

SYNOPSIS

At 1630 Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC+1) on 13 June 1999, the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) was informed of a collision between a safety stand-by vessel and a fishing vessel engaged in trawling. An investigation was initiated the next day.

The 782gt Bahamian registered offshore safety stand-by vessel *Toisa Puffin* collided with the 17.80m fishing vessel *LUC*. *Toisa Puffin* was on passage towards Aberdeen Bay. *LUC* was engaged in trawling.

Both vessels sustained minor damage above the waterline. There was no pollution.

The collision was caused by the mate of *Toisa Puffin* failing to detect he was on a collision course with another vessel early enough to take effective avoiding action.

Contributory causes included *Toisa Puffin*'s mate failing to maintain a proper lookout, and *LUC*'s skipper neither making an appropriate sound signal nor taking avoiding action early enough, contrary to the Collision Regulations.

The MAIB has no safety recommendations to issue at this time.