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**DISTRESS PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS FOR RCCs
FROM SHORE-TO-SHIP VIA GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY
SYSTEM (GMDSS) SATELLITE SERVICE PROVIDERS**

1 The Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications, and Search and Rescue (NCSR), at its eighth session (19 to 23 April 2021), in consultation with the recognized mobile satellite service providers, has updated the information on rescue coordination centres (RCCs) associated with GMDSS satellite service provider land earth stations (LESs).

2 Some RCCs have established arrangements whereby they are able to use the distress priority when sending certain messages from shore-to-ship via any recognized mobile satellite service providers. The method of achieving this varies depending on the nature of the facilities available at both an LES and an RCC. Established standard arrangements can contribute significantly to the efficiency and effectiveness of search and rescue (SAR) operations.

3 In order for an RCC to make use of the distress priority in the shore-to-ship direction, it is necessary for that RCC to establish a prior arrangement with the LES to set up the necessary traffic routing arrangements. To enable this arrangement to be made, the RCC should contact the LES via the Operations Coordinator for that LES, whose details are contained in COMSAR.1/Circ.53/Rev.2 or a later revision of that circular. The LES will advise the RCC on the specific procedures to be used to make use of the distress priority in the shore-to-ship direction via that LES. To provide for priority access to the relevant LES, an RCC may make arrangements such as:

- .1 two-stage voice dialling; or
- .2 installing a private leased line or some other system giving direct access to the LES network, where the required vessel number can be dialled and priority for space segment attached; or
- .3 other suitable arrangements similar to those outlined above.

4 To facilitate contacts between RCCs and LESs, detailed updated information on RCCs has been provided by each recognized mobile satellite service provider and is given in the annex. Information for additional recognized mobile satellite service providers will be included when available.

5 Member Governments are invited to bring this revised circular to the attention of their SAR authorities and RCCs recommending them to establish appropriate arrangements for the use of distress priority communications from shore-to-ship when necessary.

6 Member Governments are also invited to request their RCCs to keep recognized mobile satellite service providers updated with any changes that may occur to their contact details from time to time.

7 This circular revokes COMSAR.1/Circ.50/Rev.3.

ANNEX

TABLE 1 – LIST OF RCCs ASSOCIATED WITH INMARSAT-C LAND EARTH STATIONS (LESSs) AS OF 1 FEBRUARY 2021

LES (Country)	Operator	Region	LES ID	Associated RCC	Contact email and phone numbers	
Borum (Netherlands)	Inmarsat Solution	AOR-W	002	MRCC United Kingdom	ukmrcc@hmcg.gov.uk	+44 13 2631 7575 or +44 20 3817 2548
			012	JRCC Den Helder	ccc@kustwacht.nl	+31 223 542 300
		AOR-E	102	MRCC United Kingdom	ukmrcc@hmcg.gov.uk	+44 13 2631 7575 or +44 20 3817 2548
			112	JRCC Den Helder	ccc@kustwacht.nl	+31 223 542 300
		POR	202	MRCC United Kingdom	ukmrcc@hmcg.gov.uk	+44 13 2631 7575 or +44 20 3817 2548
			212	RCC Australia	rccaus@amsa.gov.au	+61 2 6279 5741 or +61 2 6230 6811
		IOR	302	MRCC United Kingdom	ukmrcc@hmcg.gov.uk	+44 13 2631 7575 or +44 20 3817 2548
			312	RCC Australia	rccaus@amsa.gov.au	+61 2 6279 5741 or +61 2 6230 6811
Eik (Norway)	Comsat, Marlink	AOR-W	001	USCG Norfolk	D05-SMB-CAA-LANT30cc@uscg.mil or D05-SMB-D5CC@uscg.mil	+1 757 398 6231 or +1 757 398 6390
			004	JRCC Stavanger	operations@jrcc-stavanger.no or opinsp@jrcc-stavanger.no	+47 5164 6000 or +47 5164 6002
		AOR-E	101	USCG Norfolk	D05-SMB-CAA-LANT30cc@uscg.mil or D05-SMB-D5CC@uscg.mil	+1 757 398 6231 or +1 757 398 6390
			104	JRCC Stavanger	operations@jrcc-stavanger.no or opinsp@jrcc-stavanger.no	+47 5164 6000 or +47 5164 6002
		POR	201	USCG Alameda	rccalameda1@uscg.mil	+1 510 437 3701 or +1 510 437 3700
			204	JRCC Stavanger	operations@jrcc-stavanger.no or opinsp@jrcc-stavanger.no	+47 5164 6000 or +47 5164 6002

		IOR	301	JRCC Stavanger	operations@jrcc-stavanger.no or opinsp@jrcc-stavanger.no	+47 5164 6000 or +47 5164 6002
			304	JRCC Stavanger	operations@jrcc-stavanger.no or opinsp@jrcc-stavanger.no	+47 5164 6000 or +47 5164 6002
Yamaguchi (Japan)	KDDI	AOR-W	003	Operation Centre, Tokyo	jcg-op@mlit.go.jp	+81 3 3591 9000 or +81 3 3591 6361
		AOR-E	103			
		POR	203			
		IOR	303			
Fucino (Italy)	Telecom Italia	AOR-E	105	CG Rome	imrcc-ssas@mit.gov.it	+39 06 59648187
		IOR	335			
BSNL (India)	BSNL	IOR	306	MRCC Mumbai	indsar@vsnl.net and mrcc-west@indiancoastguard.nic.in	+91 22 2438 8065 or +91 22 2438 3592
		POR	206			
Beijing (China)	MCN	POR	211	MRCC Beijing	cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn	+86 10 6529 2221
		IOR	311			
Nudol (Russian Federation)	Marsat	POR	217	MRCC Vladivostok	vldvmrcc@pma.ru	+7 4232 227782 +7 4232 495522 +7 4232 497401
		IOR	317	MRCC Moscow	smrcc@morflot.ru	+7 495 626 1052
Aussaguel (France)	Marlink	AOR-W	021	CROSS Gris-Nez	gris-nez@mrccfr.eu	+33 3 2187 2187
		AOR-E	121			
		POR	221			
		IOR	321			
Hai Phong (Viet Nam)	Vishipel	POR	230	MRCC Viet Nam	rescuevietnam@yahoo.com.vn and rescue-dept@vinamarine.gov.vn	+84 4 3768 3050

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TABLE 2 – LIST OF RCCs ASSOCIATED WITH IRIDIUM LAND EARTH STATIONS (LESs) AS OF 1 FEBRUARY 2021

No.	LES	Country	RCC	Region(s)	Address	Contact details
1	Tempe, Arizona	United States	JRCC Norfolk	Global - Primary	Commander (ACC) Atlantic Area US Coast Guard 431 Crawford St. Portsmouth VA 23704 United States	Tel: +1 757 398 6700 Fax: +1 757 398 6775 Email: lantwatch@uscg.mil
2	Tempe, Arizona	United States	JRCC Alameda	Global - Secondary	Pacific Area Command Central US Coast Guard Bldg. 51-2 Coast Guard Island Alameda, CA 94501-5100 United States	Tel: +1 510 437 3701 Fax: +1 510 437 3017 Email: rccalameda@uscg.mil
3	Tempe, Arizona	United States	RCC Fareham	Nil*	Unit 12 Kites Croft Business Park, Fareham PO14 4LW United Kingdom	Tel: +44 344 382 0025
4	Tempe, Arizona	United States	RCC Stavanger	Nil*	Hovedredningscentralen Sør-Norge Postboks 13 4097 Sola Norway	Tel: +47 5151 7000
5	Tempe, Arizona	United States	JRCC Australia	Nil*	82 Northbourne Avenue Braddon ACT 2612 Australia	Tel: +61 2 6230 6811
6	Tempe, Arizona	United States	JRCC New Zealand	Nil*	41 Percy Cameron Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt 5011 New Zealand	Tel: +64 4577 8030

Note:

* RCC is associated at stage 2; region being defined and registered.