

Collision between the Hong Kong registered cargo ship *Joshu Maru* and the Republic of Korea fishing vessel *No.3 Dae Kyung* on 14 November 2009

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 2147 local time on 14 November 2009, the Hong Kong registered cargo ship *Joshu Maru* collided with the Republic of Korea fishing vessel *No.3 Dae Kyung* in approximate position 32° 13.7' N 127° 21.3' E about 72 nm (nautical miles) southeast of Seogwipo, Jeju-Do (Cheju-Do), the Republic of Korea.
- 1.2 At the time of the accident, the weather was cloudy, the visibility was about 3 to 6 nm, the wind was northwest to west force about 7 to 6, and the sea state was rough with heavy swells.
- 1.3 Following the collision, *No.3 Dae Kyung* took in water, became semi-submerged and finally foundered the next day. Seven out of the total nine crewmembers onboard were lost (four dead and three missing), and the remaining two were rescued. *Joshu Maru* incurred some scratches to paintwork and slight indentation in the ship's stem and at the port bow.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers shall comply with COLREGS in navigation and collision avoidance 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.