

# **Collision between the Hong Kong registered general cargo ship *Hui Rong* and the Chinese registered bulk carrier *Peng Yan* on 17.3.2007**

## **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 At about 2251 local time on 17 March 2007, the Hong Kong registered general cargo ship *Hui Rong* collided with the Chinese registered bulk carrier *Peng Yan* at approximate position 30° 32.5'N 123° 15.6'E. At the time of the accident, the weather conditions were fine with northerly wind at force 4. The sea was moderate and the visibility was about 7 nautical miles (n.m.). *Peng Yan* sustained damages to the bow and *Hui Rong* sank shortly after the collision. Twelve crew members of *Hui Rong* were rescued. Eight crew members were found missing and nine crew members were drowned.

## **2. Lessons**

- 2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers should comply with COLREGS for navigation at all times.
- 2.2 Officers in charge of the navigational watch shall notify the master immediately if the traffic conditions or the movements of other ships are causing concern.