

# Update on CCG Guild Member Lost at Sea

Colleagues,

I am writing to share a very sad update on the situation involving our Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) [crew member who was discovered missing from the CCGS Vincent Massey in late September](#). Late on Saturday, October 19, a body was recovered off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador by a private vessel. Today, the RCMP identified the body as our missing CCG crew member, Jocelyn De Varennes.

Our thoughts remain with Jocelyn's family, friends, and his many close colleagues from across the CCG. Out of respect, I ask that we continue to provide his family and friends privacy and support following this tragic news.

I know this update will bring further grief in an already difficult time. I heard from and spoke with many of you who, like me, were shocked to hear about the loss of our colleague. Jocelyn was a highly regarded crew member and colleague for many years. He will be deeply missed by the entire CCG family.

I understand that this news may be difficult to process and we want to ensure that everyone has support. The [Critical Incident Stress Management](#) (CISM) program has been deployed to provide peer support and assistance to CCG employees involved and impacted by this incident. [The Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP), a free and confidential professional counselling service, is also available to all employees, 24 hours a day at 1-800-268-7708 or 1-800-567-5803 (TTY).

Please continue to support each other and take care of yourself during this very difficult time.

**Mario Pelletier**

Commissioner

Canadian Coast Guard