

# Acronyms & Collocations

Match the acronyms and collocations with their meanings.

shifting cargo @  
GMDSS @  
retreat signal @  
distress alert @  
SWL @  
standing orders @  
fire party @  
ETA @  
restricted areas @  
roll call @  
CPA @  
rig move @  
TSS @  
ordnance exercise @  
VTS @  
EPIRB @  
search pattern @  
lifeboat station @  
RCC @  
cardinal points @

- @ It is used to alert search and rescue services in case of an emergency
- @ They are places on the ship where access is forbidden
- @ It is an indication that a vessel is threatened by serious and immediate danger and needs help as soon as possible
- @ They are each of the four main points of the compass (North, South, East, West)
- @ It is a marine traffic monitoring system established by port authorities, similar to air traffic control for aircraft
- @ It is a manoeuvre where 3 or 4 vessels are tasked with pulling the anchors of a rig in an oil field to position it.
- @ It is a sound, visual or other signal ordering a team to return to its base
- @ It is a situation where the goods transported by a vessel move. It can be damaging for the cargo and dangerous for the crew.
- @ They are a set of guidelines that are to be followed by the ship's officers to ensure safe navigation and operations whether at sea or at port
- @ It is a universally agreed-upon set of safety procedures, types of equipment, and communication protocols used to increase safety and make it easier to rescue distressed ships, boats and aircraft
- @ It is a method followed by a ship that arrives where a distress call was made, to look for the crew and passengers of the ship in distress.
- @ It is a maritime traffic-management route-system ruled by the IMO
- @ It is a base on shore from which rescue lifeboats operate
- @ It is calling aloud the names of all people on a list to make certain they are present
- @ It is a team of crewmembers trained and responsible for fighting fires on board
- @ It is the maximum safe force that a piece of lifting equipment can exert to lift, suspend or lower a given mass without fear of breaking
- @ It is the time when a ship, vehicle, aircraft, cargo, emergency service or person is expected to arrive at a certain place
- @ It is an estimated point in which the distance between two objects, of which at least one is moving, will reach its minimum value. It is used to evaluate the risk of a collision of e.g. two ships
- @ It is a military drill during which weapons are fired
- @ It is a primary search and rescue facility in a country that is staffed by supervisory personnel and equipped for co-ordinating and controlling search and rescue operations.