



## Small Boat Crossings Tactical & Operational Response Forum – Agenda

16/11/2023

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies:  Toby Whale,  John Craig

### 2. Previous meetings actions

- DC – to provide GP with duty contact information for team responsible with recovering migrant dinghies that have come ashore.  
**We agreed MASO to be notified and SOPs to reflect this.**
- AH – to lead interagency exercising/training of maritime crews following approval of the casualty triage tool and relevant policy.  
**Discuss with  how that the triage process is in effect as per RNLI guidance & check-cards**
- DM & DC – to meet end of August and discuss the future of the GPS trackers.  
**This has taken place but DM has moved on. DC is still gathering info around the GPS trackers whereabouts and will be liaising with HMCG Tech Inf. Team**
- DC – to ascertain what type of liferaft the DASH8 a/c can take onboard and deploy in the event of SAR/SOLAS event.  
**In the future, the DASH 8 under OP PEGASUS is to carry Irafts**
- GP - will take action to ascertain what liferaft can be carried and deployed by the KA.  
**The KA has no such capability at this time but will have under UKSAR2G. At this time, only HMCG Rescue Helicopters have this capability along with maritime assets.**
- MB – to liaise with John C. and identify if there are any obstacles in arranging joint exercising on the water between SBOC & RNLI.  
**This has been resolved and joint exercising should go forward as required.**

- AH - to send footage & information on the inflated seastairs so GP can share with operational teams. (NG multiple piw events)  
**To discuss with JC from the RNLI.**
- GP - to provide AH with necessary information stating airwave is primary comms method for SBC operations.  
**This has been actioned.**

### 3. Recent incidents overview

- GP received feedback regarding the following and discussed with SBOC/BF:
  - Could CTVs planned in such a way that they are better covering the busy periods instead of a 24 hour spread? This is more relevant during autumn/winter where OCGs take advantage of short favourable/marginal weather windows with higher risk to life.  
**DC & SG agreed that on Xdays there is not much flexibility for moving CTVs left and right. MASOS are taking into account relevant risks and intel and should plan accordingly. An obvious restrictions is the crews contract and availability.**
  - ISR assets planning report tends to mispresent HMCG assets' availability and timings. **DC has already emphasized this internally and should not happen again**

### 4. Lessons learned / Concerns identified / Good practices

- NG acknowledged the fact that CTVs are as flexible as they can be to accommodate HMCG taskings and save lives at sea.

### 5. Latest updates affecting outputs & outcomes from each organisation

#### **SBOC:**

- 3 x Atlantic 85 style rhibs joining the fleet.
- Intention for NSAG assessment to follow a proper RAG (at least for maritime if not for landside as well)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, videowall being installed in the JCR. This will take approx. 3 days and the Training Room will be utilized if there are operational requirements.

- Air assets' footage will have live rewind. TEKEVER already has implemented this functionality. Other assets to follow.
- OP NEPTUNE trials 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec.
- In the event of a riot on board a CTV, SBOC will invoke OP KEEL.

#### **BF Maritime:**

- Be aware of additional XDAYs for CTV crews due to Xmas and New Year.
- VOLUNTEER off for 2 weeks but RANGER double-crewed.
- Revised contracts for CTVs will minimize days where coverage is short due to crew rosters (XDAYS)

#### **HMCG:**

- Updated on Multiple PIW triage from policy/legal perspective. At this time it's on halt due to MAIB report and other priorities. RNLI has implemented the process within their operations. HMCG SOPs will be updated shortly. SBOC and RNLI to decide whether CTVs and recovery vessels will adopt a similar process. Consideration on capabilities and LSA on board is crucial before deciding.

#### **6. Agreed Actions & Decisions (discussion and summary)**

- DC and JC to engage in order to ascertain how and if the multiple PIW triage tool will be adopted by BF/SBOC assets.
- In addition, GP to support the above in the next SAR OP Group meeting which SF will plan and host (pending his availability due to SMC courses and exams)
- DC to engage with GP as new SBOC assets become available so that relevant SOPs are updated/published and operational collaboration is optimal.

7. AOB

8. Date and time of next meeting

**21<sup>st</sup> December**