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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
INTO FATAL INCIDENT AT
LOUGH MASK
ON
8th MAY 2011.

REPORT No. MCIB/201 (No.14 of 2011)



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SYNOPSIS

1. SYNOPSIS

A group of Anglers went fishing on 8th May 2011 on Lough Mask in two boats. One boat was swamped in bad weather and capsized. Mr. Mircea Ungur tragically drowned.





2. FACTUAL INFORMATION

2.1 Description of the boat:

The boat is a Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) angling boat with buoyancy built in forward and aft. Two seats are fitted close to midships and a helm seat is provided aft over a buoyancy space. The boat was built in c.2003. The boat was not registered.

2.2 Technical specification:

Boat type GRP simulated clinker lake boat with buoyancy built in

Material Glass Reinforced Plastic

Length 5.8m Beam 1.6m Depth 0.7m

Engine Yamaha Outboard - 4hp

2.3 Equipment:

The equipment carried aboard included Personal Floatation Device for each person Pair of oars Bailer

2.4 Personnel aboard:

Boat 1 that capsized: Boat 2 that rescued others:

Mr. John Bourke Mr. Septimu Popa Tourmakeady Sibiu, Romania

Mr. Mircea Gigea Mr. Florin Luca Sibiu, Romania Sibiu, Romania

Mr. Mircea Ungur (deceased) Mr. Nicolae Rahaian Sibiu, Romania Sibiu Str, Romania

2.5 Weather conditions:

The weather at the time the group departed was Force 4 - 6 from the South South East becoming stronger as the day progressed. There were gusts of up to Force 8 in the afternoon on Lough Mask.

2.6 Location:

The Pier at Cappaduff, Tourmakeady, from where the boats departed is located at 53°38.41N 09°22.00 W. The capsize happened on the return journey at a position approximately 53°37.50N 09°21.25W about 1.5 km from the Slipway.

2.7 Health of Mr. Mircea Ungur:

Mr. Ungur had a history of throat cancer and he had a Tracheostomy tube in his throat. All of his Romanian companions were aware of his cancer history and assisted voice-box. Most were not aware of the presence of the tube. Their guide was not aware of the presence of the tube.



3. EVENTS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT

- 3.1 Six Romanian Anglers came to Ireland for an angling holiday. A German travel company had arranged the five day trip including accommodation, boats and a Fishing Guide.
- 3.2 At 09:00 hrs. on 8th May 2011 the Anglers met with their Guide and a discussion took place about fishing and about the safe departure from the pier with the hazards of weather and surrounding rocks.
- 3.3 At 10:00 hrs. three boats prepared to depart with two Anglers in each. The Guide was to travel in one boat with two inexperienced Anglers, including Mr. Mircea Ungur. One of the other boats had difficulty leaving the shore and as a result one angler from that boat decided to stay ashore and the second transferred to another boat with two colleagues.
- 3.4 At 10:45 hrs. six men, including their Guide set out from Cappaduff pier, Tourmakeady, in two boats to go angling on Lough Mask.
- 3.5 The boats travelled in a South Easterly direction for about 3.5km to seek a more sheltered area to fish. The wind was blowing from the SSE. They then headed southwards where they stopped on Inishoght Island for a lunch break at 12:00 hrs.
- 3.6 At 12:45 hrs. the boats returned to fishing in the area of Inishoght. The weather began to get worse and dark clouds began to gather to the SSE. One angler got seasick.
- 3.7 At 13:30 hrs. the Guide signalled to return to Tourmakeady. They passed to the north of Inishowel where there was some shelter from the wind and waves from the SSE. The wind and waves were coming from behind when the two boats left the shelter of Inishowel.

THE INCIDENT

4. THE INCIDENT

- 4.1 Two boats were making their way towards Tourmakeady with wind and waves directly astern. The wind was squalling up to Force 8 from the SSE with rain. Waves were 1.5 to 1.8m high and travelling faster than the speed of the boats. The two boats were about 30m apart. The Guide, Mr. Ungur and one other angler were in the leading boat. The other three Anglers followed in the second boat.
- 4.2 At a point c.1.5km from the pier a wave swamped the leading boat and a second wave caused the boat to capsize and three men were thrown in the water. They held onto the upturned boat. Two Anglers in the water wore inflated lifejackets and the Guide wore a floatation suit. A lifejacket was seen to blow away ahead of the weather.
- 4.3 The occupants of the second boat made a telephone call to the emergency services and circled the upturned boat as it attempted to take the three men aboard under very difficult conditions.
- 4.4 Mr. Ungur was the first person taken aboard having spent about 10 minutes in the water. He was not moving or communicating with others at that time. CPR was not administered aboard the boat.
- 4.5 The second angler was taken aboard after a further five minutes followed by the Guide again after a further five minutes. The six men returned to Tourmakeady in one boat. The rescue took about 20 minutes and many turns around the upturned boat under very poor weather conditions.

EVENTS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT

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- 5.1 When Mr. Ungur was taken ashore CPR was administered.
- 5.2 Gardai arrived on scene at 14:20 hrs. and continued CPR.
- 5.3 A doctor and ambulance arrived at 14:35 hrs.
- 5.4 Mr. Ungur was pronounced dead at 14:58 hrs.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The weather forecast issued by Met Éireann at 06:30 hrs. on 8th May 2011 predicted winds of Force 5 to 6 and gusty. This was confirmed in correspondence from Met Éireann to have gusted to Force 8. The weather was poor all day and it was correctly forecast.
- 6.2 The weather at the time of departure from Tourmakeady was poor. The Anglers were uncomfortable and one member of the group decided not to go. The two boats went to the East side of the lake seeking more sheltered waters. Some shelter was found but conditions remained uncomfortable.
- 6.3 When one angler became sea-sick the Guide decided that both boats would return to Tourmakeady. Cloud was seen to be gathering to the SSE. A squall developed with strong gusts of wind, rain and big waves of about 1.5m when the boats were making their way home in a NNW direction.
- 6.4 Mr. Ungur had a tracheostomy tube in his throat. Most of his colleagues were not aware of its presence. There is a danger in boating for someone who has a tracheostomy tube fitted. It is not known the extent to which Mr. Ungur was aware of this danger. The ingress of water through this tube, while he was in the water, resulted in drowning.
- 6.5 The instruction given to the Anglers by the Guide prior to departure was limited to a discussion about the waves and rocks to be contended with at their departure point. There was little discussion with the Anglers prior to departure about their level of boating experience, the weather conditions or any disabilities they may have that would affect their safety on the water.
- 6.6 There are few statutory requirements governing the hire of a boat to Anglers to use themselves. Where Anglers are taken out in a small angling boat, S.I. 274 of 2002 requires the owner of the vessel to self-certify the boat and submit a declaration that the vessel complies with the safety requirements set out in Regulation 4 of S.I. 274 of 2002. This declaration was not available for inspection.
- 6.7 A Post Mortem examination was carried out which concluded that the cause of death was Asphyxia due to drowning.
- 6.8 This vessel was required to comply with the EU Recreational Craft Directive.

 The requirements of RCD certification are set out in Marine Notice No. 6 of 2005

 Requirements for Individuals, and Companies engaged in the Construction,

 Importation, and Sales of Recreational Craft to comply with the requirements of the Recreational Craft Directives EU 94/25 and EU 2003/44.



7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the requirements of S.I. 274 of 2002 should be enforced.
- 7.2 It is recommended that a safety briefing should be given to all those hiring angling boats. This should include the latest available weather forecast and the likely conditions to be expected during the angling trip.
- 7.3 A Marine Notice should be issued reminding builders of their legal obligations to comply with the Recreational Craft Directive. The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport should enforce the regulations relating to the certification of recreational craft under the Recreational Craft Directive.

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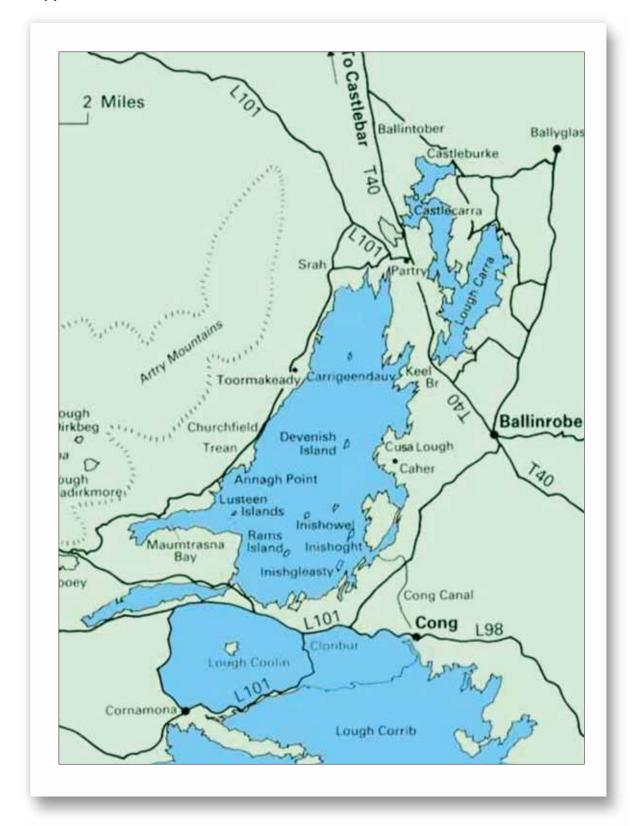


Appendix 8.1 Satellite Photographs of the area.



Lough Mask showing the track taken

Appendix 8.2 Chartlet.





Appendix 8.3 Photographs of the angling trip.



The two boats departing Tourmakeady on 8th May 2011.



Second boat photographed before turning for home.



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3/6/2011

Our Ref.

WS3018/2C 14143

Your Ref. MCIB/201

Re: Weather Forecasts for Lough Mask, near Toormakeady, County Mayo, on the 8th May 2011.

Dear Ms Reddin,

Please find attached the Weather Forecasts issued by Met Eireann on the morning and afternoon of the 7th and the morning of the 8th May 2011 for Lough Mask.

Yours sincerely,

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Forecast for Inland Lakes



Forecast for Inland Lakes issued at 0630 hours Sunday, 08-May-2011 situation at 0300; A depression of 979 hPa, southwest of Valentia, a movine slight

Meteorological situation at 0300: A depression of 979 hPa, southwest of Valentia, a moving slightly closer to Ireland. It maintains an unstable, strengthening southeast to south airflow over the country. Frontal troughs embedded in the flow are moving northeastwards over and close to Ireland.

Wind	1:	South to southeast force 4 to 6 and gusty
Weather	13	Cccasional showers, some heavy with a risk of thunder.
Visibility	1	Moderate in showers, possibly poor, otherwise good
Winds Overnight	- 1	Fresh and gusty southerly
Outlook for tomorrow		Fresh and gusty southerly

Forecast For Lough Ree I	or day	light hours today	
Wind	1	South to southeast force 5 or 6 and gusty	
Weather		Occasional showers, some heavy with a risk of thunder.	
Visibility	1	Moderate in showers, possibly poor, otherwise 200d	
Winds Overnight		Fresh and gusty southerly	
Outlook for tomorrow	1:	Fresh and gusty southerly	

Forecast For Lough Corr	ib and	Lough Mask for daylight hours today	
Wind	:	South to southeast force 5 or 6 and gusty	
Weather		Occasional showers, some heavy with a risk of thunder.	
Visibility		Moderate in showers, possibly poor, otherwise good	
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Outlook for tomorrow	1	Fresh and gusty southerly	

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Outlook for tomorrow	- 3	Fresh and gusty southerly	

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Forecast for Inland Lakes

Forecast for Inland Lakes issued at 15:30 hours Saturday, 07-May-2011

Meteorological situation at 0900: A depression of 979hPa in mid-Atlantic is semi-stationary and maintains an unstable southeasterly airflow over Ireland.

Forecast For Lough Derg	until r	nightfall today	-
Wind	:	Southeast force 3 or 4, occasionally force 5.	
Weather	. 1	Heavy showers	
Visibility	1	Generally good, but poor in heavy rair.	
Winds Overnight	1:	South force 4.	
Outlook for tomorrow	1	South force 4 to 5, sunny spells and showers.	

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Outlook for tomorrow		South force 4 to 5, sunny spells and showers.	

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Visibility	1	Generally good, but poor in heavy rain.	
Winds Overnight	1	Scuth force 4.	
Outlook for tomorrow	1:	South force 4 to 5, sunny spe is and showers.	

Forecast For Lough Key :	and Lo	ugh Allen until nightfall today
Wind	10	Southeast force 3 or 4, occasionally force 5.
Weather	1	Heavy showers.
Visibility	:	Generally good, but poor in heavy rain.
Winds Overnight	1	South force 4.
Outlook for tomorrow	1	South force 4 to 5, sunny spells and showers.

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Forecast for Inland Lakes

Forecast for Inland Lakes issued at 0630 hours Saturday, 07-May-2011

Meteorological situation at 0300: A fresh and unstable southerly airflow covers Ireland. An active frontal trough with waves is slowly moving over the centre of the country.

Forecast For Lough Derg	for da	ylight hours today
Wind	:	Southeast force 3 or 4
Weather	1	Mix of dry spells and showers, some possibly heavy or thundery
Visibility	:	Moderate to poor in precipitation, otherwise good
Winds Overnight	- 1	Moderate south to southeast
Outlook for tomorrow	120	Fresh to strong southeast winds, mix of dry spells and showers

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Winds Overnight		Moderate south to southeast
Outlook for tomorrow	1:	Fresh to strong southeast winds, mix of dry spells and showers

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Wind	- 1	Southeast force 3 or 4	
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Winds Overnight		Moderate south to southeast	
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Weather	1	Mix of dry spells and showers, some possibly heavy or thundery	
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Our Ref WS3018/2C_14129 Your Rej. MCIB/201

Re: Estimate of weather conditions for Lough Mask, near Toormakeady, County Mayo, on the 8th May 2011.

Dear Ms Reddin,

Please find enclosed the above report.

Yours sincerely,

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6 - 12 hours

Winds: from a south-south-east direction, Force 4 at first increased to Force 5 to 6

Weather: isolated light showers and some bright or sunny spells at first. Heavy and possibly thundery showers moved into the general area in the middle of the day.

Visibility: mostly good, greater than 25km, moderate occasionally poor in showers.

Temperatures: 8°C increased to 15°C

12 - 18 hours

Winds: from a south-south-east direction, Force 5 to 6, and gusting up to 40 knots

Weather: sunny spells and showers in the area, some heavy and possibly thundery, as thunderstorms were reported elsewhere.

Visibility: poor in some showers, otherwise moderate to good.

Temperatures: 15°C decreased 11°C

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		Mean verocity in knots	ma t	km m.it	mph.	Land	Ses	Coast	in metres	height* in feet
0	Calm	<1	0-0.2	<1	<1	Calm; smoke rises vertically	Sea like a mirror	Calm	-	-
1	Light air	1-3	0.3-1.5	1-5	1-3	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift but not by wind vanes	Ripples with the appearance of scales are formed, but without foam crests	Fishing smack just has steerage way	0.1 (0.1)	(1/4)
2	Light breeze	4-6	1.6-3.3	6-11	4-7	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; ordi- nary vanes moved by wind	Small wavelets, still short but more pronounced; crests have a glassy appearance and do not break	Wind fills the sails of smacks which then travel at about 1-2 knots	0.2 (0.3)	(1)
3	Gentie breeze	7-10	3.4-5.4	12-19	8-12	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; wind ex- tends light flag	Large wavelets; crests begin to break; foam of glassy appearance; perhaps scuttered white horses	Smacks begin to careen and travel about 3-4 knots	(1)	(3)
4	Moderate breeze	11-16	5.5-7.9	20-28	13-18	Raises dust and loose paper, small branches are moved	Small waves, becoming tonger; fairly frequent white horses	Good working breeze, smacks carry all canvas with good list	(1.5)	31/4
5	Fresh broeze	17-21	8.9-10.7	29-38	19-24	Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters	Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many white horses are formed (chance of some spray)	Smacks shorten sail	2 (2.5)	6 (814)
6	Strong breeze	22-27	10.8-13.8	39-49	25-31	Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telegraph wires; umbrellas- used with difficulty	Large waves begin to form; the white foam crests are more extensive everywhere (probably some spray)	Smacks have double red in main- sail; care required when fishing	3 (4)	91/4 (13)
7	Near gale	28-33	13.9-17.1	50-61	32-38	Whole trees in mo- tion, inconvenience felt when walking against wind	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind	Smacks remain in harbour and those at sea lie to	4 (5.5)	131/2
8	Gale	34-40	17.2-20.7	62-74	39-46	Breaks twigs off trees; generally impedes progress	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of creats begin to break into the spindfift; the foam is blown in well-marked streaks along the direction of the wind	All smacks make for harbour, if near		18 (25)
9	Strong gale	41-47	20.5-24.4	75-66	47-54	Slight structural damage occurs (chimney pots and slates removed)	High waves; dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind; crests of waves begin to topple, tumble and roll over; spray may affect visibility	-	7 (10)	23 (32)
10	Storm	48-55	24.5-28.4	89-102	55-63	Seldom experi- enced inland; trees uprooted; consider- able structural dam- age occurs	Very high waves with long over- hanging creats; the resulting foam, in great patches, is blown in dense white streaks along the direction of the wind; on the whole, the surface of the sea takes on a white appearance; the tumbling of the sea becomes heavy and shock- like; visibility affected	-	9 (12.5)	29 (41)
11	Violent sterm	56-63	28.5-32.6	103-117	64-72	Very rarely experi- enced; accompa- nied by wide- spread damage	Exceptionally high waves (small and medium-sized ships might be for a time lost to view behind the waves; the sea is completely covered with long white patients of foam lying along the direction of the wind; everywhere the edges of the wave create are blown into froth; visibility affected.	-	11.5 (16)	37 (52)
12	Hurricane	64 and over	32.7 and over	118 and over	73 and over	7	The air is filled with foam and spray; sea completely white with driving spray; visibility very seriously affected.		(-)	45 (—)

This table is only intended as a guitte to show mughty what may be expected in the open sea, rempte from tand, it should never be used in the reverse way: Letter logging or reporting the state of the sea. In enclosed waters, or when near tand, with an off-plane wind, wave heights will be smaller and the waves steeper. Figures in brackets indicate the probable maximum height of waves.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Note: The address and contact details of the individual respondents have been obscured for privacy reasons.



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Your Re: MCIB/201

Ms. Eve Reddin, Secretariat, Marine Casualty Investigation Board, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2.



Re: Draft Report of the Investigation into fatal incident at Lough Mask on 8th May, 2011.

Dear Ms. Reddin,

I am directed by Deputy Commissioner, Operations to refer to previous correspondence from the Marine Casualty Investigation Board to the Commissioner in above matter, resting with yours of the 13th September, 2011.

I wish to advise that the draft report in relation to this incident has been reviewed and An Garda Siochána is satisfied that the facts, as presented, accurately represent the events surrounding the above incident.

Local Garda Management, having considered the full circumstances of this incident, have recommended that information, through appropriate channels, should be readily available to warn the public of the dangers in engaging in water related activities while fitted with surgical devices such, as was the case in this instance, a tracheostomy tube.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Walsh
Superintendent for
Deputy Commissioner
12th October 2011

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MCIB RESPONSE

The Board notes the contents of this correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

From: Septimiu

Sent: 11 October 2011 08:00

To: Marine Casualty Investigation Board

Subject: Lough Mask 08May Your Ref MCIB-201

Marine Casualty Investigation Board

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Attn: Ms. Eve Reddin

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Dear Ms. Reddin

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I am writting to you, according to your letter MCIB-201 dated 13-th September 2011, reffering to the Draft Report of the Investigation into the fatal incident at Lough Mask on 08 May 2011. I discussed the Report together with all my friends involved in the incident and we have following comments:

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- Correct name of the deceased is Mircea UNGUR

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3.2 No hazards of weather where discussed

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4.2 The Guide did not wear a lifejacket durring the return crossing

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Sincerely yours

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Septimiu Popa

MCIB RESPONSE

The Board notes the contents of this correspondence and we apologise for the misspelling of Mr. Ungur's name. This spelling was used throughout state documents and witness statements.

In relation to the question of a weather briefing:

The briefing of the group of Anglers was insufficient and recommendation 7.2 advocates a comprehensive briefing including the forecast and expected conditions.

In relation to the lifejacket:

Correction noted and amendment made. The floatation suit conforming to CE 393 is suitable for good swimmers in sheltered waters and provides 50N of buoyancy.





Ms.Eve Reddin, Secretariat, Marine Casualty Investigation Board, Lesson Lane, Dublin 2.

5th October 2011.

Re:Draft Report of the investigation into fatal incident at Lough Mask on 8/5/2011

Dear Ms. Reddin,

I wish to make the following observation regarding the above Draft Report.

Re: 4. The Incident.

4.2 The lifejacket which was seen to blow away ahead of the weather was not as stated the Guide's lifejacket. This lifejacket was an extra lifejacket which was carried on board the boat. The Guide was wearing a one piece flotation suit manufactured by Penn.

Model: Waveblaster one piece Flotation Suit.

Conforms to: CE en393.

Yours sincerely, Golm Buke



MCIB RESPONSE

The Board notes the contents of this correspondence and has made the necessary amendments.

NOTES

