

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW
INTO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION
FOR THE YACHT TAFADZWA, MARCH – APRIL 2010**

1. To gain an understanding of the sequence, times of events and key decisions relating to the search and rescue operation (SAROP) in relation to the yacht TAFADZWA.
2. To ascertain whether the current search and rescue arrangements and procedures were followed by the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ).
3. To ascertain whether the current search and rescue arrangements and procedures utilised are appropriate for an incident of this nature.
4. In particular to review the following specific aspects of the RCCNZ coordination of the SAROP and consider the appropriateness of:
 - a. The processes, procedures and decisions made to determine the positions and sizes of areas to be searched given the information available at the time.
 - b. The process, procedures and decisions made relating to the method and assets to be used to conduct the physical searching of the calculated search areas given the information available at the time.
 - c. The process, procedures and decisions made relating to the formal suspension of the SAROP given the information available at the time.
 - d. Family liaison and support arrangements.
5. To make recommendations as appropriate to the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council.