

## **SUMMARY IN ENGLISH**

As the ro-ro-passenger vessel BOHUS departed from Strömstad, she announced as usual on VHF. After turning around Ulkeskär, inbound TITANIA was observed. BOHUS deemed TITANIA to be far north, i.e. wrong side of the fairway. Hence, the starboard turn was held and instead BOHUS continued on the south side (her port side) of the fairway to give some room for the fishing vessel.

The fishing vessel TITANIA (who had received the announcement from BOHUS) was inbound and saw BOHUS on her way. She consequently turned to starboard, towards the south side of the fairway.

Both vessels came in a close quarter situation, which could be avoided as both made actions to prevent a collision. Both vessels were equipped with AIS and VHF. The investigation finds that the situation was caused by inadequate positioning in interaction with lacking communication, resulting in misunderstanding of intentions. An underlying factor is tensions between different parties or stakeholders in the port and users of the fairway.

### **Safety recommendation**

The Swedish Maritime Administration, together with the Port of Strömstad, is recommended to take action to increase the understanding between different stakeholders in the area, such as annual fairway meetings or the similar. *(RS2015:10 R1)*