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|  |  | <b>OPERATION PROCEDURES</b> |
| <b>41</b>   |  | <b>COLLISION AND DAMAGE</b> |

- Due to our operational criteria and the nature of our operational area the chance of a collision in particular, but also sufficient damage to our vessel to prevent us completing our task is remote.
- Every effort and measure to avoid a collision at sea should be taken. The requirements of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGs) are to be followed.
- In the most unlikely event that a collision occurs the Co-ordinating authority must be informed immediately and particulars taken.
- Particular care should be taken when working in inshore waters not to create such disturbance which might swamp, or topple a passenger aboard, small craft.
- In the more likely event that some accidental damage occurs, perhaps whilst working over or close to rocks, the crew must assess the damage and any remedial action to be taken.
- Any collision or damage affecting the performance of the rescue boat is to be communicated as soon as practicable to the Co-ordinating Authority.