

## **SUMMARY IN ENGLISH**

After completion of the fishing, MARIE III headed towards Kungshamn to discharge the catch. The crew of four were divided into two watches as usual when taking the vessel to the destination. When the helmsman was swapped on one of the watches, he shortly thereafter decided to enter another fairway than planned, which was shorter but narrower. The turn into the fairway was initiated too late to avoid the vessel to run aground on the south shore of Stångholmen, south of Lysekil. The time was just after 3 o'clock on the morning of 10 December 2018. The crew could leave the vessel without injuries.

The damage of the vessel was significant, and though rescue units had arrived, it was not possible to prevent the vessel from sinking. During the morning MARIE III was towed to a quay, where she was salvaged.

The accident was caused by the fact that the course alteration, to follow the fairway and avoid the cliffs, was initiated too late as a result of the lack of attention to the navigation instruments and the surroundings. Contributing factor to the occurrence was that the automatic steering was used, which probably restricted the attention and reduced the ability to evasive manoeuvres, compared to if hand steering had been in use.

### **Safety recommendations**

None.