

# Declared and Additional Resources

This page defines what a declared and additional resource is and provides an example of which facilities are in both. This is not an exhaustive list.

HM Coastguard is equipped and organised to act as a national coordinator for all civil maritime SAR activities. It utilises facilities made available by other parts of the UK SAR Organisation but will also seek assistance from any source likely to be able to make an effective contribution to a SAR operation.

In general, facilities which HM Coastguard can call upon are of two kinds:

- Declared facilities
- Additional facilities

## Declared SAR Facility Status

Declared Facilities are facilities that have been designated as being available for civil maritime SAR according to a specific standard or set criteria. Each authority declaring facilities is responsible for:

- Declaring the standard of capability and availability for each facility.
- Maintaining each facility to the declared standard.
- Informing HM Coastguard when there is any change in the declared standard of each facility.
- Informing HM Coastguard of any reason for not making available any facility which has been requested by HM Coastguard.

## Declared SAR Facilities

Declared SAR Facilities include:

- Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) all weather and inshore lifeboats, hovercraft and Beach Rescue Units.
- Civil helicopters and fixed wing aircraft under contract to HM Coastguard.
- MCA Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs).
- Coastguard Rescue Teams and equipment.
- Volunteer Life Brigades.
- Nominated Volunteer Inshore Rescue Services - vessels and hovercraft.

- Air Traffic Control Centres for civil aircraft control and 'in flight' information.
- Shipping information from Lloyd's Intelligence Department.
- Nominated Beach Lifeguard Units provided by Local Authorities and trained to Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and Surf Live Saving Association GB (SLSA GB) standards.
- Nominated stations operated by the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) and the Sea Safety Group Coastal Surveillance Section.

## **Additional Facilities**

Additional Facilities are facilities which may be available from time to time but not to a specified standard. They include:

- Vessels in the vicinity of the casualty.
- Such non-declared aircraft and ships as MOD may be able to make available.
- marine craft under the control of various authorities including lighthouse and pilotage authorities, HM Customs and Excise and Police.
- MCA Boats.
- Facilities, including helicopters, made available by offshore oil operators.
- Facilities from foreign SRRs.
- Such facilities as local authorities, are able to make available.
- Police (road, marine and air assets)
- Ambulance Services (surface and air assets - including offshore paramedic response teams).
- Fire Service (non-declared assets).
- Other organisations not nominated as declared, operated by the National Coastwatch Institution, Sea Safety Group Coastal Surveillance Section, Local Authority Lifeguard Units and Inshore Rescue Services.
- MOD Range Safety Craft.
- Diving Clubs.
- Surf Lifesaving Clubs.
- Mountain Rescue Teams.
- Cave Rescue Teams.
- RAYNET.
- Sky Watch Auxiliary Air Service.
- Nominated Fire Service Cliff/Mud Rescue and Maritime Incident Response Groups (MIRG).

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