

# Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF)



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Top of the World Arctic Broadband  
Summit in Oulu, Finland**

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The Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF) is an independent, informal, operationally driven organization, not bound by treaty to foster safe, secure, and environmentally responsible maritime activity in the Arctic.

- Established 2015 in the U.S.
- Annual Senior level meetings, expert level - as necessary
- TTX / LIVE exercises





# Arctic Coast Guard Forum (ACGF) Joint statement 2017



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- **ADOPT the Voluntary Guidelines for Combined Operations**, which defines appropriate doctrine, tactics, procedures, and information sharing protocols for emergency maritime response and combined operations in the Arctic,
- **ADOPT the Strategic Roadmap** to drive the pursuit of the Arctic Coast Guard Forum's aspirations and strategic objectives into the future by setting forth specific goals and milestones,
- **AGREE** to hold a mid-period planning conference to support the execution of the **2017 Live Exercise** in the fall of 2017, with the objective to test the framework of the Voluntary Guidelines for Combined Operations using a waterborne scenario with **a focus on information sharing, communication, and operational coordination**,

# ARCTIC SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES SURVEY - IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES



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- Arctic operational environment
- Long distances, presence of resources and the lack of infrastructure in the region
- Lack of communications network and connections
- Sharing information internationally, between authorities, and towards other stakeholders
- Arctic search and rescue training program
- Capacity to host patients
- Survival and rescue equipment to survive in Arctic conditions



# FIN ACGF – chair



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Arctic Coast Guard Forum Chairmanship 03/2017 ->

03/2019

**ARCTIC  
GUARDIAN 2017  
SAR - Exercise**

Greenland / Iceland  
9/2017

**Kvarken  
Exercise,  
3/2017**

**Environmental  
Exercise + seminar**

Gulf of Bothnia  
3/2018

**SAR - Exercise,  
simulator**

**Arctic  
Coast Guard Week  
03/2019**

Gulf of Bothnia

**SAR - Exercise,  
LIVEX**

RESEARCH

SAR COURSES, SEMINARS (TECH, INNOVATIONS), TEST

Arctic Council Chairmanship 05/2017 ->

05/2019





VÆRNSFÆLLES FORSVARSKOMMANDO

## SCHEME OF MANOEUVRE

### Phase 1:

-Planning and preparation

### Phase 2:

-Deployment of units and EXCON to Theater of operations  
-Commanders briefing to units

### Phase 3:

-Exercise

### Phase 4:

-Redeployment to home ports/bases

### Phase 5:

- Post OP activities

