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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Annual Report 2013 was published on 28 July 2014.

Upon request the report will be forwarded. Alternatively this report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

In 2013 a total of 417 (previous year: 462) accidents and incidents were reported to the BSU, 239 of which (343) were to be classified as marine casualties. 2 (previous year: 3) fell into the category “very serious marine casualty” with fatal outcome, total constructive loss or serious environmental pollution. Moreover, 16 (previous year: 8) serious marine casualties and 221 (previous year: 332) less serious marine casualties were reported.

With a number of 153 notifications collisions accounted for the most frequent types of accidents again. In 2013 there were fortunately no fatalities in merchant shipping. However, there were two fatalities in the commercial leisure boating. The number of injured amounted to 40.

In 2013, 9 investigations were concluded with the publication of an investigation report. Two interim reports as well as 20 internal reports were prepared. There were 22 ongoing investigations on 31 December 2013.

The marine casualty investigations of the BSU and the final investigation reports are not intended to clarify issues of fault or liability, but are solely for the purpose of improving maritime safety.

All the reports and safety recommendations published by the BSU are available sorted by year of publication on the BSU website (www.bsu-bund.de) under 'Publications'.

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