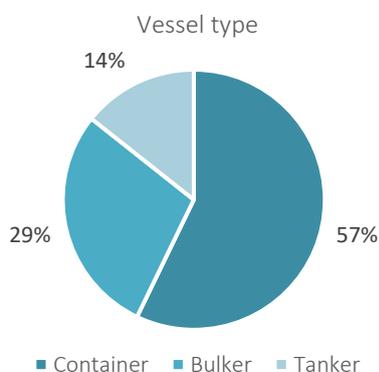


# CLAIM ALERT

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - FUJAIRAH

### LOSS OF ANCHOR CLAIMS



The risk of having an **anchor loss** claim in **Fujairah** is **6** times higher than the world average

The average **anchor loss** claim cost is **USD 55,000**

The Swedish Club has identified Fujairah as a claim-intense area. This Loss Prevention advice aims to assist the crew prior to arrival.

#### Loss Prevention advice

- Fujairah is one of the top ports in the world concerning bunkering. Outside Fujairah there are several anchorages. The water depth at the different anchorages is between 65-100 meters.
- The reason for vessels losing their anchor in Fujairah is that the crew does not follow procedures for deep water anchoring.
- The anchor must be walked out to the seabed and NEVER dropped.
- There are several claims when the anchor has been walked out 5-6 shackles and then dropped. The brake cannot hold these many shackles and the chain runs out without any control. This can be prevented by ensuring the anchor is walked out to the seabed.
- If, as the master, you are unsure about the anchorage area, reevaluate the situation and find another anchor position. You are in charge.
- Do not stay at anchor when heavy weather is approaching. Leave prior to the heavy weather.



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- When heaving the anchor, minimize the tension on the chain by keeping the chain as vertical as possible.
- In windy weather conditions or with strong currents, the rudder and engine should be fine-tuned to prevent high tension on the chain and overload of the windlass motor when heaving anchor.

### Local information from our correspondent

- The port authorities of Fujairah state that vessels tend to drop their anchor during anchoring. This will lead to the anchor and chain braking the bitter end and subsequently losing it overboard.
- The depth of over 100 meters puts more pressure on the windlass during both heaving and lowering the anchor. This can lead to the windlass motor breaking down.
- The port authorities are likely to require a statement regarding the anchor loss.

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