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## Interim report on the investigation into the keel failure and capsizing of the Comar Comet 45 Sport yacht *Tyger of London*, 1 nautical mile south of Punta Rasca, Tenerife, on 7 December 2017

***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

On 7 December 2017, the UK registered charter yacht *Tyger of London* capsized while on passage from La Gomera to Tenerife as a result of keel failure. The crew of a nearby yacht rescued the five persons on board from the water. *Tyger of London's* crew were unhurt.

### INVESTIGATION

The MAIB commenced an investigation in February 2018 when the yacht was declared a total loss. The MAIB investigation has considered all aspects of the accident, including the design and manufacture of the yacht's keel and emergency preparations on board *Tyger of London*. In August 2018 the MAIB issued a safety bulletin ([SB 3/2018](#)) concerning the keel failure.



### ONGOING ACTION

A draft of the investigation's final report is being prepared and will be sent to relevant stakeholders in due course for a period of consultation.

## SHIP PARTICULARS

Vessel's name	<i>Tyger of London</i>
Flag	United Kingdom
Certifying Authority	Royal Yachting Association
IMO number/fishing numbers	IT-CMR450451707
Type	Commercial vessel
Registered owner	Privately owned
Manager	Swiss Sailing Connection
Year of build	2007
Construction	Glass reinforced plastic
Length overall	13.77m
Registered length	13.77m
Gross tonnage	18.28 tonnes
Minimum safe manning	Not applicable
Authorised cargo	Not applicable

## VOYAGE PARTICULARS

Port of departure	San Sebastian, La Gomera
Port of arrival	Marina San Miguel, Tenerife
Type of voyage	Coastal
Cargo information	Not applicable
Manning	5

## MARINE CASUALTY INFORMATION

Date and time	7 December 2017, at 1700
Type of marine casualty or incident	Very Serious Marine Casualty
Location of incident	1 nm south of Punta Rasca, Tenerife
Place on board	Unspecified
Injuries/fatalities	None
Damage/environmental impact	Capsize leading to total constructive loss
Ship operation	Commercial voyage
Voyage segment	Mid-water
External & internal environment	Daylight; wind easterly 30 kts; wave height 1-2m
Persons on board	5