

HUELIN DISPATCH INCIDENT off Alderney 21 September 2012.

Status date 26 October 2011.

**Huelin Dispatch is a general cargo coaster, crew of 8.
IMO Number 9518218 Call sign EIMZ8.
Built 2012, 2597 Gross Tons, 1480 Nett.
LOA 88.9m.
Managed /Owned by the Dundalk shipping Company DSC Ltd.**

At 1852 hrs on 21st September 2012 en route from St. Peter Port to Braye Alderney, carrying a part cargo of general, chilled and frozen food, the Huelin Dispatch struck the isolated ‘Pierre au Vraic’ rock which lies some two miles west south west of Alderney. The weather at the time was cloudy but good. Some damage was sustained to the fore part of the vessel. The bow thruster room was flooded but there were no injuries to persons on board, nor pollution of the environment. The Alderney lifeboat stood by until the vessel refloated approximately one hour later with the assistance of a rising tide and the effects of discharge of ballast. The decision was taken to proceed to the nearest suitable repair port. Huelin Dispatch arrived in Falmouth at 0700 22nd September.

As required the vessel’s master submitted written report to the Inspector of Marine Accidents in Guernsey and also to the Flag State (Ireland)

The master’s report observed that incident was primarily a navigational error nature, compounded by unobserved strong tide.

The Irish Marine Casualty Investigation Board have confirmed that they will be progressing their investigation to a full IMO/EU investigation. They were advised that the Guernsey Authorities would co-operate and assist as required with any investigation undertaken by the Flag State.

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