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The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) hereby announces the publication of the Investigation Report 343/22 on 20 December 2023. The report deals with the allision of the Kattwyk bridge by the tug FAIRPLAY 82 on 21 July 2022, and is available for download at

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

Allision of the Katwyk bridge by the tug 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 Norderelbpfählen to the Moorburg power plant in the port of Hamburg. After the TANG LAND had berthed, the FAIRPLAY 82 was the first tug to be released. The tug picked up speed and sailed against the lowered southern Alte Kattwykbrücke at 6.5 knots. Although the wheelhouse was badly damaged, the master and chief were virtually uninjured.

Technical failure can be ruled out as the cause of the accident, so the BSU can only assume human failure. The reason for this failure could ultimately not be clarified due to a lack of illuminating witness statements from those involved in the accident.

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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