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Operations Bulletin
Joint Tasking Debrief Protocols with CCG

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Station Leaders & Coxswains,

RCMSAR HQ continues to work closely with our CCG colleagues and our joint Operations Liaison team to ensure a constant improvement of our SAR skills and abilities. An item that has been raised in our RCMSAR/CCG discussions is that SAR cases are not often debriefed jointly with CCG and RCMSAR personnel after joint taskings. As debriefs are one of the most powerful learning mechanisms SAR professionals can use, this is an opportunity for resources operating in the same area to align their approach, learn from each other, and more effectively respond to their next tasking.

Effective immediately, RCMSAR in conjunction with CCG SAR Programs will be implementing an SOP for RCMSAR and CCG teams to debrief after a joint tasking by doing the following:

- The RCMSAR Coxswain is requested to contact the CCG OIC (during working hours) * within 24hrs of a joint SAR case ending.
- The Coxswain and CCG OIC will debrief together over the phone or look to set up a future call/video conference that involves the rest of the team if required.
- If the Coxswain is not available, they can request an advanced crew or station leader follow up on their behalf.
- If the CCG OIC is not reasonably available (during working hours) *, please advise RCMSAR HQ for further follow up.

Working hours for lifeboat stations are everyday 0800-1600.

These debriefs will ensure issues that occur can be discussed and resolved, positive actions are reinforced, and the approach of an important community resource is aligned with CCG operations and vice versa.

Furthermore, if you are not already doing so, we encourage all stations to reach out to your neighbouring CCG stations, to train, establish rapport, and engage those partnerships. A current contact list of CCG Stations is attached and can also be found on SMS for reference.

If you have any further questions, please contact the operations manager.

Sincerely,

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