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## Assessment of recommendation response from the Swedish Maritime Administration

On 17 February 2025, the Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) published a final report (SHK 2025:03) concerning a grounding that occurred on 22 October 2023 in Northern Hanö Bay, Blekinge County.

In the report, SHK directed two safety recommendations at the Swedish Maritime Administration (SHK 2025:03, R3 and R4).

The Maritime Administration was recommended to

- Ensure that the JRCC, at an early stage, contacts the emergency responders ashore who may need to assist in a maritime search and rescue. Where possible, this contact should be made in direct conjunction with a decision concerning a maritime search and rescue operation, in order to facilitate a dialogue about the need for measures at an early stage. (SHK 2025:03 R3)
- Promote an update of the information in international sailing directions to ensure that it is clearly indicated that Hanö Sound is categorised as internal waters and is therefore subject to compulsory pilotage. (SHK 2025:03 R4)

The Maritime Administration has responded to the recommendations and described the action that has been taken and is planned. SHK deems the safety recommendations to have been implemented (Concluded – satisfactory response).

**Best regards,**

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