

Collision between the locally licensed pleasure vessels No. 122288 and No. 106538 within Hong Kong waters on 12.6.2005

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 1930 on 12 June 2005, the locally licensed pleasure vessel No. 122288, while underway collided with the locally licensed pleasure vessel No. 106538 in the approximate position 22° 21.62'N, 114° 16.78'E on the east side of Lo Fu Ngam (老虎岩) (Figure 1). Two persons on board the pleasure vessel No. 106538 were killed and the other one suffered minor injuries.

2. Findings

- 2.1 The lookout of the Masters of both vessels was not effective to detect the presence of the other vessel in the prevailing circumstances and conditions to avert the collision. Furthermore, the Master of pleasure vessel No. 122288 proceeded at an excessive high speed so that he could not take proper and effective action to avoid collision and stop his vessel within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.
- 2.2 The pleasure vessel No. 106538 did not exhibit the all round light at a sufficient height above the gunwale. Therefore it might not be clearly visible to the Master of pleasure vessel No. 122288 at first instance.

3. Lessons

- 3.1 It is important to comply with the Collision Regulations by maintaining a proper lookout and safe speed appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions whilst vessels are underway in the waters of Hong Kong.
- 3.2 Pleasure vessels should position the navigational lights in accordance with the Collision Regulations.



Figure 1- The approximate position of the collision