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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has published the Interim Investigation Report No. 343/22 on 19 July 2023 concerning the allision of the Kattwyk bridge by FAIRPLAY 82 on 21 July 2022. The report provides information on the subject, the course and the current state of the investigation and is available for download at

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

Allision of the Kattwyk bridge by FAIRPLAY 82 on 21 July 2022

On 21 July 2022, the seagoing vessel TANG LAND, assisted by the tugs FAIRPLAY 82, FAIRPLAY 9 and BUGSIER 9, shifted from the Norderelb mooring posts to Moorburg power station. After the TANG LAND had berthed at the pier of Moorburg power station, the first tug to be released was FAIRPLAY 82. The tug left, picked up speed and sailed against the lowered, southern Old Kattwyk bridge with a speed of 6.5 knots. Although, the wheelhouse was badly destroyed, the master and the chief engineer remained almost uninjured.

The investigation into the accident has since been completed and the BSU is currently in the process of compiling the investigation report.

Because the one-year deadline for publication, set by the European Union and adopted as national law by the Federal Republic of Germany, cannot be met, the public is informed about the status of the investigations into this serious marine accident by means of the publication of an interim investigation report.

All investigation reports, safety recommendations as well as other publications of the BSU are available for download at

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

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