

# **Collision between the bulk carrier *You Shun* and the general cargo ship *Chang Shin* inside Hong Kong waters on 23.3.2006**

## **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 At about 0924 on 23 March 2006, the Panamanian registered general cargo ship *Chang Shin* collided with the Chinese registered bulk carrier *You Shun* at a position 22° 08.73'N, 113° 53.80'E, bearing 210° T and at a range of about 0.8 nautical mile (n.m.) from Tai A Chau Lighthouse. At the time of the accident, the weather condition was foggy and there was a light breeze with a poor visibility of less than 740 metres. The bow of *Chang Shin* and the port quarter of *You Shun* both sustained very serious damage. A crew member on board *You Shun* was seriously injured and was sent to hospital in China for medical treatment. The carpenter was found missing after the collision and his body was discovered subsequently inside the engine room on 28 March 2006.

## **2. Lessons**

- 2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers should comply with COLREGS for navigation at all times especially in restricted visibility.
- 2.2 Navigating Officers should follow the proper bridge procedures by maintaining an effective communication between the bridge team members so that radar information can be effectively conveyed to the Master for collision avoidance in time of restricted visibility.