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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby gives notice that the interim investigation report pertaining to the damage of the main engine's turbocharger on board the BALTIC BREEZE that occurred on 14 October 2018 and the subsequent fire in the engine room was published on 22 October 2019. The Interim Investigation Report provides information about the subject of the investigation and the current state of the investigation. The interim investigation report is available on

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

Marine casualty – Destruction of the main engine's turbocharger with subsequent fire in the BALTIC BREEZE's engine room

On 14 October 2018, the Singapore-flagged car carrier BALTIC BREEZE was en route from Drammen to Cuxhaven. When the ship approached the pilot transfer position, the speed was reduced and shortly afterwards the turbocharger was damaged resulting in the explosive disintegration of the compressor side at about 0200. The crew succeeded in extinguishing the fire with ship resources. The damage led to a blackout. Therefore, the ship dropped anchor in the German Bight near buoy E3.

The master notified the Vessel Traffic Service German Bight immediately after the incident occurred. The VTS forwarded the information to the other competent authorities. In the further course, the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies assumed overall control of the operation. A firefighting unit of the fire department Cuxhaven was set down on the ship. After having declared the ship as safe, she was towed to Cuxhaven. Here, the investigation to determine the cause of the damage of the turbocharger was commenced. External experts were called in. The investigation has not yet been completed.

The public is being informed about the state of the investigation by the publication of this Interim Investigation Report.

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

https://www.bsu-bund.de/EN/Publications/Unfallberichte/Unfallberichte_node.html

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