

# **Collision between Hong Kong- registered Jetfoil Passenger Craft *Santa Maria* (金星) and *Funchal* (天皇星) in Position about 22° 11.5'N, 113° 40.5'E on 11 January 2008**

## **1. The Incident**

1.1 At about 2028 on 11 January 2008, the Hong Kong registered jetfoil passenger ferries *Santa Maria* and *Funchal* collided in the position 22° 11.5'N 113° 40.5'E. The weather was overcast with a southeasterly gentle breeze. The visibility was about one nautical mile (n.m.). *Santa Maria* sustained structural damage to its port bow while *Funchal* sustained structural damage to its starboard bow. After the collision, both jetfoils were able to return to Macau Ferry Terminal in Macau under their own power. As a result of the collision, 133 persons including passengers and crew members on board the two jetfoils were injured. Among the injured persons, 43 of them were in serious condition. The injured persons were sent to hospital after the vessels had berthed alongside Macau Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal.

## **2. Lesson**

2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers should comply with COLREGS for navigation at all times.