

## **Collision between local oil barge 匯通3 and fishing boat M73209Y on 22.2.2006**

### **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 At about 0820 on 22 February 2006, in good visibility and weather, a locally licensed oil barge“匯通 3” collided with a locally licensed motor vessel “M73209Y” in Shaukeiwan at approximately 200 metres north west of the breakwater of Shaukeiwan Typhoon Shelter. The Barge had no apparent damage while “M73209Y” capsized and sank immediately after the collision. Two persons on board were fallen into the water. One of them was rescued by a Police vessel and was later sent to hospital. The other person is believed to have been hit and killed by the propeller of the Barge. There was no injury to the crew on board the Barge.

### **2. Lessons**

- 2.1 Improperly installed securing bars should not be fitted at the front windows of the wheelhouse, as they may affect proper lookout.
- 2.2 The lookouts on board the locally design oil barge should be aware of the adverse effect on the large blind sector as a result of excessive stern trim when in light weight condition. The Master of these barges should consider using the radar as a navigation aid and to post an additional lookout when in such condition.
- 2.3 A person should not keep a lookout and engage in steering at the same time.