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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has published the Interim Investigation Report No. 97/22 on 21 March 2023. 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

Collision between the PAIVI and the BJOERKOE in the Kiel Canal on 29 March 2022

On the morning of 29 March 2022, the westbound cargo ship PAIVI collided with the eastbound cargo ship BJOERKOE in the Kiel Canal (NOK). The collision took place in the area of the bridges at Levensau. The collision occurred because the PAIVI suddenly left her intended course and turned towards the BJOERKOE. Due to the close proximity of the vessels, an evasion manoeuvre or effective reduction in speed was no longer possible. Each vessel suffered heavy damage to her fore section during the collision. The BJOERKOE's hull was holed below the waterline, causing water ingress in the forepeak and bow thruster compartment. Due to the unexpected impact, three of the PAIVI's crew members were injured such that deployed fireboats and ambulances had to transport them to a hospital for the treatment of lacerations and bruises. One of the BJOERKOE's crew members also suffered bruises. After the collision, tugs towed or escorted the two vessels to their berths in Kiel designated by the vessel traffic service.

As a result of the BSU's investigations, the possibility that the collision was caused by the ship pushing away due to the bank effect is considered unlikely. Rather, the BSU believes there was a technical cause. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

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/Unfallberichte_node.html

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