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Maritime Attendance and Retrieval Training

An award ceremony today celebrates the implementation of the Government's policy to enhance Gibraltar's shipping industry through extending the provision of emergency healthcare into our maritime waters.

The Gibraltar Health and Port Authorities have jointly provided a maritime training package specifically designed to provide the best medical care for seafarers and cruise passengers.

Marine Officer Manuel Tirado and Paramedic Sigurd Haveland trained ambulance crews from the Gibraltar Health Authority and City Fire Brigade on the familiarisation with different types of ships, safety and difficulties in boarding, patient packaging and extrication procedure, disembarking patients', testing competency on righting an overturned life raft, entering a life raft from the water, using a self-inflatable life jacket and treading water fully clothed.

This course is an illustration of how Gibraltar agencies are collaborating to enrich their services, another example of joined up government in action.

The Minister for Health and Environment, Dr John Cortes will be awarding the certificates to all who completed the course today at 3pm at the Lecture Theatre, 6th Floor, St Bernard's Hospital.