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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the Interim Investigation Report about the investigation into the fatal accident onboard the chartered sailing yacht **DESDEMONA** which occurred on 21 September 2015, was published on 21 September 2016. The Interim Investigation Report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation. This report – as well as all previous reports – is available on the website <http://www.bsu-bund.de> and can be downloaded.

Very serious marine casualty – Fatal accident on board the sailing yacht **DESDEMONA**

On 21 September 2015, a fatal accident occurred onboard the German sailing yacht in the area of the port approach Rostock-Warnemünde. A crewmember suddenly fell into the water, probably due to a strong movement of the yacht.

Although the remaining crewmembers immediately initiated search measures they did not manage to take him back on board. The casualty lost his consciousness shortly after having fallen into the water and sank into the Baltic Sea. The Waterways Police, the

Federal Police, the fire department and the sea rescue service were unable to find the sailor.

On 1 October 2015, the corpse of the sailor was discovered only a few miles from the scene of the accident and recovered.

The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) started the investigation after receipt of the accident notification. The BSU published the Interim Investigation

Report on 21 September 2016. The Interim Investigation Report provides information on the subject and the current state of the investigation.

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