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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) published the investigation report No 258/18 on 2 May 2019. The report deals with the capsizing of the survey boat GEO PROFILER in the Wadden Sea off Büsum on 17 July 2018.

This report is available on

https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/News/neueVeroeffentlichungen/neueUnfallberichte_node.html

for download.

Capsizing of the survey boat GEO PROFILER in the Wadden Sea off Büsum

On 17 July 2018, the 7 m-long survey boat GEO PROFILER sailed into turbulent sea in the Wadden Sea off Büsum and capsized over the stern. The cause for this was the sudden increase in wind force from 4 Bft to 7 Bft and the current setting in the opposite direction so that a steep sea developed rapidly. It was impossible to send an emergency call. At midday on the next day, the rescue cruiser THEODOR STORM rescued both crew members on a sand bank in the course of an extensive search operation. They had swam to the sand bank and suffered from exhaustion. The water temperature stood at 20°. The BSU issued safety recommendation in order to develop official standards for the crew and the construction of such boat class for commercially used vessels. The vessel operator alone was responsible for ensuring that the equipment used does not endanger anybody.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations as well as other publications of the BSU are available on

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