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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the investigation report 118/18 on 10 April 2019. The report deals with the allision of the VOS STONE with a wind turbine under construction on 10 April 2018. Upon request the report will be forwarded. Alternatively, this report is available on

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Allision of the VOS STONE with a wind turbine at 1106 LT on 10 April 2018 in the Baltic Sea

At 1106 on 10 April 2018, the offshore supply vessel VOS STONE struck a wind turbine under construction. The vessel and the platform sustained damages, three people on board suffered minor injuries. There was no environmental pollution. Due to the deteriorating weather conditions, the vessel operating in the Baltic Sea wind park “Arkona Becken Südost” on behalf of VBMS, had to collect the fitters from TP ABOS, a wind turbine under construction, and wanted to leave the area again. Only a few minutes after having cast off from the TP AB01, the master decided to test an emergency control system. This led to the vessel getting out of control. The wind and waves pushed the VOS STONE back to the TP AB01. The 1 officer regained control of the vessel shortly before the allision. However, there was no sufficient time to prevent the allision.

The platform was slightly damaged. Three crew members on board the VOS STONE sustained minor injuries due to the impact of the allision. The vessel was so badly damaged that it had to call at a ship yard. Due to the commendable approach taken by the vessels owner, the BSU sees no requirement to suggest safety recommendations.

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