

Questions case 5 – Collision in restricted visibility when approaching port

Please go through the questions and answer them on the space provided on your handouts. After you have answered the questions, discuss them with your group.

1. What were the immediate causes of this accident?
2. Is there a risk that this kind of accident could happen on our vessel?
3. How could this accident have been prevented?
4. What action would you as the OOW or Master have taken after you had plotted vessel B?
5. Is 17 knots a safe speed for a container vessel in restricted visibility?
6. What do you think is an acceptable CPA in this situation?
7. Would you have stopped the engine at the same time as altering hard to starboard?
8. What sections of our SMS would have been breached if any?
9. Does our SMS address these risks?
10. How could we improve our SMS to address these issues?
11. What do you think was the root cause of this accident?
12. Is there any kind of training that we should do that addresses these issues?
13. Which COLREGs rules are relevant?
14. How does Rule 5 – Look-out apply?
15. How does Rule 6 – Safe speed apply?
16. How does Rule 7 – Risk of collision apply?
17. How does Rule 8 – Action to avoid collision apply?
18. How does Rule 13 – Overtaking apply?
19. How does Rule 19 – Restricted visibility apply?