

SUMMARY IN ENGLISH

SOLVÅG AV GLOMMEN departed Björkö just before midnight on December 7, 2013 with destination Skagen, Denmark. After departure, the master took the watch and after about 4 hours the deckhand relieved him on the bridge. During the crossing the southerly wind increased more and more and the ship got a drift northwards. This was not noticed. As the ship approached Skagen the deckhand searched after a certain blue light in the harbour but did not find it. He then noticed on the chart plotter that the ship had gone too far northward. Shortly thereafter SOLVÅG AV GLOMMEN went aground. They were not able to get afloat by the ship's own power, and because of the increasing wind, tug assistance was not available. The master and deckhand therefore decided to abandon the ship, and a rescue vessel from Skagen came to their assistance. When they tried to move to the rescue vessel, the master ended up in the water and had to swim ashore while the deckhand remained onboard SOLVÅG AV GLOMMEN. He was soon after rescued by helicopter.

The ship lacked Trade certificate and Load Line certificate but had fishing license.

The grounding occurred because not enough attention was paid to the navigation-related tasks. This led to that the ship's course and position were not monitored.

Contributing factors were insufficient bridge procedures and the absence of a lookout.

Recommendations

In view of the findings of this report, the Swedish Transport Agency is recommended to:

- Ensure enhanced cooperation with the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (Havs- och vattenmyndig-heten) and the Coast Guard in order to ensure that vessels used in commercial fishing meet current maritime safety requirements. *(RS2015:05 R1)*