



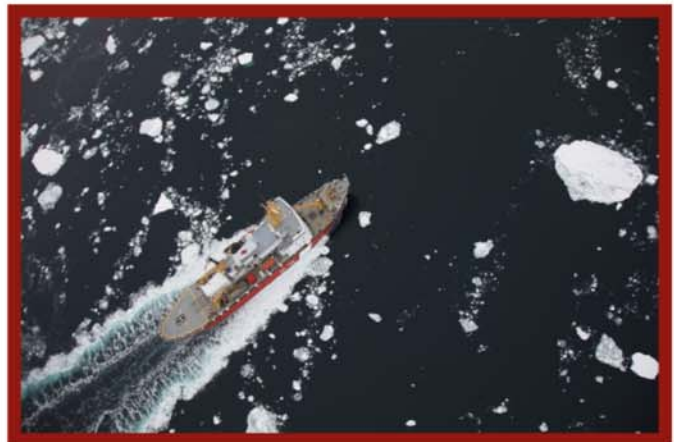
Who We Are

A nationally recognized symbol of service and safety, the Canadian Coast Guard owns and operates the federal government's civilian fleet and, by providing key maritime services to Canadians, has a direct and important impact on their lives. A Special Operating Agency (SOA) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Coast Guard helps the department meet its responsibility to ensure safe and accessible waterways for Canadians.

The Coast Guard also plays a key role in ensuring their sustainable use and development. Through our services, we facilitate the smooth functioning of the Canadian economy. SOA status allows the Coast Guard to focus on service delivery and provides it with the operational and financial flexibilities it needs to accomplish this.

Canadians expect the Canadian Coast Guard to:

- *protect the marine environment;*
- *support economic growth through the safe and efficient movement of ships;*
- *ensure public safety on the water; and*
- *ensure the nation's sovereignty and security by establishing a strong federal presence in Canadian waters.*



Coast Guard serves on three oceans, the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes, and other major waterways.

The Coast Guard is the only federal presence in many remote, Indigenous, and Arctic communities. Operating along the longest coastline in the world and in some of its most difficult weather conditions, the Coast Guard enjoys the confidence of Canadians because of its professional and dedicated workforce who are on station, on patrol or on standby 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Our Mandate

Coast Guard's mandate derives from the Oceans Act, the Canada Shipping Act 2001 whereby giving the Coast Guard the responsibility of protecting mariners, the environment, supporting economic growth and ensuring the security of Canadians.

The Coast Guard has a strong presence in the North, providing marine services and support to northern communities, responding to mariners in distress, and protecting the ecosystem from marine spills.

Augmented traffic increases the need for complex, extensive search and rescue missions, environmental response, aids to navigation and maritime communications and traffic services.

Our Clients

The Coast Guard serves clients in all sectors of the Canadian economy: the general public, commercial shippers, ferry operators, fish harvesters, recreational boaters, coastal communities, and other government departments and agencies. For example, the Coast Guard:

- provides services to commercial fishers, commercial shippers, port authorities, and recreational boaters;
- responds to federal maritime priorities and natural or man-made emergencies as a key player in various activities mandated under the Federal Emergency Response Plan; and,



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- supports DFO programs by providing vessels and maritime professionals to support the Department's science activities and to help manage and protect fisheries resources. Internal clients include DFO Fisheries Management, DFO Oceans Management, DFO Science, and DFO Small Craft Harbours.

The Coast Guard also supports the non-military activities of other government departments and agencies by providing vessels, aircraft, marine expertise, and other maritime services:

- Department of National Defence;
- Global Affairs Canada;
- Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- Health Canada;
- Natural Resources Canada;
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada;
- Public Safety Canada (Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Canada Border Services Agency); and
- Transport Canada.

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