

This Op Detail provides information on the role a Maritime Tactical Commander plays in maintaining tactical and strategic oversight of an incident. Their use of RAGS supports the safe and controlled prosecution of SAR.

The Maritime Tactical Commander assumes tactical level control of an incident while the (S)MC holds operational coordination. There is a need for cooperation and consultation between the two to support the SMC in making a practical and proportional operational response to that incident, while also ensuring that HMCG maintains capability of fulfilling all functions and operates within recognised procedure and protocol.

RAGS

Maritime Tactical Commander are to deliver clear and unambiguous direction recorded as a ViSION narrative entry using the RAGS acronym:

R - Review Mission

Review the information gathered and mission control 'thought process' as recorded in the Mission Statement or QMP

A - Assess Response

Consider chosen emergency phase and initial actions taken, Where appropriate liaise with (S)MC with response.

G - Guidance

Where appropriate provide additional operational priorities

S - SMC Declared and Support Required

Ensure the (S)MC assuming co-ordination is identified in the Maritime Tactical Commander Message and confirm whether any support is required from the Network to assist.

□ The number of RAGS comments required will depend on the length of the incident. Maritime Tactical Commanders must continue to use RAGS comments to monitor the progress of an incident and ensure the operational direction is the most effective.

It will be at the discretion of the Maritime Tactical Commanders to make additional RAGS entries even if the comment is typically "No change to previous direction".

When a Maritime Tactical Commander has not made a RAGS entry within 30 minutes, or the SMC requires support, they must establish communication

Network Support

The Maritime Tactical Commander should work with Mission Conduct to regularly review whether any additional network support is required. When a Maritime Tactical Commanders feels that network support is needed, this must be established, agreed and documented in the incident narrative.

The following can be considered as forms of additional network support:

- Search planning
- Informing other areas of the organisation such as Duty Officers
- Moving coordination of the incident to another area of the network

Example Format

Below is an example format of a RAGS ViSION incident message:

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