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|  |  | <b>OPERATIONS</b>                    |
| <b>43</b>   |  | OPERATION DURING POLLUTION INCIDENTS |

- Sidmouth Lifeboat may be called to incidents involving hazardous substances (Hazchem incidents).
- The LA should exercise judgement bearing in mind the safety of the crew, and the object of the organisation which is essentially saving lives at sea. No missions should be accepted without full consideration of these two factors.
- Crew should be fully aware of the situation and may stand down at their own discretion.
- At sea, the lifeboat should stand off up-wind and seek urgent advice from the Co-ordinating Authority.
- A no-go area should be established and we may need to monitor this area and prevent other vessels moving into the incident site.
- Advice should be gained as to the specific type of pollutant and if additional PPE is required.
- Advice should be gained should the crew need any inoculations before entering the polluted area.
- Advice should be gained for the requirements of any first aid that might need to be administered to casualties involved in the incident.
- The helmsman must be prepared to modify any procedure to accommodate the nature of the incident.