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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the Interim Investigation Report pertaining to the grounding of the bulk carrier GLORY AMSTERDAM on 29 October 2017 north of the North Sea island Langeoog. The Interim Investigation Report provides information about the subject of the investigation and the course of the investigation. The Interim Investigation Report comprises a preliminary safety recommendation addressed to the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI). The Interim Investigation Report is available on

<https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/News>

### Serious marine casualty – Grounding of GLORY AMSTERDAM north of Langeoog

At about 1800 CET on 29 October 2017, the Panama-registered bulk carrier GLORY AMSTERDAM ran aground about 1.6 nm north of the German North Sea island of Langeoog. Since the early morning on the day of the accident, the ship had drifted from her anchor position, which was 18.5 nm from the

subsequent scene of the accident, in a southerly direction in hurricane winds and wave heights of up to 8 m. The ship (her shell plating was not damaged by the grounding) could be towed free on 2 November 2017. Nobody was injured and there was no environmental pollution.

The BSU investigations focused on the question, why the grounding could not be prevented despite the various activities of the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (Cuxhaven) coordinating the crisis management and particularly the deployment of the emergency tug

NORDIC. The complexity of the investigation entails an exceeding of the time limit of one year until the publication of an investigation report.

According to the legal requirements, the BSU

therefore published an Interim Investigation Report comprising a preliminary safety recommendation addressed to the Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations and other information published by the BSU are available on <https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications>.