Navigation Accidents and their Causes

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Navigation Accidents and their Causes looks at major casualties to illustrate the lessons that can be learned from them. It sets out practical ways for those on the bridge to consider risks, plan for them and then take action to avoid them.

The authors, made up of accident investigators, Masters, navigation specialists, pilots and university lecturers from all over the world, detail the need for risk assessment before voyages, bridge resource management and passage planning. Situational awareness is highlighted throughout.

Each chapter can be read individually, forming a valuable onboard resource. The overall message is that everyone can learn from the mistakes of others and everyone has a part to play in ensuring that training and experience are used effectively to keep vessels safe.

In his Foreword, IMO Secretary-General Mr Koji Sekimizu said: "This timely publication from The Nautical Institute should provide a crucial guide for every mariner serving at sea and serve to assist in reducing collisions and groundings".

Onboard training and mentoring may hold the key to learning from accidents, and the navigation bridge is an ideal place for this to take place.

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