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## **Response of the Swedish Transport Agency to the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority's final report RS 2016:08**

Öring with barge - Loss in the Göta Älv, on 2 November 2015, Västra Götaland county.

The Swedish Transport Agency hereby submits responses to the recommendations presented by the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) in the final report of the incident in the heading above.

### **The Swedish Transport Agency is recommended to:**

#### **RS 2016:08 R5**

Inform, in an appropriate way, the commercial shipping industry about advantages, disadvantages, risks and limitations with inflatable lifejackets, especially in the winter season.

#### **RS 2016:08 R6**

Continue the work started regarding information to the leisure boat industry about the advantages and disadvantages of different types of life jackets, especially concerning maintenance and daily inspection of inflatable lifejackets.

### **The responses of the Swedish Transport Agency:**

#### **RS 2016:08 R5**

In accordance with the recommendation, the Swedish Transport Agency has in its mailing "The Transport Agency Informs Shipping", which is addressed to the industry, particularly those working on board, provided information about the advantages, disadvantages, risks and limitations with inflatable lifejackets. This information has subsequently also been published by SAN Maritime Joint Work Environment Council in its mailing SAN News.

We will also publish a similar observation and warning from the U.S. Coast Guard on our website as a “Safety Information”.

We will also in future continue to be attentive to accidents in accordance with what emerges in the final report on Öring and continue to inform the industry on suitable occasions and when needed.

#### **RS 2016:08 R6**

In accordance with SHK’s recommendation, the Swedish Transport Agency will continue to inform the leisure boat industry and the general public about life jackets. Nearest forthcoming are the boat shows in Gothenburg and Stockholm, where we will participate and particularly underline that inflatable lifejackets shall be inspected often and serviced regularly. Among other things, a brochure with information about lifejackets will be handed out.

The members of the Maritime Safety Council have been previously informed, and the question of lifejackets will again be discussed at a forthcoming meeting on 9 February 2017.

The decision in this matter has been made by Head of Unit Simon Posluk. Participating in the final administration of the matter were Head of Section Charlotte Billgren, Administrator leisure boats Lars-Göran Nyström and Accident Coordinator Patrik Jönsson, the latter also acting as rapporteur.

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