

## **SUMMARY IN ENGLISH**

The owners of a RIB Delta were testing the boat after a visit to a restaurant. The reason for the two owners to take this nightly tour was to see how the boat reacted in rough sea. For some reason they stopped, probably to take their life jackets on. At the same time, a pilot boat reached the area on its way to Sandhamn after picking up a pilot from an outgoing vessel. The pilot was checking the way of the outgoing vessel on the electronic chart, hence sitting on the place designated for the lookout of the pilot boat. The lookout was in turn engaged in telephoning a taxi for the pilot, and none of the three on board observed the low RIB in the rough sea, resulting in a collision. At the collision, the helmsman of the RIB was lost overboard and was not found until later, deceased. The other one on board the RIB was seriously injured and could not be assisted until a rescue team, being placed on the beach, reached him at the site where the RIB was grounded.

SHK concludes that the casualty was caused by neither of the boat crews observing the other boat in the rough sea. It can also be concluded that the lanterns of the RIB were deficient and that it cannot be determined whether the lights were on or not. It has also been established that the crew on the RIB was influenced by alcohol.

### **Safety recommendations**

The Swedish Maritime Administration has decided actions regarding the pilots' possibilities to perform pilotage, independent of seating in the pilot boat and the equipment of the pilot boat. Due to these actions, SHK finds no reason to issue any safety recommendation.