



**Volunteers
Saving Lives
at Sea**

Operations Memorandum

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To: Unit Leaders

cc: Management Team

From: David Rees-Thomas, Manager of SAR/Operations

Subject: Vessel Maintenance

Recently a Station needed to put a backup vessel into SAR service on very short notice, but found the boat to be virtually inoperable. On another occurrence, a relief vessel had not been properly maintained or inspected; its bilge pump failed, and the vessel sank at the dock, incurring several thousand dollars expense in motor repairs.

All Stations are reminded that *all* CCGA-P vessels, be they Dedicated Response Vessels, backup boats, Region loaner vessels, and, yes, owner-operator vessels, should be inspected regularly and maintained in an operational state. Defects and deficiencies should be made good as soon as possible.

If any vessel is likely to remain out of service for an extended period, please advise the Manager of SAR/Operations by email, and flag the vessel Out of Service on your SARMS Vessel page.

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