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MARITIME ACCIDENT CASEBOOK: FREE INDUSTRIAL PODCASTS

In light of concerns as to seafarer training, Members' attention is drawn to the Maritime Accident Casebook (MAC). This is a unique, free and informal educational resource for seafarers and maritime trainers which seeks to empower seafarers through knowledge with the aim of keeping them and their ships safe.

Using audio podcasts – which can be played on any computer, MP3 player or MP3-capable cell phone – and online downloadable hard-copy transcripts, MAC encourages seafarers to discuss lessons learned from real-life events and to apply them to their own vessels and working practices to enhance safety consciousness.

Each podcast is backed by an illustrated online transcript that seafarers can read, discuss and share with their crewmates and other seafarers. Those with training and safety responsibilities can use the broadcasts and the transcripts freely.

In its latest podcast, *The Case Of The Cygnet's Kiss*, the Maritime Accident Casebook warns about the triple danger of overconfidence, ignorance and single watchkeeping and raises the troubling issue of seafarers under the pressure created by manning shortages.

Based on an incident investigated by the Isle Of Man registry, *The Case Of The Cygnet's Kiss* tells the story of the collision between the Rederei Rambow operated containership VERA and BP Shipping's tanker, BRITISH CYGNET in which both vessels were damaged. The second officer of the VERA was confident that he could navigate a major course alteration into a narrow channel alone, without a helmsman, with the BRITISH CYGNET approaching in the same channel.

For further information about the Maritime Accident Casebook, see the website at http://maritimeaccident.org or email mac@maritimeaccident.org.

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