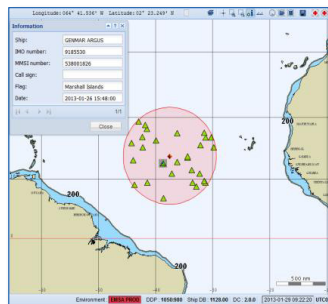


ITALIAN COASTGUARD SAVES SAILORS IN DISTRESS

It was a bold venture for two sailors to cross the Atlantic from Dakar to Guadeloupe on a catamaran – an attempt at breaking the 11-day record. Unfortunately, on 26 January 2013, the helm of the catamaran *Jrata* was damaged irreparably 1,000 miles off the Cape Verde. The



Identifying possible rescue vessels in the vicinity is made easier thanks to LRIT

only hope of survival was to be rescued by another ship. The sailors sent a distress call with their satellite phone to the Italian Coast Guard in Rome. Using the EMSA-hosted EU LRIT Cooperative Data Centre, within a few minutes the coastguard officers located vessels in the vicinity and the tanker *Genmar Argus* (Marshall Islands flag)

was diverted to the scene. The crew of the *Jrata* was taken safely on board. This successful search and rescue operation is just one example of how the LRIT ship tracking service can be used by the European maritime rescue and coordination centres to increase the safety of seafarers worldwide.

REVISED FOUNDING REGULATION JUST PUBLISHED

Following its adoption by the European Parliament and the Council, the amendment to EMSA's founding regulation has now been published in the Official Journal of the European Union as Regulation (EU) No 100/2013.

MARITIME CLAIMS GUIDELINES NOW IN PRINT

Practical advice is now available for those dealing with claims management and cost recovery following a maritime incident. A [62-page brochure](#) sets out experience-based guidelines which target more effective EU states claims management.



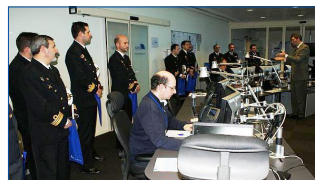
'Polluter pays' is a dominating principle in international environmental law

Developed under the framework of the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response, the publication offers advice on the practical use of existing international and national

legislation. The brochure contains general information (legal frameworks including compensation funds, regional cooperation, maritime insurance) as well as concrete ways to build a claim (financial security, defining a pricing structure, compiling a dossier and drafting the claim, settling the claim). The guidelines are geared towards national response organisations and their claims handlers, although some principles may also be useful for other claimants.

PORTUGUESE NAVY OFFICERS SEEK SYNERGIES

A group of 12 officers from the Portuguese Navy visited EMSA on the 22 January. Representing different sections of the Navy (general staff, pollution response, technical, operational, academic), these officers are members of a



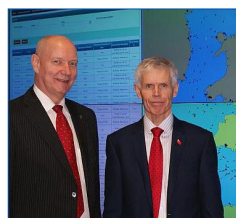
Portuguese Navy Officers hear about EMSA's maritime monitoring and information activities

steering group responsible for engaging with other partners and agencies as part of their Maritime Situation Awareness programme. The visit included a tour of the Maritime Support Services operations centre and a presentation on EMSA's background, objectives,

organisation and maritime applications (SSN, CSN, LRIT, MarSurv, IMDatE). While the aim of the visit was to gain a better understanding of EMSA and its services, the overall aim of the programme is to create synergies by cooperating closely with EU institutions.

HEAD OF UK MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY VISITS EMSA

Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey, the Chief Executive of the UK's Maritime and Coastguard Agency, paid a short visit to EMSA on 31 January. After meeting the Executive



Sir Alan Massey joined the MCA after a long career in the Royal Navy

Director Markku Mylly and touring the Maritime Support Services operations centre, he gave a presentation to EMSA staff on the role of the MCA as the UK's maritime regulator. He spoke of the upcoming challenges of lessening regulatory burdens while continuing to act as the UK's competent authority for safety at sea and on the coast.

The talk was very well received by EMSA staff as was the insightful question and answer session which followed.

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Documents: [Guidelines for EU States Claims Management](#), [Pollution Preparedness and Response Activities Report 2012](#), [Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels: Drills and Exercises - Annual Report](#)

Procurement: [Prior information notice for Service contracts for standby oil spill recovery vessel\(s\)](#)

Careers: [Administrative assistants \(deadline: 20 February\)](#); [Financial and Administrative Officer for SAFEMED 3 and Project Officer for SAFEMED 3 \(deadlines 20 February\)](#)