMOO) | <p>Assumes the role of SMC</p> <p>The routine activities of the MRCC and the duty team assigned to them</p> <p>The efficiency and effectiveness of the team</p> <p>Maintaining an overview of activities and resources in their assigned area of responsibility</p> <p>Ensuring that operationally relevant information is provided to the SCOO and other MCA or authorised organisations</p> <p>Ensuring that all operational activities are conducted in accordance with the OmS compliant with the quality and safety management system.</p> |
| Maritime Operations Officers (MOO)         | Responsible and accountable for the effective, safe and accurate delivery of operational response under the direction of the SMOO/SMC, in accordance with the principles and procedures contained in the OmS.   |

