



OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

ARCTIC INSHORE RESCUE BOAT STATION

IMPROVED SEARCH AND RESCUE IN THE ARCTIC

An important part of Canada's maritime search and rescue system, the crews of Canada's Inshore Rescue Boat program respond to marine distress calls and provide assistance to mariners in distress or in need of assistance.

Crews provide on-scene assistance, First Aid and Medevac transport as required, and aid to disabled vessels. These activities occur at any time of the day or night, during all types of weather and sea conditions.

As part of the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is creating an Inshore Rescue Boat station in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. This first station in the Arctic will provide seasonal search and rescue capabilities in this region.

Canada's Arctic coast is now better prepared and better equipped to deal with emergencies, thanks to the creation of an Inshore Rescue Boat station in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. The Government of Canada will partner with Indigenous and coastal communities to develop a world-leading marine safety system that meets the unique needs of Canadians from coast to coast.

The station will be operated by Indigenous students from Arctic communities. Crew members will undergo initial training alongside their southern-station counterparts in Ontario. This initial training will include boat handling, marine first aid, search patterns, radio communication, and Canada's national search and rescue system.

This is the Canadian Coast Guard's 26th inshore rescue boat station across Canada, and the first in the Arctic.

Input was sought from local levels of government and community leaders on the choice of Rankin Inlet as the location for the station, and the Government of Canada will continue to consult as the plans for the permanent station unfold.

The new station will reduce the risk to those in distress and reduce reliance on external resources such as the Royal Canadian Air Force or Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers, which may be further away.

The interim boat station is expected to be fully operational in the summer of 2018.

In the regions where they operate, Inshore Rescue Boats crews are often the first to respond to distress calls from mariners, or to those in need of assistance. The crews of these boats also provide public education on boating safety.



The Arctic Inshore Rescue Boat Station initiative is another action that the Government of Canada is taking to protect our coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in the Oceans Protection Plan, a national strategy to create a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting our coastlines for future generations.