

Man overboard from local open sampan P40412K on 10 May 2006

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 0900 on 10 May 2006, while the Master of the outboard open sampan *P40412K* dropping an anchor manually into the water near Fat Tong Kok at approximate position 22° 15.7' N 114° 18.1' E, he fell overboard from the bow of *the Vessel*. The body of the Master was discovered after 3 days near the coast of Fat Tong Kok.
- 1.2 The investigation revealed that it was possible that the Master lost his balance on the slippery deck surface or the weight of the anchor threw off his balance when dropping anchor. It was also possible that he was tripped by the anchor rope while it was running out into the water.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 A number of man overboard accidents occurs on board local sampans each year. In most cases the victims' lives could be safeguard had they worn a lifejacket when on board.