

Search and Rescue between Denmark, Norway and Sweden

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Who we are

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Geography

Katarina





Examples from SAR agreements

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Many roads to the same destination

- Nordic Rescue Agreement (1989) between DEN, FIN, NOR & SWE
- DEN-NOR: Memorandum of Understanding (1998)
- SWE-NOR: Operational agreement (2004)
- SWE-DEN: Agreement (2007) & Operational agreement (2008)

General principles

- Aim to reduce obstacles to providing fast and competent aid in event of emergencies
- Mutual obligation to respond to and support rescue operations regardless of borders
- RCCs have the right to request aid directly from each other
- Only one RCC is mission coordinator, others support
- Facilitation of entry into TTW/territory for supporting SRU(s)
- Each party bears the expenses incurred by its participation in SAR operations

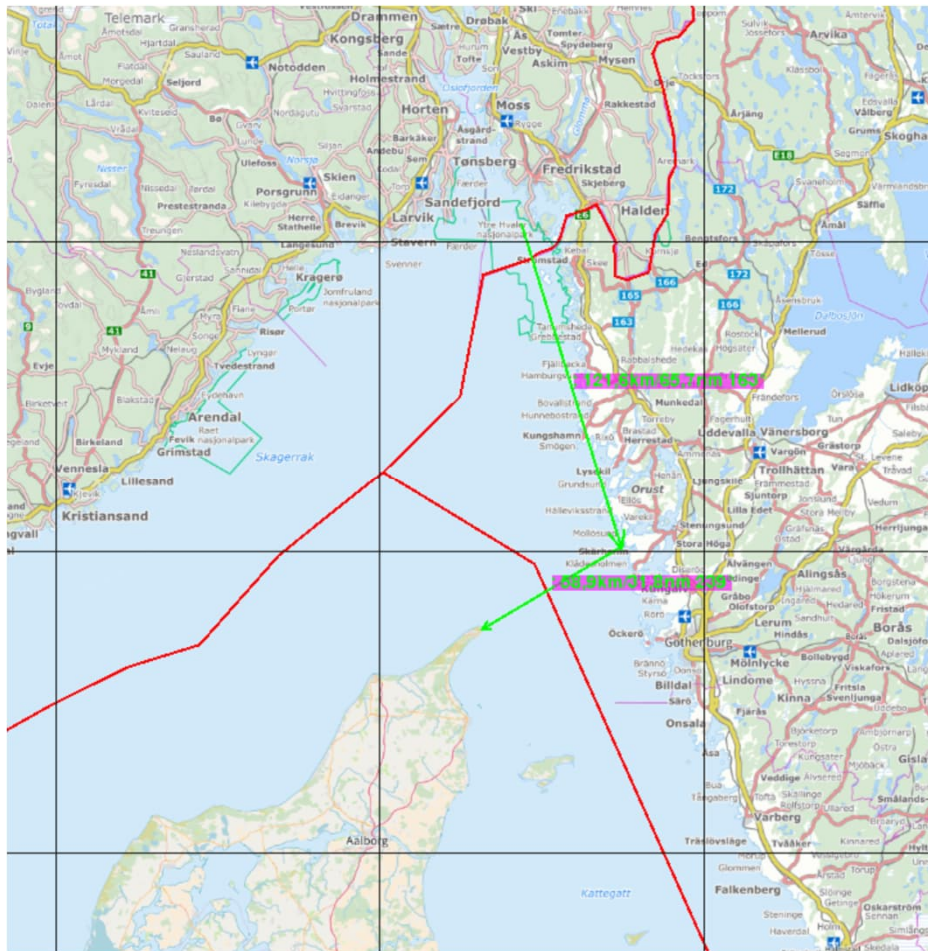
Initiatives to further develop cooperation

- Arrange bilateral SAR exercises
- Invite observers to national exercises
- Arrange seminars and meetings on all levels to discuss trends and developments
- Arrange liaison visits of SAR experts

Examples of actual operations across borders (successes and learning experiences)

Bjarte





Case 1: 08 July 2022

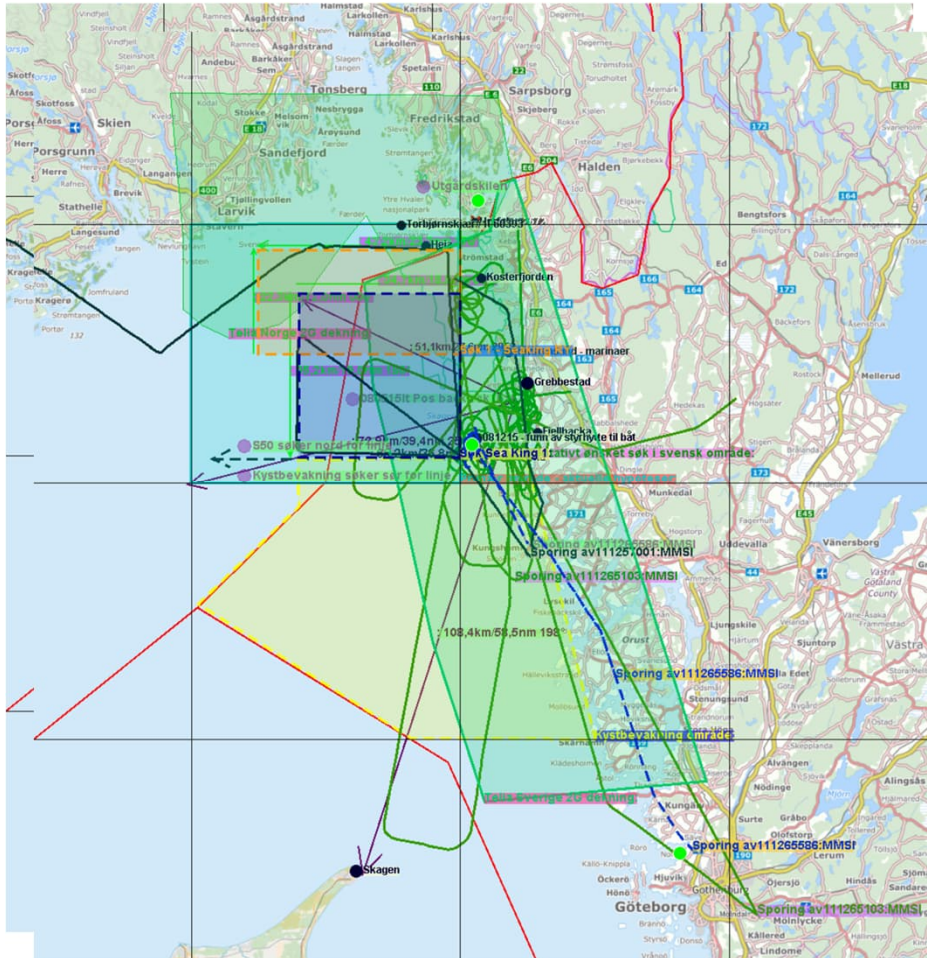
Missing Norwegian Sailboat

Planned Route Norway-Sweden-Denmark

Last point of contact in Norway

Involved 3 JRCCs





All 3 countries executed cell phone tracking on their respective telenetworks.

Norway started as coordinator.

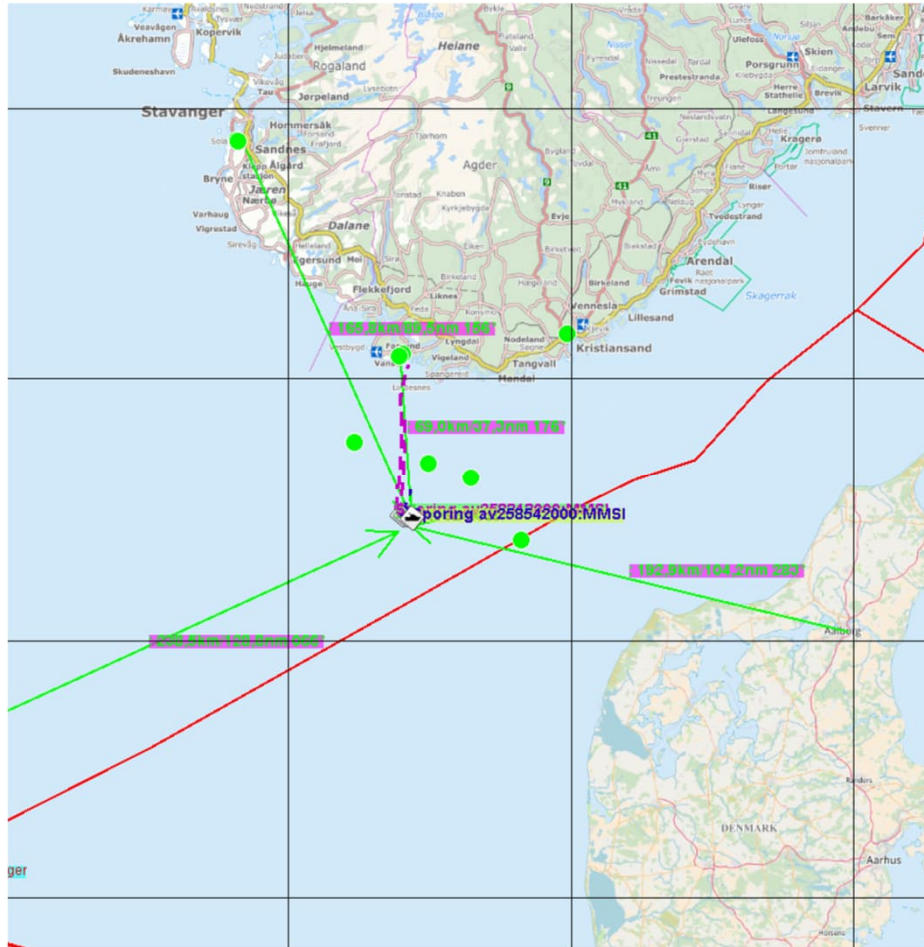
Coordination handed over to Sweden when intel indicated the vessel had to be in Swedish SRR

Norwegian AW101 conducted MPDLS search inside Swedish SRR.

Denmark ruled out the possibility of the vessel being in Danish SRR.

Wreckage located by Swedish AW139



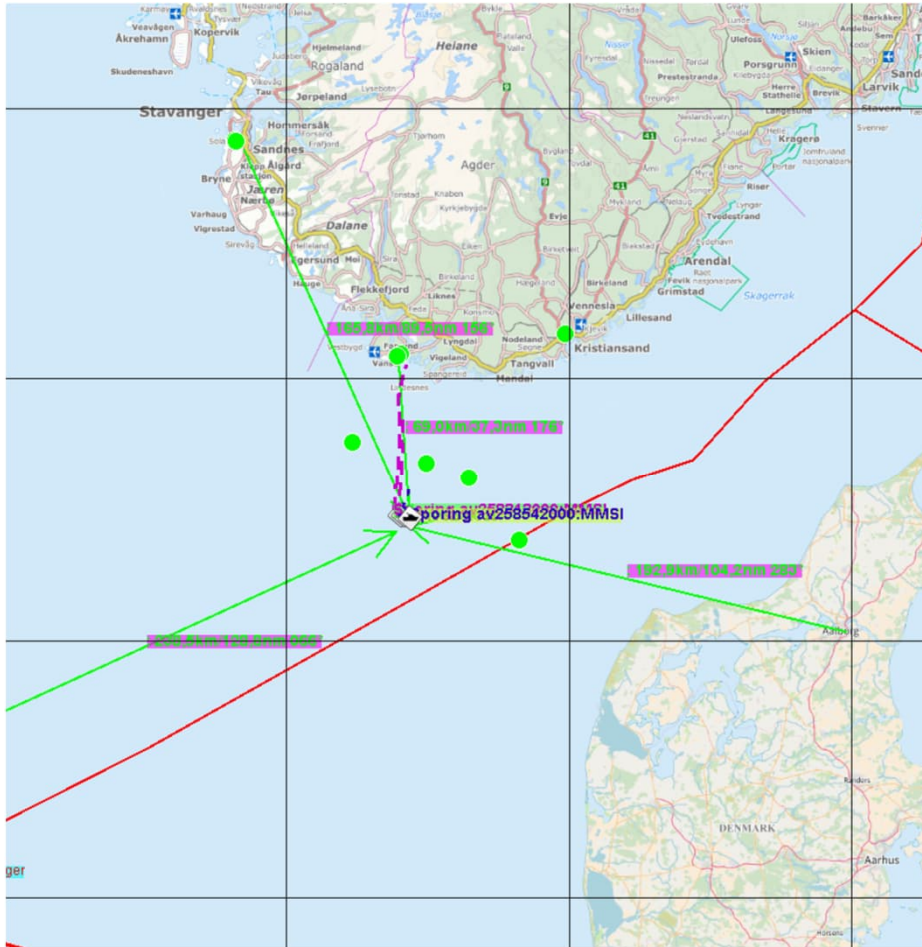


Case 2: 07 december 2024

MAYDAY. Taking in water, 4 pob, heavy listing, later blackout. Ice cold water.

70NM from shore. No nearby vessels.





Danish and Norwegian AW101s dispatched

Danish helicopter first on scene due to heavy tailwind

Both helicopters delivered water pumps to the vessel

Danish helicopter refueled in Norway

2 POB airlifted, 2 stayed onboard and salvaged the vessel.

Comms on 123,1Mhz and CH16



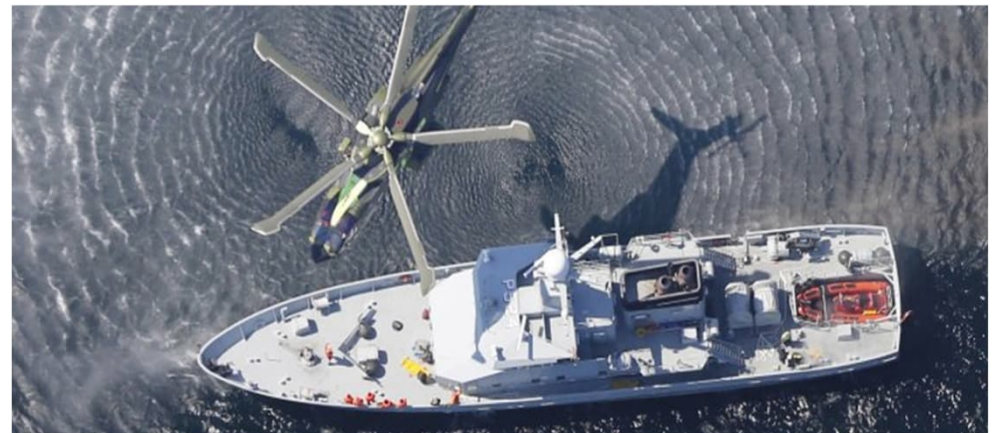
Exercises and developments

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Keeping the agreements alive

- Exercises
- SMC /RCC meetings
- Observers during exercises
- Debriefing after operations



Questions?

