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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the investigation report No. 10/11 was published on 25 September 2014. The report deals with the accident involving a person onboard the ferry FRISIA II in the port of Norddeich on 7 January 2011. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

Short version:

Accident involving a person onboard the ferry FRISIA II on 7 Januar 2011 in Norddeich

In the morning of 7 January 2011 an accident involving a person occurred during the casting off manoeuvre in the port of Norddeich. As a consequence of the accident a crewmember working at the aft manoeuvring station sustained a serious injury to his leg. During the manoeuvre both aft lines were caught by one of the ships propellers and were

jerkily pulled tight. At this time, the injured person stood with one leg between the mooring line and the bollard. The sudden tightening of the lines led to his leg being crushed.

The summary investigation report was published by the BSU on 25 September 2014 and is available on www.bsu-bund.de.

Long version:

Personal accident onboard the ferry FRISIA II in Norddeich on 7 January 2011

On 7 January 2011 a line accident occurred onboard the FRISIA II. During the casting off manoeuvre both mooring lines accidentally fell overboard after being removed from the quayside bollard and were caught by the propeller of the port engine which was running astern. Thereby both lines were wound up and suddenly pulled tight. Two crewmembers at the aft maneuvering station were engaged in hauling in the lines. They were surprised by the line being tightened. At that moment, one of the men stood with one leg between a bitt and the jerkily tightening line. His leg was crushed and he sustained a very serious injury to his leg. Another crewmember provided first aid while the casualty was still onboard. After further medical treatment he was taken to a hospital.

The investigation was concluded by a summary investigation report outlining the events on board and the cause of the accident. The vessels operator implemented several measures in the course of an internal investigation. The crew was extensively trained and the procedures to be followed at the aft manoeuvre station changed.

The BSU dispenses with the publication of safety recommendations in this case, since the vessels operator carried out an internal investigation.

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