



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

November 2025

First let me thank you for allowing me to step up and serve the community in this role.

More importantly, I could not do it alone, and the following report details the activities of Mackinac Marine Rescue (MMR) over the last year as a team effort. There were obstacles that had to be overcome, which lead to even more successes. The MMR crew continued to train hard to meet the needs of the community of the Straits area. The passion for community service among this crew is humbling and worth praising.

In total, the MMR crew was assembled a total of 87 times to answer the calls for various runs and trainings, all working tirelessly to be better. We also deepened our relationships with the Round Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, US Coast Guard, and all emergency response agencies in the area. As a team, the crew pledged to continue to learn new skills and sharpen the old training. This is a testament that we have lived up to our mission of preparing for the worst and hope for the best.

Last year when the reigns of leadership changed, a quote from the previous Commander was used which I will leave you with since it still rings true to this day, "There is no doubt that the current and future crews of MMR will serve Mackinac well."

Humbly and Respectfully,

Commander Anthony Arabie

# Crew 2025

Anthony Arabie	Commander	Trista Horn	Engineer
Allen Burt	Coxswain / RAD-NUC	Mary Patay	Engineer
Sam Barnwell	Coxswain / RAD-NUC	Megan Czarnecki	Deckhand / RAD-NUC
Kevin Leach	Coxswain	Brian Gist	Deckhand / RAD-NUC
Stephanie McGreevy	Coxswain / Admin	Justin Wright	Deckhand
Ellen Davey	Engineer / RAD-NUC	Chuck Pereny	Deckhand
Jimmy Hagenbaugh	Engineer / RAD-NUC	Gabi Bowditch	Deckhand
Jack Stack	Engineer	Tim Osborne	Deckhand
Taylor Bulla	Engineer	Justin Johnson	Deckhand



## Year in Review

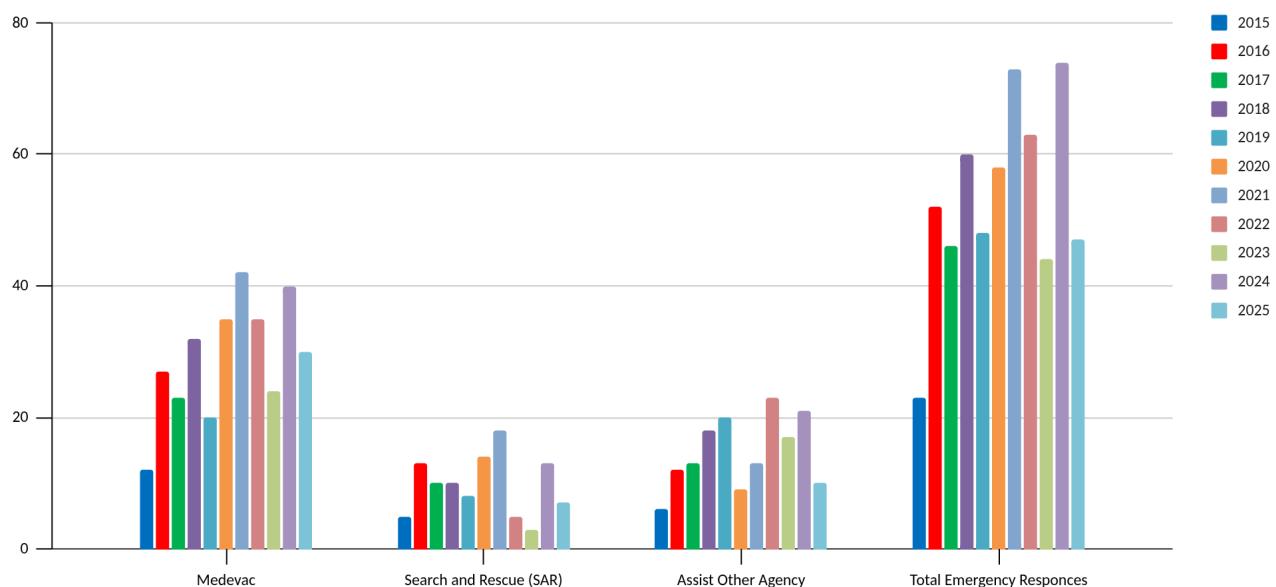
### Medical Evacuations (MEDEVAC):

MEDEVAC responses continue to be an important part of MMR's mission. During the summer of 2025, MMR conducted 30 MEDEVAC missions throughout the Straits of Mackinac area. Working with the Mackinac Island Medical Center and Cheboygan EMS, we assisted in the transfer of medical and trauma patients to a higher level of care on the mainland. An integrated system of patients, physicians, nurses, EMS, and MMR staff all worked together for the most efficient and best transport for the patient. MMR received critical calls from Bois Blanc Island Fire/EMS again this summer requesting transportation to the mainland for 911

calls when flights were unavailable. In total, MMR went to Bois Blanc Island a total of 7 times for these these types of calls this season.

### Search and Rescue (SAR):

MMR responded to 7 search and rescue missions that were called into 911. The SAR missions MMR responded to this season were related to boats aground, adrift vessels, and swimmers under distress.



### Assists Other Agencies:

On 10 separate occasions Mackinac Marine Rescue was called to assist other agencies during 2025. Events MMR supported: Mackinac Island's Fourth of July fireworks, Mackinac Bridge Swim, and Labor Day Bridge Walk.

MMR continued to be an asset to the community as we regularly brought returning EMS and police personnel to the island after they had escorted patients to the mainland on the last ferry boat. Thanks to this assistance, EMTs and officers served Mackinac Island for the remainder of the night. MMR has also assisted Mackinac County's 911 and Emergency Management.



**Mackinac Bridge Swim Safety Zone**



**Vessel Aground**



**Adrift Vessel**

## **Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives Detection (CBRNE):**

Mackinac Marine Rescue was initially funded by a FEMA port security grant. Part of the grant required the boat be equipped with hazardous materials screening equipment and the crew be trained in its use. MMR met these expectations with random, passive screening of vessels and docks while underway this summer. MMR acted as a PRND (Preventive Radiological Nuclear Detection) screening vessel during the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day walk and the Mackinac Bridge Swim in 2025. Being able to use the PRND equipment while underway for other missions kept our staff current on its use even with a limited number of events.

### **Trainings:**

MMR had 40 training sessions keeping the crew educated and ready for any emergency that may be needed. MMR took advantage of every available opportunity to train and work with our new members including time with our partner, USCG Station St. Ignace. We train to the standards of our United States Coast Guard (USCG) counterparts, and this is a high bar to reach. Training can include docking, cross towing with USCG29, driver training, use of all systems onboard, and search pattern drills among other duties. In this training, we were able to deepen our relationship with the Round Island Lighthouse Preservation Society and Troop 323.

With the assistance of Mackinac Island EMS, MMR personnel also renewed their First Aid, CPR, and AED skills and obtained certification through the American Heart Association and in the Stop The Bleed program.



**Mock Scenerio with R.I.P.S.**



**Dry Suit and Stokes Basket Training**



**First Aid and CPR Training**



**Multi-Agency Trainings**



**Late Evening Run**

## **Partnerships:**

Working together and building relationships with our area partners has been a cornerstone of the MMR mission since our inception. We are proud of the relationships we have fostered and how these relationships have improved our team and joint responses. The Mackinac Marine Rescue Team could not be successful without the help and support of our partners.

In addition to the City of Mackinac Island, there are many agencies that assisted in making MMR a successful program. We would especially like to thank the following:

- All-Star Marine (Motor installation and on-going maintenance)
- Mackinac State Historic Parks (Indoor equipment storage)
- Village of Mackinaw City (Fuel access 24/7)

- City of St. Ignace (Intermitent Fuel Support)
- United States Coast Guard (Training and Operational Support)
- Chad and Larry Belonga (Official Trailered Transport Driver)
- Arnold Transit (Off-season vessel storage)
- Mackinac Island DNR Marina Crew (Dockage)

Working with the Mackinac Island Community Foundation (MICF) in 2020, the MMR team members began a fund within the MICF. Thanks to generous support from donors, this endowment continues to grow, and our crew has high hopes this fund will support MMR for generations to come. Additionally, MMR is thankful for the following businesses who donated funds to partially cover the costs of an appreciation dinner and new boating jackets for the crew: Mustang Lounge, East Dock, Arnold Freight Company, Sip N'Sail Cruises, McGreevy Cottage of Mackinac Island, Lake View Hotel, Hotel Iroquois, and the Harbour View Inn.