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IMO NO. 9330111

Collision

Location: Off Dahanu, Maharashtra, India

Date of casualty: 06 March, 2008



Summary

The vessel was coasting less than 20nm on west coast of India, north bound towards port of Hazira. While passing off Dahanu she experienced dense fishing traffic and collided with a boat engaged in fishing, anchored 16 nm off Dahanu, in position 19°58.67'N, 072°26.00'E.

As per the statements of fishing boat crew who did their best in attracting attention of the vessel by whistling and shouting but all in vein. Due to the look out being not maintained on board the vessel, no attention was given and the vessel after collision continued on her course maintaining same speed. Collision caused severe damages to fishing boat and the crew was left stranded at sea.

The crew with their boat was later rescued by another fishing vessel in the vicinity.

Causal Factors

- No look out maintained.
- Non-compliance with COLREG Rule 5, 7, 8, 16 & 18.
- Bridge resources were not utilized to detect risk of collision and SMS operating procedures were violated.

Other Observations

- The Master of the bulk carrier committed an act of criminal nature by not stopping vessel to render assistance to vessel in distress, leading to a case of “hit and run”. Also he failed to report the incident to concerned authorities.
- The Master and the Vessel’s management also violated the IMO code of casualty investigations by not cooperating with the investigation team.

Lessons Learnt

- Every vessel should at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.

- Bridge resources, human and technical must be utilized to optimum benefit.
- Bridge procedures and guidelines must be followed strictly in line with company's safety management system.
- The law of the sea must be complied with and the vessels should always act with responsibility in rendering assistance to a nearby vessel in distress.
- The vessel's management and Master of the vessel should cooperate with the investigation authorities.



Image: BA Chart Number 1486 – Gulf of Khambhat and Approaches



Image: Damaged Boat