



# **DRAFT DECLARED FACILITY AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**JERSEY HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

**AND**

**JERSEY LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION**

**FOR**

**PROVISION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE  
CAPABILITY**

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## SECTION 2 – DECLARED FACILITY AGREEMENT

### Introduction

Ports of Jersey Limited is Jersey's statutory Harbour Authority, having been appointed in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961.

The Harbour Authority holds responsibility for coordinating, or providing resources for coordinating, maritime search and rescue within the Jersey Search and Rescue Region, in accordance with Article 2(6) of the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961 and Article 6(2)(a) of the Air and Sea Ports (Jersey) Law 2015. This function is discharged by Jersey Coastguard on behalf of the Harbour Authority.

Jersey Coastguard is able to call upon and co-ordinate the activities of Declared and Additional SAR Facilities. The Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre for Jersey (the "Jersey MRCC") acts as the internationally recognised centre for the coordination of search and rescue operations within Jersey's Territorial Waters.

### Jersey Lifeboat Association Status

Jersey Lifeboat Association has been designated as a maritime SAR resource, coordinated by Jersey Coastguard to the standards of capability and availability set out in this agreement.

Fully Declared Facility.

Coordinated by Jersey Coastguard in Jersey Territorial Waters.

### Jersey Lifeboat Association Responsibilities

The Jersey Lifeboat Association is responsible for:

- Declaring the standard of capability and availability;
- Declaring its area of operation;
- Maintaining the declared standards;
- Informing Jersey MRCC of any changes to capability, including changes to the Independent Rescue Boat organisation IRBOs key contacts;
- Informing Jersey MRCC of any changes in availability for service and the boundaries of its operating area.

Should the rescue boat or boats be unavailable for service for whatever reason the Council reserve the right to substitute one or more with an alternative Rescue Boat Code compliant vessel for the purpose of sea rescue but manned by the IRBOs personnel, keeping Jersey MRCC informed accordingly.

### Declared Availability

Jersey Lifeboat Association is available for maritime SAR as follows:

The All-weather lifeboat is available at all times, unless notified as off service. The Inshore lifeboat is subject to weather limitations and decision to launch will be made by a JLA Launch Authority.

## **DECLARED OPERATING AREA**

Jersey Lifeboat Association is available to operate within the following:

Jersey Territorial Waters as defined by the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Jersey) Order 1997. Jersey Lifeboat Association vessels may also be requested by other neighbouring coastal states through the procedures for the request of assistance as defined in Section 3, Article 36 of MANCHEPLAN.

The Rescue Boat/s are not available for inland or enclosed water rescue operations.

## **LAUNCHING PROCEDURE**

The Jersey Lifeboat Association Launching Authority rests with the Duty Coxswain or Helmsmen who will be contacted by Jersey MRCC via the agreed alerting system.

Upon receipt of an alert from Jersey MRCC to initiate a response the Launching Authority will contact Jersey MRCC by telephone and having discussed the incident, may instigate a launch.

Provided the request to launch is accepted by the Launching Authority it is then the responsibility of the Launching Authority to alert the Crew and Shore Helpers.

Whilst requests for launch are made by Jersey MRCC, the final decision to launch in the prevailing weather, sea and tidal conditions rests with the Launching Authority.

The Launching Authority is responsible for informing Jersey MRCC if:

- There is likely to be a delay in launching; or
- A launch is not possible.

The Jersey MRCC will provide the Launching Authority with as much of the following information as possible:

- Type of service required;
- Details of the casualty or casualties;
- Number of persons in danger;
- Last known position of the casualty or casualties and the specific times thereof;
- Communications channel to be used by Lifeboat;
- Communications channel being monitored by casualty;
- Other rescue units involved.

## **SELF LAUNCH**

In the unlikely event of any communication difficulties between MRCC Jersey and the JLA, or in the event of an exceptional emergency (that is to say, an emergency situation beyond any 'normal'

emergency) the JLA Launching Authority reserves the right to self-launch the units without further consultation with other authorities if such consultation proves to be impracticable in an emergency timeframe. The JLA's self-launch procedures will be authorised by the Coxswain/Helmsman under such exceptional circumstances. They will not be used as a standard launching procedure. In circumstances of a self-launch under the provisions of this section, the Duty Coxswain/Helmsman or any other JLA crew will inform MRCC Jersey at the very first opportunity. MRCC Jersey, as soon as it is aware of a self-launch, will take all steps to communicate urgently with the JLA vessel following which it will then take on normal SAR coordinating responsibilities for it. For avoidance of doubt it is repeated that self-launch procedures are for wholly exceptional use only and are not to be utilised as standard procedure.

## **LAUNCHING RESTRICTIONS**

Both rescue boats are moored on all states of tide pontoons, therefore there are no launch restrictions.

## **WEATHER OPERATING RESTRICTIONS**

The maximum weather conditions for safe operation are:

All-Weather Lifeboat (Sir Max Aitken III) – in accordance with coding certificate for vessel

Inshore Lifeboat (Albert Pinel) - in accordance with coding certificate for vessel

Dependent upon wind direction and sea state, the final decision as to whether the Rescue Boat can launch remains with the JLA Launching Authority.

## **LAUNCHING AUTHORITY CONTACT NUMBERS**

It is the responsibility of a representative of Jersey Lifeboat Association to provide all necessary contact details to the Declared Facility Liaison Officer (DFLO) to organise or directly register the information on the appropriate resource card in MRCC Jersey's ViSION System.

These must include the following key personnel:

- Coxswain/s;
- Helm/s;
- Shore contact/s; (available when vessels are operational/on exercise)
- Chairman of JLA Council;

## **OPERATIONAL CONTROL**

The Jersey Lifeboat Association is at all times subject to the direction of the Launching Authority and under direct command of the Coxswain/Helmsman. The Coxswain/Helmsman and crew are to cooperate fully with MRCC Jersey, which may include MRCC Jersey officers at the scene of an incident.

The Jersey MRCC is responsible for the operational control of all Search and Rescue resources used during an incident.

Once launched on service, the Rescue Boat/s should establish communications on the designated communications channel and pass the crew list and then provide an ETA at the

scene of the incident. The Jersey MRCC will then update the crew on the situation and give a time check.

It is the responsibility of the Jersey MRCC to maintain communications with the Rescue Boat/s once launched on service.

It is the responsibility of the Coxswain/Helmsman to inform Jersey MRCC when it has arrived on scene and to provide regular situation reports.

Should a crew change be deemed prudent or necessary the JLA Launching Authority will advise the Jersey MRCC, indicating the time and place for such change to be achieved.

Should the Coxswain/Helmsman request a crew change, they should advise Jersey MRCC who will make the necessary arrangements via telephone with the shore-based contacts and communicate the response back to the Helmsman at the earliest opportunity.

On completion of the service the Launching Authority is responsible for informing Jersey MRCC when the Rescue Boat/s are re-housed, refuelled and ready for service again.

## **EXERCISE AND OPERATIONS NORMAL CHECKS**

Prior to and during exercises the Coxswain/Helmsman should inform Jersey MRCC of its intentions and operating area, giving a crew list as for SAR operations. Operations Normal checks will be required from the Rescue Boat/s at specified intervals. The Coxswain/Helmsman should initiate these checks at the specified intervals giving the current position of the Rescue Boat.

## **TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

The training of personnel associated with the Jersey Lifeboat Association is the responsibility of the Jersey Lifeboat Association Council in accordance with their own laid down standards.

The coding certification for the vessels should be maintained as part of the Declared Facility Agreement by the Jersey Lifeboat Association Responsible Person and verified by Jersey Coastguard annually.

The Jersey Lifeboat Association Council will maintain individual training records and records of internal and external inspections that facilitate operational standards.

## **INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY**

The Jersey Lifeboat Association will continue to maintain Public Liability Insurance Cover to a minimum sum of £5 million pounds and provide and maintain insurance in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Regulations 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

On behalf of Jersey Harbour Authority	On behalf of Jersey Lifeboat Association
<p>.....</p> <p>Capt William Sadler                      Date: Chief Coastguard</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>Name    Date: Position</p>

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## **SECTION 3 – LIFEBOAT DESCRIPTION**

### **THE BASIC SPECIFICATION OF JLA Sir Max Aitken III – All weather lifeboat**

#### **VESSEL**

Sir Max Aitken III – 14.3m Ex-Tyne class lifeboat

#### **DRAFT**

1.45m

#### **PROPULSION**

2 x GM6V92 DDec marine diesel engines; 525hp each at 2,300 rpm

#### **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

VHF (DSC), MF, HF, Portable VHF  
DF

#### **NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT**

Raymarine Chartplotter (with SAR functions) with Radar  
AIS Class B Transponder

#### **LIVES SAVING EQUIPMENT**

Pyrotechnics  
FLIR  
O2 Equipment  
Survival equipment

#### **FIRST AID EQUIPMENT**

Entonox  
Medication  
Stretcher/spinal board  
Medical Equipment  
AED

#### **PAYLOAD**

[Insert Detail – Min / Max]

#### **SPEED**

18 knots

## **ENDURANCE**

200+ nm, circa 10 hou

## **ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT**

[Insert Detail]

## **THE BASIC SPECIFICATION OF JLA Albert Pinel Inshore Lifeboat**

### **VESSEL**

Albert Pinel – Inshore Lifeboat

### **DRAFT**

1.24m

### **PROPULSION**

2 x Mercury 225hp

### **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

VHF (with DSC)  
VHF Portable  
DF

### **NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT**

Raymarine Chartplotter (with SAR functions) with Radar  
AIS Class B transponder

### **LIVES SAVING EQUIPMENT**

Pyrotechnics  
FLIR  
O2 Equipment  
Survival equipment

### **FIRST AID EQUIPMENT**

Entonox  
Medication  
Stretcher/spinal board  
Medical Equipment  
AED

### **PAYLOAD**

[Insert Detail – Min / Max]

**SPEED**

50+ knots

**ENDURANCE**

200+nm, 4-5 hours at average speed of 30 knots

**ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT**

[Insert Detail]

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## ANNEX A

### LAUNCHING PHRASEOLOGY

Phrase	Meaning
Request Launch	Request you launch to the target indicated.
Request Immediate Readiness	Request you bring the Lifeboat and crew to immediate readiness for launching.
Request Standby .....Minutes	Request you bring the lifeboat and crew to .....minutes notice for launch.
Will Launch	We have allocated the Lifeboat to the service indicated and will launch as soon as possible.
At/Coming to Immediate Readiness by: (Time to be given)	Lifeboat at immediate readiness; <b>or</b> Lifeboat will be at immediate readiness at the time indicated.
At Standby.....Minutes	Lifeboat is at .....minutes notice for launch.
Ready for Service	Lifeboat re-housed, re-fuelled and ready for service with the crew stood down.
Will be Ready for Service by (time to be given)	Lifeboat will be ready for service by (time to be given).
Launching	Launching is actually in progress.
Proceeding	Lifeboat launched and underway.