

# Designation of OSC/CSS

The appropriate **RCC** will normally designate **one of the rescue unit** as **OSC/CSS** as early as practicable and preferably before arrival at the scene. If it is not practicable, a **merchant vessel** should be designated as **OSC/CSS**. If it is not practicable, **units involved** should designate an **OSC/CSS** by mutual agreement and inform **RCC**.



# Responsibilities of the OSC/CSS when not performed by the RCC

- determine the **position, margin of error and search area;**
- make **arrangements of units;**
- designate **search patterns;**
- designate **units to effect rescue when object is located;**
- coordinate on-scene **SAR communications.**



## *Additional responsibilities of an OSC/CSS:*

- **carry out the plan;**
- **modify the plan;**
- **make periodic reports;**
- **maintain detailed record of the operation;**
- **advise RCC to release units when no longer required;**
- **report to the RCC information on survivors.**

