

JMSC Simulation exercise 04-11-2021

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Our objectives

1. Explore how agencies would respond to two high-profile migrant vessel capsizing incidents.
2. Ensure appropriate communication, escalation and action is taken at the right time.
3. Explore risks and unintended consequences of the scenario.
4. Broaden understanding and relationships between agencies.

How the simulation will run

- Scenario prompts will be made and participants will respond as though this was a live event.
- We will explore one scenario in this session.
- We will follow this timetable:

11:00 -11:10 Set up and introductions via chat function

11:10 -12:15 Scenario exploration

12:15 -12:30 Exploring lessons learned

12:30 Close

Guidelines

Participants

- Conduct discussions verbally or use the Teams chat function.
- Invite observers to become participants if the scenario demands input from additional agencies.
- Focus on articulating who you would involve, what information you would provide, and what decisions need to be made by whom at specific points in time.
- Clearly articulate the options available and then commit to a course of action as though responding to these events in real time. Do not offer hypothetical responses.
- Please input via the Teams chat if you are not directly involved in the discussion.

Questions to consider

Operations

- What is our search and rescue strategy to save casualties?
- What procedure will we follow to bring casualties and fatalities ashore?
- What happens if RNLI and Border Force's responding vessels cannot accommodate the large number of casualties?
- What are the implications of SAR on the safety and interception of other vessels crossing the Channel?
- What will shoreside responses look like, e.g. from LRFs?

Communications

- How will comms be managed? Including with: France, Whitehall (Cabinet Office, Home Secretary, CCS), Kent and Sussex LRFs and the media.

Mass casualty event: Inflatable migrant vessel capsizes in English Channel

Tuesday 9th November 2021

1000

The sea state and weather conditions are unsettled in the English Channel.

There is a substantial number of migrant vessels attempting to cross the channel at this time.

An inflatable vessel travelling from Calais to Dover carrying 60 migrants gets into difficulty and capsizes just inside UK territorial waters (8nm from shore).



Source: Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Media attention builds

Tuesday 9th November 2021

1300

As RNLI and Border Force vessels approach shore, media attention starts to build:

- News outlets start to post live updates on the incident
- Local residents start to post photographs on social media

Second migrant vessel capsizes

Tuesday 9th November

1400

Another inflatable vessel carrying an additional 60 people capsizes 3nm off the Kent coast.

1430

Media coverage heightens and crowds begin to gather on the coast.

Reminder of context

Tues 9 Nov 2021

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- Large number of vessels crossing the Channel
- Migrant vessel capsizes with 60 people on board

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Third migrant vessel capsizes

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A third vessel carrying an additional 60 people capsizes 3nm from the coast and 10nm away from the second capsizing event which happened 30 minutes earlier.

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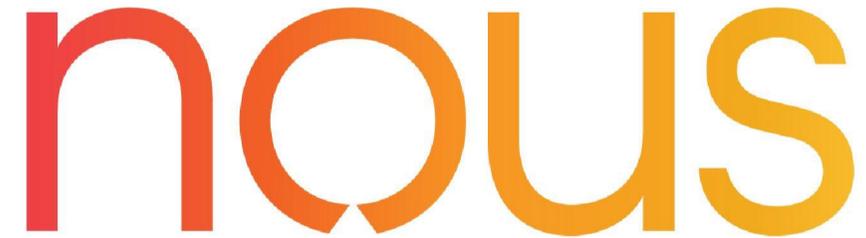
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Debrief

1. What did the team do well during the exercise?
2. What could the team have improved about its response?
3. How could we make the exercises more useful?



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