



Maritime and Coastguard Agency



Principles of co-operation

between

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch

and

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) are functionally separate public organisations with distinctly different roles, but with a shared commitment to continuously improving the safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment.

The MCA and MAIB have a strong history of close co-operation. While recognising that, in some circumstances, legal constraints and the need to maintain confidentiality rightly restricts the extent of co-operation, it is essential that the MCA and MAIB strive to work in support of each other whenever possible.

We attach great importance to the recognition of our common purpose, and we are resolved to facilitate an atmosphere of mutual respect and the closest working relationship between the MAIB and the MCA at every level.

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