

## **The death of the bosun onboard the Hong Kong registered chemical/oil tanker “North Glory” at sea off Keelung Taiwan on 17 December 2014**

### **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 On 17 December 2014, a bosun of the Hong Kong registered oil and chemical tanker “North Glory” (the *vessel*) was smashed by waves suddenly washing over forecastle deck resulting his death when the vessel was en-route from Singapore to Changshu, Mainland China in approximate position of 24° 53.5N 122° 25.0E.
- 1.2 The duty officer on the bridge requested the bosun to go to the forecastle deck to close a weather-tight door which was found opened by wave at sea. When the bosun reached forward without any safety precautions he was knocked heavily against the deck fixtures by the waves suddenly washing over him. The bosun sustained serious injuries and was rescued by other crew members back to the cargo control room at the aft of the *vessel*.
- 1.3 The *vessel* was diverted to the nearest port in Keelung, Taiwan and the bosun was sent ashore for treatment. He was declared dead in hospital on the same day.

### **2. Lessons Learnt**

- 2.1 It is important that all officers and crew on board ships should strictly follow the relevant shipboard safety procedures and enhance their safety awareness by actively participating in safety training. Each officer is responsible for health and safety for those they supervise and others affected. Each crew should bear in mind that he is responsible for his own health and safety.