

THE CRANSTON INQUIRY

Acronyms

A – C

- ACA – Action Co-ordinating Authority
- ACO – Aircraft Co-ordinator
- ACPO – Association of Chief Police Officers
- AFATG – Anglo-French Accident Technical Group
- ALA – Action Liaison Authority
- ALB – All-Weather Lifeboat
- ALRS – Admiralty List of Radio Signals
- ATC – Air/Aviation Tactical Commander (also Air Traffic Control – check context)
- AMS – Aviation, Maritime, Security – DG group in DfT
- ANED - Assistance à Navire en Difficulté (assistance to vessels in distress)
- AOSC – Assistant On-Scene Commander
- ARCC – Aeronautical Rescue Co-ordination Centre (sometimes UKARCC)
- BF – Border Force
- BFMCC – Border Force Maritime Command Centre
- CAA – Civil Aviation Authority
- CAST – Coastguard Agreement on Salvage and Towing
- CCIC - Centre Conjoint d'Information et Coordination (joint Anglo-French control centre)
- CCS – Civil Contingencies Secretariat
- CCTC – Clandestine Channel Threat Commander
- CDG – Corporate Delivery Group (DfT Group)
- CDL – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
- CEFAS – Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
- CFI – Criminal and Financial Investigations
- CGOC – Coastguard Operations Centre
- CI – Critical Incident
- CNIS – Channel Navigation Information Service
- CO – Cabinet Office
- COLO – Coastguard's Clandestine Operations Liaison Officer
- COM - Centre des Opérations Maritimes
- COM CBG - Centre des Opérations Maritimes de Cherbourg
- CPR – Counter-Pollution Response
- CPS – Counter-Pollution Salvage Branch (also Crown Prosecution Service – check context)

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- CPV – Coastal Patrol Vessels
- CROSS - Centre Régionaux Opérationnel de Surveillance et de Sauvetage (Regional operational centres for monitoring and rescue)
- CSS – Co-Ordinator Surface Search
- CTB – Clandestine Threat Board
- CT – Counter-Terrorism
- CTV – Crew Transfer Vessel

D-F

- DfT – Department for Transport
- DG – Director General
- DLA – Deputy Launching Authority
- EA – Environment Agency
- ECA – Emergency Controlling Authority
- ECN – Event: Co-ordination Necessary
- EG – Environment Group
- ELO – Environment Liaison Officer
- EMSA – European Maritime Safety Agency
- ETV – Emergency Towing Vessel
- FCO – Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- FCDO – Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- FRCS – French Continental Shelf (also Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons – check context)
- FSS – Forensic Science Services
- FW – Fixed Wing [aircraft]

G-I

- GNN – Government News Network
- GO – Government Office
- HMCG – His Majesty’s Coastguard
- HO – Home Office
- HSE – Health and Safety Executive
- HSPO – Home Secretary’s Private Office
- IAMSAR – International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue
- ICIBI – Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration
- ILB – In-shore Lifeboat

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- IM – Illegal/Irregular Migration (also Information Manager/Management - check context)
- IMO – International Maritime Organisation
- IOPC Fund – International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
- IRB – In-shore Rescue Boat
- ISO – International Standards Organisation

J-L

- JCR – Joint Control Room
- JIC – Joint Intelligence Centre
- JMOCC – Joint Maritime Operations Coordination Centre
- JMSC – Joint Maritime Security Centre
- JRCC – Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- LA – Launching Authority
- LGD – Lead Government Department
- LLS – Language Line Solutions (interpretation service)
- LOM – Lifeboat Operations Manager

M-O

- MACA – Military Aid to Civil Authorities
- MAIB – Marine Accident Investigation Branch
- MANCHEX – Manche Exercise – Annual Anglo-French SAR exercise
- MAPRT – Media and Public Relations Team
- MAROPS - [Coastguard] Maritime Operations Officers
- MCA – Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- MCC – HMCG Mission Control Centre
- MCMP – Management Committee on Marine Pollution
- MCO – Marine Casualty Officer
- MEIR – Marine Emergency Information Room
- MIP – Major Incident Plan
- MoD – Ministry of Defence
- MOO – Maritime Operations Officer
- MoU – Memorandum of Understanding
- MRC – Marine Response Centre
- MRCC – Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre
- MSMSG - Maritime Security Ministerial Small Group
- NCA – National Crime Agency

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- NGO – Non-Governmental Organisation
- NHS – National Health Service
- NMIC – National Maritime Information Centre
- NMSC(O) - National Maritime Security Committee (Officials)
- NMOC – National Maritime Operations Centre
- NOTAM – Notice to Airmen
- NPCC – National Police Chiefs’ Council
- NSAG – National Security Advice Group
- NSMS – National Strategy for Maritime Security
- NSS – National Security Strategy
- OCU – Operational Control Unit
- OGD – Other Government Department(s)
- OPCON – Operational Control
- ORCC – Operational Response Conference Call
- OSC – On-Scene Co-ordinator

P-R

- PolMar – Combatting pollution at sea (from the French)
- PRH – Private In-shore Rescue Hovercraft
- RAS – Returns At Sea
- RCC – Rescue Co-ordination Centre
- RNLI – Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- RTB – Return to Base (common radio abbreviation)

S-U

- SAR – Search and Rescue
- SARiC – Search and Rescue in Channel
- SAMAR - Sauvetage Aérien MARitime / Maritime Air Rescue
- SBTC – Small Boat Tactical Cover
- SCAT – Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team
- SCG – Strategic Co-ordination Group
- SCS – Senior Civil Service/Servant
- SCU – Salvage Control Unit
- SERS – Ship Emergency Response Service
- SGMer – General Secretariat for the Sea (French Govt agency)
- SIO – Senior Investigating Officer

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- SMC – Strategic Maritime Commander (also Search Mission Co-ordinator – checjk context)
- SMOO – Senior Maritime Operations Officer
- SOBC – Strategic Outline Business Case
- SOCG – Serious Organised Crime Group (Home Office body)
- SOLAS – Safety Of Life At Sea (International Convention)
- SOP – Standard Operating Procedures
- SOSOC – Supreme On-Scene Co-ordinator
- SOSREP – Secretary of State’s Representative (for Maritime Salvage and Intervention)
- SRR – Search and Rescue Region
- TACOM – Tactical Command
- TACON – Tactical Control
- TDA – Temporary Danger Area
- TSS – Traffic Separation Scheme
- TSOC – Transport Security Operations Centre
- TTW – Territorial Waters
- TTX – Table-top exercise
- UKARCC – See ARCC
- UKCS – United Kingdom Continental Shelf
- UKPCZ – United Kingdom Pollution Control Zone
- UKSARH – UK Search And Rescue Helicopter (programme)
- UKSAR2G – UK Second Generation Search and Rescue Programme
- UNCLOS – United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

V-Z

- VHF – Very high frequency channel
- VTM – Vessel Traffic Management
- VTS – Vessel Traffic Service
- VfM – Value for Money
- WAA – We Are Aware
- WR – Write Round
- XWH – Cross-Whitehall
- XHMG – Cross-Government

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Common non-acronym terminology occurring in radio calls etc.

2Excel – specialist aircraft operator used for search and surveillance

ALTAIR – Operation Altair - Code name for an operation involving the use of fixed-wing aircraft by HM Coastguard for reconnaissance.

CIRC – Abbreviation of “circular”. Refers to IMO regulations on disputed maritime traffic management.

Coxswain – Person in charge of an all-weather lifeboat.

Cutter – Border Force operated vessel

Dungeness – Location on the Kent coast. Site of a RNLI lifeboat station. Also site of a nuclear power station used as a navigation marker by some small boats.

DEVERAN – Operation Deveran – weather forecasting used to predict days with a high risk of crossings.

EOS – Operation Eos – tasking policy for MCA migrant surveillance aircraft.

Flammant – French coast-guard vessel.

Gris-Nez – Location on the French Coast (Cap Gris-Nez). Site of French command center for activity in the channel.

Hurricane, Hunter, Searcher – Border Force cutters, styled His Majesty’s Cutter (HMC)

ISOTROPE – Operation Isotrope – use of the military in countering crossings.

King Air – aircraft type operated by 2Excel (manufactured by Beechcraft)

KRAKEN – Operation Kraken - Joint agency maritime project with the aim of gathering intelligence in respect of suspicious activity around the Kent Coast etc, including illegal entry into and exit from the UK.

La Manche – The French term for the English Channel.

Mancheplan – 2018 Anglo – French Joint Maritime Contingency Plan

Maritime Prefect – Authority responsible for maritime crisis management in France

Panther – aircraft type operated by 2Excel (Piper PA31)

Rescue[163], R[163] – Coastguard rescue helicopter callsign (number changes for different helicopters).

RVL – RVL Aviation (specialist aviation provider)

Solent – A section of the English Channel.

Tekever – drone manufacturer/operator, AR3 type used in Channel surveillance.

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Valiant – UK Border Force cutter, active on the night of the incident.