

Maritime Safety and Environment in the Baltic Sea

**International Conference in Trelleborg, Sweden
Thursday 13 May - Friday 14 May 2004**



What if “Prestige” had sunk in the southern Baltic Sea?

The oil tanker “Prestige” wrecked off the coast of Galicia. What had happened if the accident had occurred on the voyage through the southern Baltic Sea? As it now happened we were lucky and the people living in Galicia were unlucky. But the environmental, social and economic impacts are tremendous no matter where a large oil tanker sinks - Regional and local authorities will to a large extent have to bear the consequences of maritime accidents and sea pollution. The cleaning up of oil is an additional burden.

SydSam, The Baltic Sea Seven Islands and Euroregion Baltic have initiated the conference “Maritime Safety

in the Baltic Sea”, in close cooperation with the government of Schleswig-Holstein, Storströms Amt, the Baltic Sea Commission of CPMR and the municipality of Trelleborg.

Politicians and experts, especially on local and regional level are invited to discuss maritime safety and environment issues with the aim to take a more active part in the policy-making and implementation, control and response in partnership with the member states, the EU and the industry.

The conference has several purposes. One is to support the ongoing work to strengthen the Maritime Safety Issues within the frame work of “PSSA”,

recently approved of by the International Maritime Organization. Another is to create a dialogue and a partnership between the different actors in order to minimise the risks of major accidents.

The second day the conference will focus on the outcome of three working groups where the participants will discuss problems and suggested improvements regarding the maritime safety in the southern Baltic Sea. To give the discussions a realistic touch a scenario will be presented where Prestige sinks in the Baltic Sea, between Öland and Bornholm!

The conference will focus on the following issues:

- Establishment and implementation of the Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA) classification, including international waters in the Baltic Sea Area.
- Integrated safety strategies that include national, regional and local level.
- Regionally based rescue stations and adequate equipment in order to combat oil pollution and prevent the loss of life.
- Monitoring systems for sea traffic control.
- Increased demands on the quality of the tonnage and obligation to report the content of cargo.
- Separation of traffic, specific routes for hazardous tonnage with compulsory use of pilots.
- Better education of bridge officers as a condition of access to the Baltic Sea.
- Polluter Pays Principal (PPP) must be implemented.
- Review of regulations for traffic during difficult ice conditions.
- Double hull ships.
- The EU directive and IMO-guidelines on Places of refuge for ships in distress.

Programme

Thursday 13 May 2004

Registration of participants from 10.30 at Hamngatan 9 (downstairs). The participants will receive a nametag, participation list, working group belonging, information about the organisers of the conference and a draft resolution.

12.00 Lunch at Hamngatan 9

13.00 – 17.20 – Mr Roger Kaliff, President of SydSam Executive Board, Maritime Safety and Environment in the Southern Baltic Sea from a regional perspective.

- Moderator presentation, Mr Kjell Albin Abrahamson, Foreign correspondent, Balkans-Central Europe Sveriges Radio/Swedish Broadcasting Corp.
 - Mr Ingmar Bergström, Commander, Response Department, Swedish Coast Guard and Representative of The Helsinki Commission, The Baltic - One of the Seas with the highest traffic density in the world.
 - Swedish Rescue Services Agency, Scenario, The Oil Tanker "Prestige" sinks between Öland and Bornholm.
 - Mr Olof Lindén, Professor, World Maritime University, Environmental consequences for the Baltic Sea.
 - Mr Klaus Buss, Minister of Interior Affairs, Conclusions from the Kiel Conference May 3, 2004.
 - Mr Jørgen Magner, Head of Water Division, The Danish Environmental Protection Agency, International Agreements on Shipping and the Marine Environment.
 - Mr Francois Desrentes, Director, Responsible for Maritime Safety work within the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, CPMR, The role of the regions in the Maritime Safety policies.
 - Mr Hans Henrik Petersen, General Manager, The Danish Shipowners Association, The Safety- and Environment-conscious Shipping Industry.
 - Coffee break, (25 min)
 - Mr Frank Rasmussen, Commander, Naval District Bornholm, Admiral Danish Fleet. The Danish preparedness for ship accidents.
 - Mr Rolf Annerberg, Head of Commissioner Margot Wallströms Cabinet at the European Commission, Environmental perspectives on Maritime Safety - The Role of the European Commission.
 - Mr Jan Kozłowski, Marshal Pomorskie Region, Poland and Chairman of Euroregion Baltic, Presentation of draft Resolution.
 - Mr Rainer Feit, Vice Governor of Rügen, Chairman of The Baltic Seven Islands, A summary of the day and presentation of the persons chairing the three working groups.
- 20.00** Dinner, The municipality of Trelleborg hosts the evening activities.

Friday 14 May 2004

9.00 – 11.30 – Working group discussions on possible concrete initiatives aiming towards improvements of the maritime safety such as cooperation and rescue preparedness in the southern Baltic Sea area. **The conference is divided into three working groups as follows:**

■ **Group 1 - Before the accident**, preventing measures like monitoring systems, training of bridge officers, internalisation of external costs, polluter pays principal, demands on the quality of the tonnage and obligation to report the content of cargo, frameworks for difficult ice conditions, separation of traffic, special routes for hazardous tonnage with compulsory use of pilots, observance of the laws regarding i.e. Double hull ships.

Chairman: Mr Bengt-Göran Hansson, Member of the SydSam Executive Committee.

Experts: Prof. Aldo Chircop, WMU, Prof. Malek Pourzanjansji, WMU and Dr. Jens-Uwe Schröder, WMU, Commander Johan Elg, Commanding Officer of Naval Control South (Sweden), Hans Henrik Petersen, General Manager, Danish Shipowners Association.

■ **Group 2 - During the ships loss**, regionally based rescue stations and adequate equipment in order to fight against oil pollution and potential loss of life.

Chairman: Mr Bo Löfgren, member of the Euroregion Baltic Council.

Experts: Commander Ingmar Bergström, Swedish Coast Guard. Mr Frank Rasmussen, Naval District Bornholm, Admiral Danish Fleet.

■ **Group 3 - After the accident**, Effects on the coastal environment, preventing measures on the local level, clean up of oil when it has reached land, danger of severe damage on wildlife areas, recreation areas and areas important for tourist industry, interregional cooperation, and maybe also a more general perspective of the coastal environment like reduction of emissions from cargo ships and ferries, economic instruments.

Chairman: Mr Rainer Feit, Vice Governor of Rügen and Chairman of the Baltic Seven Islands.

Experts: Prof. Olof Lindén, WMU, Rescue Director Christer Andersson, The County Administrative Board Skåne, Anders Engblom, Chief Fire Officer, Karlskrona Municipality, Karl-Erik Kulander, Director, Swedish Rescue Services Agency. Jakob Lysholdt Sörensen, Associated head of Aquatic Environmental Division, Storströms Amt.

11.30 Short walk back to Hamngatan 9.

12.00 Lunch at Hotel Horizont, Hamngatan 9.

13.30 Plenary session, Presentation of results from the three working groups.

■ Mr Roger Kaliff presents the final Resolution.

■ Adoption of Resolution.

14.35 Mr Uno Aldegren, President of the Regional Executive Board of Skåne, invites to the BSSSC conference taking place in October.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Other info: _____

Working Group:

Please register for one of the groups. It might however be that you will be put in another group due to the national and regional balances of the groups.

- Group 1. Before the accident
- Group 2. During the shipwreck
- Group 3. After the accident

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Please send your registration by postal mail or fax (+46 (0)480-546 54) no later than April 23. You also have the possibility to register online on: www.sydsum.se/maritime.asp.

Conference Venue:

Hotel Horizont, Hamngatan 9 in Trelleborg, Sweden

Conference language:

English

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- The Staatskanzlei of the Schleswig-Holstein Government, Germany
- The County of Storstrøm, Denmark
- CPMR, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Baltic Sea Commission

Please send your registration no later than April 23 and note that the number of participants is limited to 100!

Hotel list

We ask you to make your reservation at any of the hotels listed below:

Hotell Horizont

Hamngatan 9, Trelleborg
 Tel: +46 (0)410-71 32 39
 E-mail: info@horizont.nu
 Web: www.horizont.nu
 Price: Single room SEK 795,
 Double room SEK 995

Dannegården

Strandgatan 32, Trelleborg
 Tel: +46 (0)410-481 80
 E-mail: office@dannegarden.se
 Web: www.dannegarden.se
 Price: Single room SEK 928

Stadshotellet CB

Friisgatan 3, Trelleborg
 Tel: +46 (0)410-485 00
 E-mail: info@trelleborgstadshotell.se
 Web: www.trelleborgstadshotell.se
 Price: Single room SEK 650,
 Double room SEK 850

Hotell & Pensionat Maglarp

Maglarp's Boställe, Trelleborg
 (4 km outside Trelleborg)
 Tel: +46 (0)410-33 07 04
 E-mail: info@pensionatmaglarp.nu
 Web: www.pensionatmaglarp.nu
 Price: Single room SEK 250-600,
 Double room SEK 450-600

Anderslövs Gästgivaregård

Landsvägen 39, Anderslöv
 (12 km outside Trelleborg)
 Tel: +46 (0)410-212 00
 E-mail: info@gastgivaregarden.nu
 Web: www.gastgivaregarden.nu
 Price: Single room SEK 550,
 Double room SEK 700

Hotel Smygehus

Kustvägen, Smygehamn
 (12 km outside Trelleborg)
 Tel: +46 (0)410-243 90
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 Web: www.smygehus.se
 Price: Single room SEK 950,
 Double room SEK 1 100

