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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the investigation report No. 15/13 on 31 January 2014. The report deals with the collision between m/v CORAL ACE and m/v LISA SCHULTE on 31 January 2013 at the Neue Weser Nord-roadstead. Upon request the report will be forwarded. Alternatively, this report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website www.bsu-bund.de and can be downloaded.

Abstract

Two vessels laid up at anchor colliding on 31 January 2013 at Neue Weser Nord-roadstead

Early in the morning of 31 January 2013, two vessels laid up at anchor collided in heavy weather at the Neue Weser Nord-roadstead.

The Panama-flagged bulk carrier CORAL ACE had set her anchor in the roadstead on the previous day. The Cyprus-flagged container ship LISA SCHULTE had already been laid up there at anchor for almost a week in ballast. The

distance between both vessels was 7 cbl. A gale warning had been issued for the German Bight.

After midnight, the CORAL ACE started dragging towards LISA SCHULTE, as the anchor did not hold the ship any longer. Wind forces of 9 to 10 Bft were registered.

Nobody came to physical harm and there was no water

pollution. Both vessels were able to proceed on their own into the inner Jade river. In the meantime, the German Central Command for Maritime Emergencies had assumed overall control of the operation.

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