

COMMODORE GOODWILL – Contact with South Breakwater, St Peter Port. 6 February 2013

COMMODORE GOODWILL is a Ro-Ro freight vessel.

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MO Number: 9117985
Callsign: C6NU8
LOA: 126.40m
BEAM: 21.00m
DRAUGHT: 6.0m (max)
Built: 1996
GT: 11166T

Whilst making the approach to berth in St Peter Port, COMMODORE GOODWILL experienced a sudden squally increase in wind (c45knts), which blew the ship hard to the south.

The master decided to turn outside the port so that should conditions worsen or the manoeuvre not proceed according to plan it would be easier to come ahead and abort the manoeuvre. This was a prudent decision, although the subsequent decision to abort the manoeuvre as the vessel was set towards the Castle Cornet Breakwater by the combined effects of wind and inshore tidal flow was taken too late to prevent contact.

The vessel was subsequently checked by the crew at the time and confirmation was made that there was no water ingress.

The decision was then made to proceed to St Helier where further detailed examinations would be made once the vessel was alongside.

St Peter Port Control was advised of the incident by the vessel and an appropriate report was provided by the vessel and operator.

The UK MAIB and Bahamas Authorities (As Flag) were notified. A full investigation was carried out by the operator in conjunction with the MAIB and Bahamas.

It was deemed not necessary for further investigation of the incident by the Guernsey Inspector of Marine Accidents.