

## Press Release

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### **'ANATOMY OF AN ACCIDENT' FROM THE SWEDISH CLUB DISSECTS MAJOR CASUALTY RESPONSE**

Anatomy of an Accident, a new publication from The Swedish Club, provides a unique insight into the huge coordinated exercise that surrounds a serious vessel casualty. Illustrating just how easily an incident can escalate; the guide explores the various parties and processes involved in dealing with an emergency situation, and the complicated interplay between the cast of professionals involved in bringing an incident to a resolution.

Developed out of The Swedish Club's Emergency Response Training programme, Anatomy of an Accident focuses on a realistic incident scenario run by the Club with participants from important maritime services and support sectors. This approach has been designed to test how operations are affected when dealing with an incident, reinforce who is responsible for which action during an emergency, and ensure that a shipowner's emergency response plan works with the individual elements interacting and supporting one another should a real life crisis occur.

The exercise was supported by DNV GL, HRS Sør-Norge, Navigate Response, The Norwegian Coastal Administration, The Norwegian Maritime Authority and T&T Salvage. The scenario covers an incident involving the fictional chemical tanker 'Uswidia', laden with caustic soda and caught up in the nightmare scenario of lost engine power, drifting in high winds, injured crew and eventually grounding and hull breach.

Lars A. Malm, Director, Strategic Business Development and Client Relations, said: "When an accident takes place, the emergency plan comes into play, but can the operator be sure that it works? On paper it may look fine – however reality is often a different matter. We need to simulate that reality, and so we developed Emergency Response Training to help ship operators become better at emergencies before they happen.

"It is an immense job – a company cannot hope to set up such a situation for themselves. Should an incident become a reality there is no doubt that an organisation that has been proactive in testing its established emergency plans, and made the most of the Club's expertise and guidance, will see a big difference in the way a real-life incident is handled – in terms of saving lives, protecting the environment and minimising costs in many areas", he added.

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The Swedish Club's loss prevention team is offering a series of alternative scenarios such as grounding and wreck removal, cargo damage, salvage and pollution, collision, tendering and repair, forum shopping and legal and medical scenarios. As part of the Club's commitment to loss prevention, the training is offered to members of The Swedish Club free of charge and response to the initiative has been extremely positive.

Please visit <http://www.swedishclub.com/media/publications/loss-prevention-and-brochures/> to download a PDF of the publication. To request a hard copy of the publication or for further information please contact:

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Notes to Editors:

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