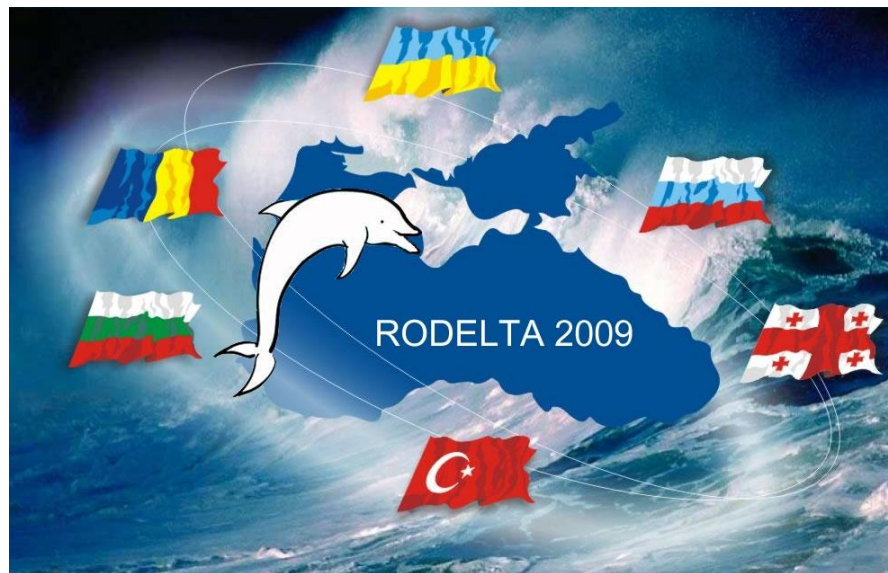




RODELTA 2009 EXERCISE REPORT



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EXERCISE PLANNING

- the Romanian competent national authorities decided to organized a SAR exercise together with the “Second Operational Black Sea Delta Regional Exercise”, which was scheduled to take place in Constanta, during August 2009, under the generic name RODELTA 2009
- two Steering Committee meetings were held in preparation for pollution response part of RODELTA 2009, in Constanta-Romania and Izmir-Turkey .
- there was support from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Black Sea Commission (BSC) to these events.
- at national level, there were established three Conferences for exercise planning
- every Conference was held to Romanian Naval Authority headquarters, having three days duration, representatives from each involved ministry participating to these Conferences
- between these meetings, it was established a correspondence working group for exercise details settings

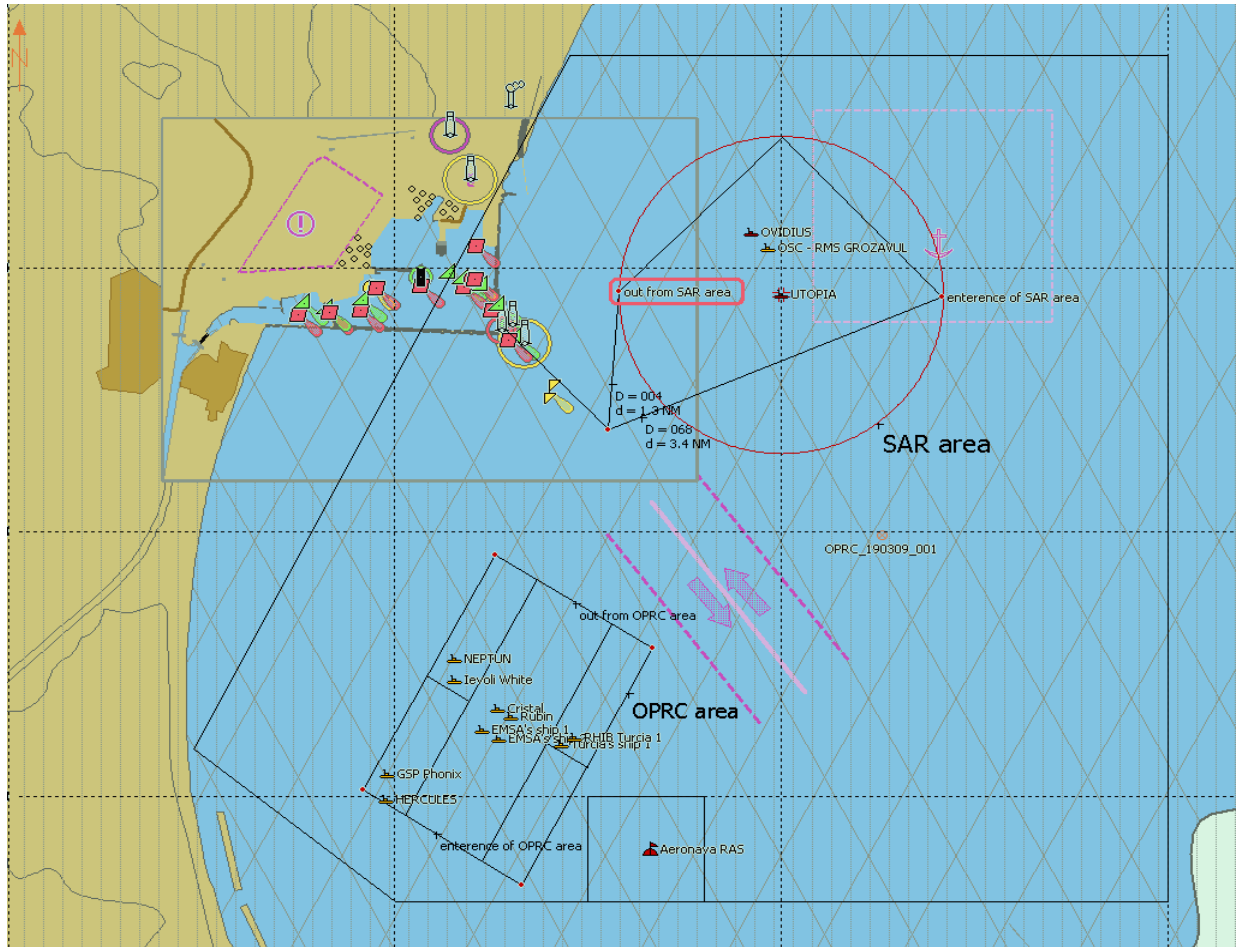
SAR OBJECTIVES

- Assessment of the interoperability of national authorities with responsibilities in coordinate and conducting search and rescue services;
- Practice of search and rescue intervention procedures;
- Revise of provisions of “Cooperation plan on unitary intervention, in case of emergency situations, for search and rescue of human life within the littoral area and at sea” taking into account the learn lessons;
- Assessment of the communication system between SAR Aero Coordination Centre and maritime Coordination Centre during a SAR intervention for an aeronautical incident occurred at sea;
- Testing support decision making for search and rescue of lives at sea in the event of an aviation accident occurred in the FIR Romania (SAR software dedicated).

SAR NATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Administration and Interior

SEA EXERCISE AREA



SAR INTERVENTION

- evacuation of injured persons from m/v UTOPIA and m/v OVIDIUS
- search of 4 MOB from m/v UTOPIA
- recover of 4 persons from water (from m/v UTOPIA)
- search and recover of 2 persons from water (from m/v OVIDIUS)
- evacuation of 10 crew members from board of m/v OVIDIUS
- conduct 2 injured persons from the shore first aid point to Constanta County Hospital
- recover of 6 persons from water (from ditched aircraft)
- extinguish of the fire from the board of m/v OVIDIUS
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MRCC TASKS DURING THE EXERCISE FOR SAR INTERVENTION

- to receive the distress alert, to quickly asses the situation and spread information to all relevant national authorities;
- to request to be sent “notice to mariners”, regarding the restricted area and the channels for distress traffic;

- to apply the internal procedures regarding the activation of the SAR Cooperation Plan;
- to coordinate the SAR intervention;
- to keep evidence of all SAR action at sea;
- to decide the termination of SAR operations;

EVALUATORS AND OBSERVERS

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- representatives from all Black Sea littoral countries and Black Sea Commission, IMO, EMSA, EC-DGEnv, ITOPI, Oil Spill Response, P&I clubs, CPC Russian Federation, North Caspian Operating Company, SIGTTO.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The RODELTA 2009 Exercise was a great example for an excellent collaboration between different national organizations/ institutions involved, as well as for a good co-operation on international level.
2. Society (citizens) has to be informed and its attention might be paid on the efforts of the response authorities to protect the human life in case of an incident;
3. Events like RoDelta are great opportunity to stress the attention of the politicians and different level decision-makers on the seriousness of the problems, related to major incidents involving the saving of human lives at sea.

PROPOSALS

- To organize more operational exercises for better co-operation between companies' practices, to be much better prepared to co-operate with any vessel.
- To modify the provisions of "Cooperation plan on unitary intervention, in case of emergency situations, for search and rescue of human life within the littoral area and at sea" in order to improve the cooperation between the relevant national authorities and to simplify the procedures for search and rescue of human life at sea.

- To pay more attention for observers/evaluators schedule, to assure that they are able to observe all parts of exercises.
- It has to be established an exercise coordinator-guide able to describe the exercise episodes (the brochure wasn't enough).

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