

Passenger overboard from the local fishing vessel *M60767C* on 8.6.2006

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 0430 on 8 June 2006, while the local fishing vessel *M60767C* was returning from the South China Sea oilfield to Hong Kong, a passenger fell overboard from the starboard side of the Vessel and went missing in the approximate position 21° 28' N 114° 32' E.
- 1.2 *M60767C* conducted an immediate search for the passenger until 1400 on 8 June 2006. Daytime surface searches by Government Flying Services aircraft were conducted on 8 and 9 June 2006 while vessels plying in the vicinity were requested to post additional lookouts. No missing person was found on the above searches.
- 1.3 The cause of the accident was due to a sudden rolling of the Vessel after her port side had been struck by a heavy wave. A passenger who was standing near the starboard bulwark lost his balance and fell overboard.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 A fishing vessel is not suitable for safe carrying of passengers and no passengers should be carried on board a fishing vessel as stipulated in the vessel's licence.