



# MCIB

Marine Casualty Investigation Board  
*Bord Imscrúdú Taisní Muirí*

**INTERIM REPORT  
OF AN INVESTIGATION  
INTO A MARINE CASUALTY  
INVOLVING A VESSEL  
AT THE MARINA,  
CARRICK-ON-SHANNON,  
CO. LEITRIM  
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The Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) examines and investigates all types of marine casualties to, or on board, Irish registered vessels worldwide and other vessels in Irish territorial waters and inland waterways.

The MCIB objective in investigating a marine casualty is to determine its circumstances and its causes with a view to making recommendations for the avoidance of similar marine casualties in the future, thereby improving the safety of life at sea.

The MCIB is a non-prosecutorial body. We do not enforce laws or carry out prosecutions. It is not the purpose of an investigation carried out by the MCIB to apportion blame or fault.

The legislative framework for the operation of the MCIB, the reporting and investigating of marine casualties and the powers of MCIB investigators is set out in The Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000.

In carrying out its functions the MCIB complies with the provisions of the International Maritime Organisation's Casualty Investigation Code and EU Directive 2009/18/EC governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector.

Section 34 of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000, as amended by Section 12 of the 2022 Act, requires that where the Board is unable to publish a report within 12 months of the date of the casualty, it shall publish at least one interim report of the investigation during that period.

**This is an interim report and no conclusions should be drawn from its contents.**



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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Early in the morning of the 7 August 2023, a 33ft motor cruiser berthed at the marina on the River Shannon in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim caught fire. Attempts to put out the fire by members of the public that were staying on their own vessels nearby were unsuccessful. Units of the local fire brigade attended the scene and brought the blaze under control. The fire claimed the life of one individual that was sleeping onboard the vessel.

This incident resulted in a Marine Casualty as defined in section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000, which defines a marine casualty and a vessel in the following terms:

“marine casualty” means an event of process which causes or poses the threat of-

- (a) death or serious injury to a person;
- (b) the loss of a person overboard;
- (c) significant loss or stranding of, or damage to, or collision with, a vessel or property; or
- (d) significant damage to the environment, in connection with the operation of-
  - (i) a vessel in Irish waters;
  - (ii) an Irish registered vessel, in waters anywhere; or
  - (iii) a vessel normally located or moored in Irish waters and under the control of a resident of the State, in international waters contiguous to Irish waters, and includes an accident or damage referred to in section 26(1)(b);<sup>1</sup>

Note: Times are local time = UTC + 1 (Co-ordinated Universal Time + 1)

1. Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000.



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