

Dutch Dauphins and Do's to disappear Coast Guard in transition



After years of preparation The Netherlands aerial Coast Guard services is currently replacing its fixed wing aircraft as well as its rotary assets, coincidentally come together late 2022. The Dornier-228 patrol aircraft is being replaced by Dash-8 aircraft and Leonardo AW-189 helicopters have taken over the SAR duties from the AS-365 Dauphin. We take a look at the operations of the Dutch Coast Guard over the past years, towards the introduction of the new aircraft and helicopters.

Do-228

The Coast Guard started using the Do-228-112 in 1992, when a single specie was operated to monitor the Dutch territorial waters of The North Sea. The aircraft, with its preferred top mounted wings, provided the onboard observers an unobstructed view at the sea ways during their patrol missions. It was no surprise that this ideal-for-its-purpose aircraft was replaced in 2007 by the same type of aircraft.