

Title	Marine Offshore Rescue Advisory Group: Good practice in offshore rescue	
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Executive Summary	<p>In recent years a large number of research study reports, codes of practice and company based operations manuals have been produced attempting to lay down the preferred manner in which marine offshore rescue should be carried out. While much of this advice is still valid today, it is generally widely dispersed throughout many documents to the extent that it is unlikely that all relevant aspects have been considered by all those who may be Involved in offshore rescue. Improved standards may be achieved by industry-wide dissemination of authoritative and comprehensive guidance. The workgroup also recognised that the success of many rescues often depends on the skill and professionalism of the rescue craft crews, who are often tasked with saving lives in difficult circumstances. It is hoped that the production of this document will help stimulate the dissemination of information about marine rescue to and from rescue craft crews so as to enable them to benefit from the experiences of others.</p> <p>At an Evacuation, Escape and Rescue Technical Advisory Group (EERTAG) meeting in March 1998 it was decided to initiate the Marine Offshore Rescue Advisory Group (MORAG), with the remit of drawing together examples of best practice into an authoritative and single reference document. MORAG was further sub-divided into 3 groups, Ship and Boat Operations, Location, Care and Transfer of the Casualty, and Human Factors Aspects of Rescuers, with members of each sub-group tasked with identifying relevant best practice. In support of MORAG, a need was expressed to collate the results of the initial information gathering exercise into a tailored form which can be presented to EERTAG for their consideration prior to being disseminated to the target audience in industry. The Marine and Aviation Operations Team (OD5.5) of the Offshore Safety Division (OSD) of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) subsequently contracted AEA Technology Environment to carry out a research project to produce an authoritative and seamless reference document on best practice in marine offshore rescue. This report constitutes that reference document.</p>	
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