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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby announces the publication of the Summary Investigation Report 218/22 on 13 July 2022. The report deals with the towing of the small vessel TÖWI VI, used for commercial passenger transport, after the outboard engine failed. The report is available for download at

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

Towing of the small vessel TÖWI VI after failure of the outboard engine on the trip to Norddeich on 20 July 2021

On the morning of 20 July 2021, the small vessel TÖWI VI, used commercially as a water taxi, was on its way from Juist to Norddeich to transport seven passengers to the mainland. The weather conditions were good. In the fairway of Norddeich, the outboard engine unexpectedly failed. As this was the only propulsion, the vessel drifted for some time until it was towed to Norddeich by another water taxi. Leaking gear oil caused minor water pollution.

The summary report examines which regulations apply to the construction, equipment and manning of such small crafts and what measures have been provided for safe vessel operation by the operator.

The report also describes which regulatory measures the BSU believes are still required by the legislator in order to provide operators with clear guidelines in the future to ensure legal certainty and fair competitive conditions.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations and other information published by the BSU are available at

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

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