

# Jersey Harbour Authority

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**\*\*By email only\*\***

30th May 2023

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

I am writing with an update on the redeclaration process following the Jersey Lifeboat Association's status as a Declared Facility having been frozen in December 2021 following the grounding of the Sir Max Aitken III on the Pierre au Poisson rocks on Wednesday 10th November 2021.

The re-declaration process has comprised an audit undertaken in two parts: against the Jersey Coastguard Declared Facility Framework and the recommendations of the report into the grounding of the Sir Max Aitken III. The process has been undertaken by Jersey Coastguard and observed by senior members of His Majesty's Coastguard (HMCG).

The JLA crew have worked closely and collaboratively with Jersey Coastguard to address the actions identified as red from the audit. We now are in a position where the JLA have met the requirements of the Jersey Coastguard Declared Facility Framework. I am therefore able to say that the Jersey Harbour Authority is content to reinstate the JLA's status as a declared SAR facility to Jersey Coastguard. This has effect upon your acknowledgement of receipt of this letter and the JLA's Responsible Person, Paul Bradley, emailing [jerseycoastguard@ports.je](mailto:jerseycoastguard@ports.je) with confirmation that the JLA are available for tasking.

You will appreciate the importance for this of an updated coding certificate for the Sir Max Aitken III being provided to Jersey Coastguard immediately following its renewal date, and ditto all relevant insurance certificates when, shortly, they are due to be renewed. These are essential for any declared facility.

The redeclaration includes the Jersey Harbour Authority and the JLA entering into a Declared Facility Agreement. A draft of this is attached for your consideration. The agreement is based on the template Declared Facility Agreement used by HMCG with independent stations, adapted for Jersey's circumstances and in fact drawing on some of the language in your own Operational Policies and Procedures document. Its use was a recommendation by HMCG following its peer review of Jersey Coastguard's own Declared Facility Framework, and for Jersey Coastguard it will provide formal assurance of the JLA's capabilities as a SAR unit.

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We wish to set a target of 60 days from the date of this letter, that is to say, the end of July, for the completion of the actions identified as amber in the audit table (enclosed with this letter for ease of reference), to the satisfaction of Jersey Coastguard. The same goes for the signing of the Declared Facility Framework. The action required to achieve this clearly varies somewhat from item to item and it might well be a good idea to schedule a meeting at the beginning of July, to go over each item on the amber list in order to be sure that things are

closed off satisfactorily. We can of course consider separately, perhaps by correspondence in the first instance, any questions or comments you may have on the draft DFA.

I would like to thank the JLA crew for their engagement and openness during the redeclaration process. Their dedication for safety at sea was clearly evident. Jersey Coastguard looks forward to engaging positively with the JLA crew and JLA Council through regular operational meetings and as part of wider engagement with the whole SAR community.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A Sadler".

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