

Reykjavik, April 10–11, 2018

Third Joint Arctic SAR Workshop & TTX



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The Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators (AECO), the Icelandic Coast Guard (ICG) and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Northern Norway (JRCC NN), invite cruise operators, SAR responders and other relevant stakeholders to join us for the Third Arctic Search & Rescue (SAR) Workshop & Table-Top Exercise (TTX), in Reykjavik, April 10–11, 2018.

The overall objective for the Joint Arctic SAR TTX is **to ensure safe Arctic cruise operations**.

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 two previous joint SAR events, organized in 2016 and 2017, 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 Third Arctic SAR Workshop & TTX on April 10 – 11, 2018.

Agenda

The agenda for the 2018 event will be developed with special focus on:

- On Scene Coordination (OSC)
 - Communications
 - Innovative solutions for SAR
- There will also be exercises and breakout group sessions.

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



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Organizers

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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.

Registration fee

A registration fee (to be determined) will cover coffee-breaks, two lunches, reception, and dinner with drinks.

Place and time

Reykjavik, Iceland
09.00 April 10, 2018 – 16.00 April 11, 2018

Practical information

Travel: Participants make their own travel arrangements.

Accommodation: Participants should book their own accommodation. A block reservation has been made for discounted prices at Center Hotel Plaza. A booking code will be provided to participants that register for the Joint SAR TTX.

Venue: Veislusalurinn Rúgbrauðsgerðin, Borgartúni 6, 4th floor, 105 Reykjavík (same venue as in 2016 and 2017).

Social: Reception hosted by the Icelandic Coast Guard, followed by a joint dinner for all participants the evening of April 10.

Registration

Registration is now open for members of AECO and Search and Rescue entities at <https://www.aeco.no/events/second-joint-arctic-sar-workshop-ttx/>.

Please register as soon as possible, and no later than **March 9, 2018**.

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