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Today, the BSU published its Annual Report 2018. It provides an overview of the work carried out last year and divides into 6 sections. This time, one focal point is once more the depiction of selected current investigations. Meanwhile, the BSU concluded some of them. Special emphasis is placed on the detailed statistics in the last quarter of the report. Here, it is noticeable that the number of less serious marine casualties decreased in comparison with the preceding years. However, the number of incidents and serious marine casualties – the lower level and the higher level – increased. This is due to the adaptation of the classification of the notifications based on the international definition. The overall number of the notifications relevant to the BSU is on the contrary constant. Fortunately, the number of marine casualties resulting in serious injuries of persons or fatalities is still declining.

This year, the section “public relations” comprises a special feature. For the first time, a demonstration against an investigation report took place in front of the BSU office building. This shows that the work of the BSU is widely discussed and critically challenged. Since it is in the interest of the BSU that its reports and safety recommendations are widely perceived in the public, the BSU appreciates this.

The Annual Report and all investigation reports, safety recommendations as well as other publications of the BSU are available on

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