

# **SAREX**

## **Prince Rupert 2008 - Exercise RCC and OSC Scripts**

### **Resources**

CCG Point Henry	
Auxiliary 63A	Kitimat
Auxiliary 64	Prince Rupert
Auxiliary 65	Port Simpson
Auxiliary 68	Ocean Falls
Auxiliary 74	Kitkatla
F/V Miss Fraser	Owner / Operator

### **1. SAR 1 - Dewater and tow**

#### **Initial briefing**

*The 33-foot fishing vessel Miss Foster is reported disabled and taking on water near Vigilant Island, Prince Rupert harbour. Point Henry is on-scene coordinator. They've requested an Auxiliary vessel to assist.*

*If prompted: Unknown number of persons on board - the operator sounded somewhat confused.*

*No further information is available at this time.*

The fishing vessel Miss Fraser will be positioned near Vigilant I. Ideally Point Henry would take up a position somewhere to the south of Vigilant I where it's possible to observe both the F/V and the victim of the second SAR exercise (SAR2 below).

#### **Departure**

Team should report under way, ETA, and number of POB - Ex Radio should prompt for missing information.

#### **On Scene**

Team should report arrival on scene to Exercise Radio and OSC, placing itself under command of OSC.

OSC directs Aux XX to attend fishing vessel as unable to get clear picture of condition - the operator appears confused, may be injured (he isn't).

On coming alongside (after SAP), Aux XX will find F/V is indeed taking on water (but stable), necessitating transfer of pump and dewatering.

On completion of dewatering, OSC tasks Aux XX to take F/V in tow for Seal Harbour.

*The important thing here is regular and detailed SITREPs - number of POB (there may be some confusion here, with the possibility that there is a person missing - they will have to get that information from the vessel operator), condition of vessel, actions taken. Note they have been given an incorrect vessel name (Miss Foster) by Exercise Radio.*

If there is time remaining, Aux XX will take F/V in tow alongside and berth the vessel.

## **2. SAR2 - Medevac**

### **Initial briefing**

*Point Henry is on scene with a fishing vessel near Vigilant Island, Prince Rupert harbour. They've spotted what may be a person missing from the fishing vessel on shore nearby and have requested an Auxiliary vessel to investigate. If you can head out there and get in touch with Point Henry, they'll show you where to go.*

A (probably) live OSCAR will be placed ashore on the south or west side of Vigilant I in a position visible to Point Henry, but not Miss Fraser.

### **Departure**

Team should report under way, ETA, and number of POB - prompt for missing information, and record.

### **On Scene**

Team should report arrival on scene to OSC, placing itself under command of OSC.

*OSC will point out location of possible person ashore and task Aux YY to attend.*

Aux YY will do shore approach, put crew ashore. Subject will be moderately hypothermic, responsive to pain stimulus (GCS 2-3-4 = 9). Crew should treat for hypothermia and transport to Point Henry (if necessary, should be asked to treat and package on the beach rather than make a quick run to PH).

*Again, SITREPs are the main thing to look for.*

*OSC will direct Aux YY to transport subject to Point Henry for transfer to medic and further treatment.*

On transfer of subject, Aux YY should provide a set of vitals - remember the level is Standard First Aid, though. PH medic should assess treatment given. Appropriate questions may be asked, and advice given (this is a learning experience!)

Aux YY will be directed to return the subject to the beach and RTB (except for the last run).

### **General Comments**

The overall objective is that it be a learning experience, especially for those who are less familiar with search and rescue procedures. To this end, crews will be made up from different Units, with the more experienced members being expected to do a certain amount of teaching along the way. We hope that this will help open lines of communication and encourage mentoring among the Northern Units.

The Auxiliary teams will be using callsigns AUXILIARY 81 through 85. Each team will run both scenarios, plus several less arduous events ashore. A monitor will ride with each team and do the bulk of the grading. Take advantage of the Medic A on board Point Henry. Monitors (and anyone else) on board Point Henry to record general observations of the performance of each team - these will not be used in awarding a final score (unless there's a tie?), but should help members become more capable SAR crew.

## **SAR Exercise 1 Prince Rupert Communications**

**Exercise control briefing** (by phone if possible):

*The 33 foot fishing vessel Miss Fraser is reported broken down and taking on water off Vigilant I Prince Rupert Harbour. The vessel is white in colour, unknown number of persons on board. CG Point Henry is OSC.*

On-board monitor to grade:

Crew briefing

Chart - locate Vigilant I (about 1 mile away)

Vessel and gear check (could assume DI done to save time)

Comms - departure, ETA

Speed in harbour

Comms - on scene

Comms with Point Henry

SAP

Confirm number of POB - one is missing, report to OSC (OSC could confirm sighting and assignment of other team since SAR events start at same time).

Check for injuries (none)

Confirm PFDs on all POB

Comms - sitrep

Pump operation - time from on deck to discharge

Comms - sitrep

Damage control?

Comms - sitrep

Take under tow astern

Comms - sitrep

Take tow alongside, put on float in Seal Cove

Comms - sitrep

Log

## **SAR Exercise 2 – Prince Rupert Communications**

*Possible person on beach - OSC is Point Henry.*

*The problem here is to do something that is within the capabilities of Standard First Aid*

Tasking to do shoreline search - pick CSP quite near casualty. To save time, Pt Henry thinks they can see casualty, need RHIB to land

Locate, SAP, approach, land

ABCs; C-spine

Casualty groans on pain, localizes - subject could be sitting huddled **or** subject is unresponsive, requiring full 1-2-minute pulse check

Definitely hypothermic in either case

Record vitals as found

Wrap in blankets, apply hot packs, package for transport

O2? Assisted vents (CGA generally do not carry heat-treat)

Transfer to Point Henry

Handover to Medic (vitals as found)

*Need dinghy to return casualty to beach*