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**REPORT INTO THE LOSS
OVERBOARD OF A
CREWMEMBER FROM THE
F/V “NAUSICAA”
ON THE 18th APRIL, 2006**

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1. SYNOPSIS

- 1.1 The 17.1 meter fishing vessel MFV “Nausicaa” left Skerries Harbour in the early hours of Tuesday the 18th April 2006 for the fishing grounds east of Clogherhead.
- 1.2 There were seven crewmembers on board.
- 1.3 After the net was shot for prawns the crew went for breakfast.
- 1.4 When the time came to retrieve the nets, the crew were mustered and one crewmember was found to be missing.

2. FACTUAL INFORMATION

2.1 Vessel description.

Type	Trawler
Name	Nausicaa
Official Number	403979
Length	56.2 Feet
Breadth	21.8 Feet
Built	1989
Material	Steel
Engine Power	441 KW
Gross Tonnage	114.12
Net Tonnage	34.24
Registered	DA 63 2005 Drogheda

2.2 Vessel Type

Fishing vessel. Stern trawler outfitted for prawns. 90% covered in.

2.3 Safety Equipment.

The vessel carried safety equipment in compliance with the regulations.

The vessel carried lifejackets and Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for every person on board.

Two liferafts carried for 12 men (port and starboard).

The crew wore PFDs as a matter of course during their normal duties on deck.

2.4 Radio equipment.

Radio survey carried out in August 2005.

2.5 Manning.

The vessel had seven persons on board at the time of the incident:

Skipper:	Mr Kenneth Russell	Irish
Qualification:	Second Hand full Certificate of competency issued on the 23rd of February 2001.	
Experience:	Fishing for the last 15 years.	

Crew number 1	Mr Nicolajs Cerkasins	Latvian
Crew number 2	Mr Jorens Krauze	Latvian
Crew number 3	Mr Edgars Birkmans	Latvian
Crew number 4	Mr Maigonis Petersons	Latvian
Crew number 5	Mr Maris Polaks	Latvian
Crew number 6	Mr Juris Danilivs	Latvian

3. EVENTS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT

- 3.1 The MFV “Nausicaa” left Skerries Harbour between the hours of 0400hours and 0430 hours Local Time on the morning of the 18th April 2005. The vessel headed for the fishing grounds west of Clogherhead.
- 3.2 The vessel averages about 9 knots and arrived at the fishing grounds west of Clogherhead at about 0600hours Local Time.
- 3.3 The net was then shot in about 36 meters of water and at this stage all hands were engaged in the working of the vessel.
- 3.4 The vessel then trawled slowly between 2 and 3 knots firstly in a north direction then in a southerly direction against the tide.
- 3.5 The crew went below and the Skipper remained on watch on the bridge alone.
- 3.6 The weather throughout this period was Westerly Force 3, visibility 7 to 8 miles and calm seas.
- 3.7 Mr. Danilivs was last seen at approx 0800hours Local Time on the 18th April 2005.
- 3.8 He was wearing a white synthetic top, blue jeans and trainers.

THE INCIDENT

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- 4.1 The Skipper called the crew for the retrieval of the net at about 1100hours Local Time on the morning of the 18th April 2005.
- 4.2 It became apparent at this stage that one of the crew was missing.
- 4.3 The vessel was searched and no sign of the crewman was found.
- 4.4 Man overboard procedures were implemented by the Skipper.
- 4.5 The Skipper made a Pan Pan call to Dublin Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 advising them that a man was missing and presumed overboard.
- 4.6 The position of the vessel was 53 47.78 North and 005 50.57 West.
- 4.7 The identity of the crewman was Mr. Juris Danilivs D.O.B. 20/06/1973.
- 4.8 The Coast Guard tasked Rescue Helicopter R116 and Clogherhead Lifeboat.
- 4.9 The search area was backtracked on the vessels course by F/V “Nausicaa”.
- 4.10 The Helicopter was released at 1616 hours and the Lifeboat at 1840 hours on the 18th April 2005 with nothing to report.
- 4.11 The MFV “Nausicaa” continued to search till approx 1530hours Local Time and then returned to Skerries at the request of the local Gardai.
- 4.12 Local vessels including SO503, DA41 and F/V “Martterdea” amongst others, joined in the search.

5. EVENTS AFTER THE INCIDENT

- 5.1 The PFD (Personal Floatation Device) issued to Mr. Juris Danilivs was still on board the vessel. The Skipper stated that it is normal practice to wear PFD's whilst working on deck.
- 5.2 The personal belongings of Mr. Juris Danilivs were intact and handed over to the local Gardai.
- 5.3 The local Gardai boarded the F/V "Nausicaa" on her arrival back in Skerries at approximately 1700 hours and interviewed the crew with the aid of a translator. Statements were taken from all crew.
- 5.4 Mr. Juris Danilivs had just joined the MFV "Nausicaa" the previous Friday the 14th April 2005 and this was his first voyage to sea.

CONCLUSIONS

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- 6.1 Mr. Juris Danilivs went missing aboard the Fishing Vessel “Nausicaa” whilst the vessel was at sea between the hours of 0800 hours and 1100 hours Local Time on the morning of the 18th April 2006.
- 6.2 Mr. Juris Danilivs is presumed lost at sea from the F/V “Nausicaa”.
- 6.3 Up to the latest date of this report no trace has been seen of the body of Mr. Juris Danilivs.
- 6.4 A body was recovered from the sea by Fishing Vessel S0503 on the 18th September 2006 in position 53 45 North and 005 56 West.
- 6.5 This position is close to the position in which Mr. Juris Danilivs was lost.
- 6.6 The Garda investigation continues and awaiting DNA results to positively identify the body recovered on the 18th September as that of Mr. Juris Danilivs.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 All crewmembers aboard an Irish registered fishing vessel should be given basic safety training as outlined in S.I. No. 587 of 2001.
- 7.2 As per above regulation basic safety training shall be undertaken by every crewmember before going to sea.
- 7.3 A Marine Notice should be published reminding owners and skippers of fishing vessels of these requirements.

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

8.1 Sitrep MRCC Dublin dated 18/04 2004 19:20.

8.2 SI No 587 of 2001.

8.3 Photographs of F/V “Nausicaa”.

Appendix 8.1 Sitrep MRCC Dublin dated 18/04 2004 19:20

TRANSMISSION PRIORITY	Routine	Ref No .	0017623	File Date	18/04/2006
DTG	200604181930	UIIN Reference			0000343
INCIDENT NAME	MAN OVERBOARD				
FROM	MRCC DUBLIN				
TO	MRSC MALIN HEAD MRSC VALENTIA MSO PRESS SAR OPS MANAGER				

SITREP NUMBER TWO

A. Identity Of Casualty	FV NAUSICAA
B. Position	5347.78N 00560.57W 15MILES EAST OF CLOGHERHEAD
C. Situation	CREWMAN OVERBOARD
D. Number of Persons at risk	1
E. Assistance Required	SEARCH AND RECOVER
F. Co-Ordinating RCC	MRCC DUBLIN
G. Description Of Casualty	32YEAR OLD LATVIAN MALE 5FT 8INS
H. Weather	W F3 VIS GOOD SEA CALM SEA TEMP 8C
I. Initial Action Taken	TASKED R116 AND CLOGHERHEAD LB
J. Search Area	BACKTRACK ON VESSELS COURSE
K. Co-Ordinating Instructions	
L. Future Plans	CONTINUE SEARCH
M. Additional Information / Conclusion	

1031 FV NAUSICAA REPORTS POSSIBILITY OF MAN OVERBOARD LAST SEEN BETWEEN 0730 AND 0800 UTC
1033 RESCUE HELICOPTER R116 TASKED
1035 CLOGHERHEAD LB TASKED
1100 R116 ON SCENE COMMENCING SEARCH
1143 LB ON SCENE
1236 R116 COMPLETED SEARCH RETURNING TO DUBLIN TO REFUEL
1245 R116 TASKED TO CONTINUE SEARCH. 1423 AIRBORNE TO SEARCH AREA 1616 DEPARTED SCENE NOTHING TO REPORT. 1840 CLOGHERHEAD L/B SEARCHED AREA NOTHING TO REPORT RELEASED.

Appendix 8.2 SI No 587 of 2001.

S.I. No. 587 of 2001

Fishing Vessel (Basic Safety Training) Regulations, 2001

I, FRANK FAHEY, Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 19 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1992, as amended by section 44 of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, and the Marine (Alteration of Name of Department and Name of Minister) Order 1997 (S.I. No. 301 of 1997), hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fishing Vessel (Basic Safety Training) Regulations, 2001.
- (2) These Regulations come into operation on 1 March 2002.

Interpretation

2. (1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - "*basic safety training*" shall be construed in accordance with Regulation 4;
 - "*BIM*" means Bord Iascaigh Mhara;
 - "*BIM Commercial Fishing Training Record Book*" means a book, as approved by the Minister and issued by BIM, containing a record of all fisheries-related certificates and qualifications awarded;
 - "*crew member*" means the skipper or any other person gainfully employed or engaged by the owner or skipper in any capacity on board a fishing vessel;
 - "*fishing vessel*" means any vessel designed, equipped or used commercially for catching or taking fish or other living resources of the sea (including the sea bed) but does not include a vessel that is registered under the law of any State, other than the State;
 - "*new entrant*" means a person who is for the first time gainfully employed or engaged as a crew member;
 - "*serving crew member*" means a crew member who is not a new entrant.
- (2) In these Regulations, unless otherwise indicated-
 - (a) a reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of these Regulations;
 - (b) a reference to a paragraph is to a paragraph of the Regulation in which the reference occurs.

Application

Appendix 8.2 (Cont) SI No 587 of 2001.

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to all crew members of fishing vessels.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to a crew member who can provide evidence of having completed approved training in Personal Survival Techniques, First Aid and Fire Fighting required for fishing vessel officer certificates of competency issued under the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) Regulations, 1988 (S.I. No. 289 of 1988).

(3) Crew members complying with (2) of this Regulation are eligible for the issuance of a BIM Commercial Fishing Training Record Book on completion of an application form signed by the applicant, the details of which are verified by an authorised BIM official.

Basic Safety Training

4. (1) Every crew member of a fishing vessel shall undertake basic safety training as set out in this Regulation.

(2) Basic safety training shall consist of the following 3 training units-

- (a) personal survival techniques, including man overboard techniques,
- (b) elementary first aid, and
- (c) fire prevention, health and safety training,

and shall be held in such establishments, to such standards, under such conditions and for such duration as BIM may approve and determine.

(3) The dates by which basic safety training must have been completed by each crew member are specified in the Table to this Regulation.

(4) A crew member who has not successfully completed basic safety training by the date specified in the Table shall not work on board a fishing vessel.

TABLE

Category of crew members	Date by which the safety training must be completed
New entrants	Before going to sea
Serving crew members born on or after 1 March 1982	Before 1 March 2003
Serving crew members born between	Before 1 March 2004

1 March 1976 and 28 February 1982
inclusive

Serving crew members born between
1 March 1971 and 29 February 1976
inclusive Before 1 March 2005

Serving crew members born between
1 March 1966 and 28 February 1971
inclusive Before 1 March 2006

Serving crew members born between
1 March 1961 and 28 February 1966
inclusive Before 1 March 2007

Serving crew members born before 1
March 1961 Before 1 March 2008

**BIM Commercial Fishing
Training Record Book**

5. (1) On successful completion of the basic safety training defined in paragraph 4(2), a Commercial Fishing Training Record Book shall be issued to each participant by BIM on completion of an application form signed by the applicant, the details of which are verified by an authorised BIM official.

(2) All fisheries-related certificates and qualifications issued by the appropriate authorities shall be verified and recorded in the BIM Commercial Fishing Training Record Book by an authorised BIM official.

GIVEN under my Official Seal

(L.S.)

this 14th day of December 2001

Frank Fahey

Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(THIS NOTE IS NOT PART OF THE INSTRUMENT AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE A LEGAL INTERPRETATION)

These Regulations require all crew members of a fishing vessel to undertake basic safety training before going to sea for the first time and also require all serving crew members to undertake basic safety training on a phased basis between 2003 and 2008

Appendix 8.3 Photographs of F/V “Nausicaa”.



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Chairman
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Re: Draft Report into the loss overboard of a crewmember from the F/V "Nausicaa" on the 18 April 2006.

Dear Chairman

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to your correspondence of the 14 February 2007, in the above matter.

An Garda Síochána has no observations to make on the report. The DNA results to positively identify the body recovered on the 16 September 2006 as Mr Juris Danilivs are still awaited.

Yours sincerely



B CORCORAN
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
PERSONAL ASSISTANT
TO COMMISSIONER

22 March 2007

MCIB RESPONSE

The MCIB notes the contents of this letter.



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MCIB RESPONSE to letter from An Garda Síochána dated 22nd March 2007.

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Dear Chairman

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to your correspondence of the 18 January, 2008 in the above.

I am to advise you that DNA analysis has confirmed that the body recovered on the 6 September, 2006 was that of Jurvis Danilvis.

Yours sincerely


B CORCORAN
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
PERSONAL ASSISTANT
TO COMMISSIONER

22 February 2008



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