

Hveragerði, Iceland, April 15 – 16, 2020

Fifth Joint Arctic SAR Workshop & TTX



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As part of ARCSAR, the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO), the Icelandic Coast Guard (ICG) and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in North-Norway (JRCC NN), invite cruise operators, SAR responders and other relevant stakeholders to join us for the Fifth Arctic Search & Rescue (SAR) Workshop & Table-Top Exercise (TTX), in Hveragerði, Iceland, April 15 – 16, 2020.

Background

Arctic cruise tourism is a cross-border activity in all Arctic countries. The interest in Arctic cruising continues to grow, and an increasing number of operators and cruise vessels are involved. As more passenger ships enter the Arctic, safety and SAR preparedness is a priority for the cruise industry and SAR responders.

Cruise industry representatives, SAR responders and other relevant stakeholders have described the four previous joint SAR events, organized in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, as highly valuable for strengthening Arctic SAR. Dialogue and cooperation have developed, and there is a greater understanding of the competencies,

capacities and capabilities of the different actors, as well as limitations and potentials. This joint SAR TTX and workshop gathers industry representatives and SAR entities to an event that has consolidated its reputation as a highly important networking platform.

To further develop this important cross-border collaboration, the Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators, the Icelandic Coast Guard and the Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Northern Norway invite all relevant interested parties to join us for the Fifth Arctic SAR Workshop & TTX on April 15 – 16, 2020.

ARCSAR:

The event is organized within the framework of ARCSAR, an EU-funded Arctic and North Atlantic Security and Emergency Preparedness Network. The ARCSAR network addresses the Arctic and North-Atlantic (ANA)

region, preparing to cope with the security and safety threats that will result from increased commercial activity in the region including traffic through the Northern passages, cruise traffic, and offshore oil and gas activity.

Agenda

The agenda for the 2020 event will be developed with special focus on:

- Abandon vessel – What now?
- Organizing emergency camps on remote Arctic shores
- Equipment and skills required for effective emergency camps

The program will be a combination of relevant presentations, a tabletop exercise and a workshop.



The event will be an opportunity to:

- Enhance contact, dialogue and cooperation between the cruise industry and SAR entities
- Share information, experience and best practices
- Acknowledge potentials and limitations
- Identify, communicate, and close gaps
- Ensure best possible utilization of all assets, resources and competence
- Focus on problem solving and solutions
- Identify innovation and new development
- Encourage and accommodate for more joint excises, including live exercise

Organizers

Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO), the Icelandic Coast Guard and the Joint Rescue and Coordination Centre in Northern Norway.

Participants

This event will be open to relevant participants from operating members of AECO, such as commanding bridge officers and operation management with roles in SAR operations, and relevant participants from Arctic search

and rescue entities, such as personnel involved in Arctic maritime search and rescue operations. Due to limited capacity, early registration is recommended. Other interested parties such as authorities and researchers are also welcome, if capacity allows.

Place and time

Hveragerði, Iceland,
April 15 from 09:00 to 17:00 on April 16, 2020.

Practical information

Travel: Participants make their own travel arrangements. The organizers will arrange for transportation to and from Reykjavik and potentially Keflavik Airport.

Venue: Hotel Örk, Breiðumörk 1c, 810 Hveragerði, Iceland

Accommodation: Participants should book their own accommodation. Full pension options will be available. Information regarding prices and booking codes will be made available.

Registration

Registration for members of AECO and search and rescue entities will be made available here:

<https://www.aeco.no/events/joint-arctic-sar-workshop-and-ttx/>

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