




Welcome to
THE SWEDISH COAST GUARD



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**The Swedish Coast Guard
– for a sustainable maritime
environment and improved
safety at sea.**

We operate along the entire coastline of Sweden, where we rescue, assist and monitor - around the clock, all year round. With our three aircraft, ships, small boats and also from the mainland, we protect the Gulf of Bothnia, the Baltic Sea, Kattegat and Skagerrak and the lakes of Mälaren and Vänern.

Our vision is to be a world-class coast guard, which inspires confidence both nationally and internationally. Through cross border cooperation we work to ensure cleaner and safer seas for all the citizens of Sweden as well as other countries.


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maritime environment

One of the Swedish Coast Guard's primary duties is to work towards achieving a sustainable maritime environment. We do this on several different levels. First and foremost, we work preventively on reducing oil spill and hazardous substances at sea. But if an accident were to happen, it is our job to ensure that the damage is minimised to safeguard the environment.

Through continuous surveillance using vessels and aircraft the Swedish Coast Guard works preventively to tackle environmental crimes at sea. We ensure that legislation prohibiting water pollution and dumping is complied with, and we monitor the bird protection areas and seal sanctuaries that are established in Sweden.

If an accident were to occur, the Swedish Coast Guard's responsibility is to take care of the spill at sea. We work to ensure that any damage caused by oil spill and other hazardous substances is minimised, so that the environment is protected as far as it is possible. We have the highest readiness for emergency response, and are always prepared with specially equipped environmental protection vessels designed for environmental response.

Swedish Coast Guard aircraft are among the world's most sophisticated surveillance aircraft, and with the help of satellite images we can detect oil spill at an early stage and the oil can be absorbed before it reaches land. With specific operational forecasting software, we can predict when and where a spill will reach the shore and thereby deploy the resources where they are needed.

Traffic across the Baltic Sea has increased along with the volumes of oil being transported. This puts high demands on levels of preparedness for environmental protection. The Swedish Coast Guard therefore work in partnerships with other countries to develop the ability to handle large volumes of oil spill, tow distressed ships and fight on-board fires. We also work against the spread of contaminated materials, toxic chemicals and radioactive substances, and carry out rescue and response efforts.

An important part of the work in promoting a sustainable maritime environment is to ensure that fishing is not conducted in restricted areas, the right fishing gear is used and the allocated quotas are not exceeded. The Swedish Coast Guard works based on methods and control systems designed to ensure that both national and European fisheries regulations are complied with.



Improving safety **AT SEA**

The Swedish Coast Guard work on improvement of safety at sea. Our operations are designed to protect people from accidents and prevent or limit damage to property and environment. Our constant readiness to undertake search and rescue missions helps to promote security at sea.

Through monitoring and surveillance of maritime traffic, we ensure that the navigational code is observed. We also ensure that the provisions for closed water areas are complied with. To reduce the number of accidents at sea, the Swedish Coast Guard increases surveillance along the coasts and in the archipelagos during the summer months. Efforts are primarily directed towards drunkenness, speed violations and negligence at sea. When someone is

suspected of drunkenness, the Swedish Coast Guard has the power to initiate a preliminary investigation, question and detain the person and to carry out a search on board.

To minimise any risks associated with freight transport, the Swedish Coast Guard inspects that cargo is properly loaded, secured and labelled correctly in ports around the country. This is particularly





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Working towards ensuring cleaner and safer seas is an immense task that requires cooperation between multiple stakeholders. The sea is a prime concern for everyone, and the Swedish Coast Guard works very closely with other authorities, organisations and countries.



The Swedish Coast Guard works closely with the Police, Customs and the Swedish Transport Agency. On behalf of other authorities, the Swedish Coast Guard also dive in search of missing persons and abandoned smuggled goods, and when an accident occurs the Swedish Coast Guard performs an inspection of the ships' hull. We also conduct aerial observations and photography used in search and rescue and in a range of investigations.

The Swedish Coast Guard works closely with other countries and international organisations in the development of border control, combating of crime and environmental protection. Extensive work on the marine environment is performed in cooperation with the Baltic countries in the Helsinki Commission, with the North Sea countries in the Bonn Agreement and with the Nordic countries in the Copenhagen Agreement.

The Swedish Coast Guard participates regularly in international border control operations within Frontex, the organisation that promotes operational cooperation of the EU's external borders.

The Baltic Sea Region Border Control Cooperation (BSRBCC) is a partnership between the countries of the Baltic Sea, Norway and Iceland, which aims to simplify procedures for cooperation in border control between the countries. The North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum (NACGF) is a partnership between 18 coast guard organisations from countries around the North Atlantic and Baltic Sea which is working to create effective cross-border cooperation in areas such as drug trafficking, illegal migration, environmental protection, fisheries monitoring, maritime safety and search and rescue.



The ability to ensure rapid and effective emergency responses is essential for the Swedish Coast Guard. For this reason, we have a large fleet of vessels and three advanced surveillance aircraft. Technology is constantly evolving allowing us to work towards ensuring cleaner and safer seas in the best possible way.

The vessels and their equipment are important tools for the Swedish Coast Guard. They are continuously equipped with modern technology to ensure the best possible operational capacity for maritime surveillance and environmental protection at sea.

The Swedish Coast Guard's fleet of vessels includes surveillance vessels, multi-purpose vessels, environmental protection vessels and several hovercraft. The Swedish Coast Guard also uses high-speed boats, rescue inflatable boats, working boats, beach cleaners and jet-skis.

On the larger vessels the crews have access to integrated radar and sea chart systems. Even the smaller boats and jet-skis are fitted with sea chart plotters, GPS and related equipment. Most boats are fitted with AIS (Automatic Identification System). To facilitate the searches, environmental rescue and maritime surveillance systems such as infrared cameras, video cameras, night vision goggles, oil radar, underwater cameras, sonar and echo depth sounders, are also used.

The three Swedish Coast Guard aircraft, Dash 8 Q-300, are among the world's most advanced surveillance aircraft. They are not only used for surveillance and reconnaissance along the Swedish coastline, but are also engaged in a range of international missions.



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