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For the attention of all Masters, Skippers, Vessel Operators and Crews of Fishing Vessels

Monitoring of Bilges on Fishing Vessels

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all fishing vessel operators a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board into the marine casualty involving the fishing vessel "*Napier*". The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at <u>www.mcib.ie</u>.

The report made a recommendation and the Department wishes to remind operators of the recommendation made as follows:

 That bilge spaces are monitored prior, during and after voyages. It is essential that bilge alarms are tested regularly. The test should prove that both the audible and visible alarms are working. It is also good practice to regularly inspect bilge suction strainers to ensure that they are clean and ready for use.

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