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“The sole objective of a safety investigation into an accident under these Regulations shall be the prevention of future accidents through the ascertainment of its causes and circumstances. It shall not be the purpose of such an investigation to determine liability nor, except so far as is necessary to achieve its objective, to apportion blame.”

As the full investigation report will not be published within 12 months of the accident date, this interim report is published, pursuant to Regulation 14(2)(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2012.

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Interim report on the investigation of the capsizing and sinking of the fishing vessel *Joanna C* (BM 265) with the loss of two lives, south of Newhaven, England on 21 November 2020

The information contained in this interim report is based on investigations to date. Readers are cautioned that there is the possibility new evidence may become available that might alter the circumstances as depicted in this report.

FACTUAL INFORMATION

At about 0515 on 21 November 2020, the UK-registered scallop dredger *Joanna C* capsized and later sank about 5 nautical miles south of Newhaven, England. At the time of the accident, *Joanna C*'s crew were recovering the vessel's gear; only one of the three crewmen survived.

INVESTIGATION

The MAIB's investigation has considered all aspects of the accident to determine why *Joanna C* capsized, and why only one of the three crew survived.

ONGOING ACTION

The investigation is complete and a draft report is being prepared and will be distributed to stakeholders for a 30-day consultation period in due course.



Joanna C

SHIP PARTICULARS

Vessel's name	<i>Joanna C</i>
Flag	United Kingdom
Classification society	Not applicable
IMO number/fishing numbers	BM 265
Type	Scallop dredger
Registered owner	Privately owned
Manager(s)	Not applicable
Construction	Steel
Year of build	1979
Length overall	13.94m
Registered length	13.60m
Gross tonnage	28.58
Minimum safe manning	Not applicable
Authorised cargo	Not applicable

VOYAGE PARTICULARS

Port of departure	Newhaven
Port of arrival	Newhaven (intended)
Type of voyage	Coastal
Cargo information	Scallops
Manning	3

MARINE CASUALTY INFORMATION

Date and time	21 November 2020, at about 0515
Type of marine casualty or incident	Very Serious Marine Casualty
Location of incident	50°43.60'N 000° 09.10'E
Place on board	Over side
Injuries/fatalities	Two fatalities
Damage/environmental impact	Vessel lost, no environmental damage
Ship operation	Fishing
Voyage segment	Mid-water
External & internal environment	Air temperature 9°C, sea temperature 11°C, overcast, sea state rough, wind south-westerly force 6.
Persons on board	3