Collision between the Hong Kong registered container ship “CSCL Manzanillo” and the Chinese fishing vessel “Lu Wei Yu 60012” in Qinhuangdao, China on 28 December 2017

1. The incident

1.1 At about 2059 hours on 28 December 2017, the Hong Kong registered container ship “CSCL Manzanillo” (the vessel) and the Chinese fishing vessel “Lu Wei Yu 60012” (“60012”) collided in position 39°47′.32N/119°41′.83E when the vessel was approaching to the pilot station of Qinhuangdao, China. “60012” sustained hull damage and serious listing due to water ingress through the breaching hull. One fisherman was missing and five fishermen were slightly injured.

2. Lessons learnt

2.1 All masters, deck officers and watchkeeping ratings should comply with the rules of COLREGS at all times, particularly the requirements of maintaining proper lookout, safe speed and safe distance.

2.2 The owner of “60012” should ensure that the manning of their fishing vessels complies with the minimum safe Manning requirements of their administration and remind their masters to compliance with the rules of COLREGS at all times, particularly the requirements of maintaining proper lookout and exhibiting signals of not under command or restricted maneuvering ability.