

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 94 of 2011

(Navigational & Seamanship Safety Practices)

Notice to Masters and Persons-in-charge of Vessels

A collision occurred between two Mainland coastal cargo vessels in sight of one another in a crossing situation southeast of Tung Lung Chau. As a result, one of the vessels sank and eight lives were lost while the starboard bow of the other vessel was holed in addition to the loss of her starboard anchor.

The investigation is ongoing, however, preliminary indicators are that the accident occurred when the stand-on vessel altered course to port and the give-way vessel altered course to starboard, causing a collision.

Masters, operators and persons-in-charge of vessels are hereby reminded once again that when navigating in Hong Kong waters they shall always comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

For vessels meeting in sight of one another in crossing situation, particular attention should be paid to the application of Rules 15 (Crossing situation), 16 (Action by give-way vessel), 17 (Action by stand-on vessel) and 34 (Manoeuvring and warning signals) in addition to Rule 5 (Look-out), 6 (Safe speed), 7 (Risk of collision) and 8 (Action to avoid collision).

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