

MCA EMERGENCY TOWING VESSEL – FAR TURBOT – DOVER

TASKING Spring – Summer 2000

Incident DTG & Signal Reference	Summary Narrative
<p>5th April 2000</p> <p>MV 'LORD HINTON'</p> <p>(Tasking 45-00)</p>	<p>01:45 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'LORD HINTON', anchored with main engine problems. Proceeded to Dover with the help of Dover harbour tugs.</p>
<p>13th April 2000</p> <p>MV 'HENRIK KOSAN'</p> <p>(Tasking 46-00)</p>	<p>10:06 UTC: Tasked to proceed at economical speed to standby vessel 'HENRIK KOSAN', anchored to affect engine repair 3 miles off Dungeness Point. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.</p>
<p>17th April 2000</p> <p>MV 'ARCO THAMES'</p> <p>(Tasking 47-00)</p>	<p>06:14 UTC: Tasked to proceed at full speed to assist vessel 'ARCO THAMES', adrift with engine trouble 14.5 nautical miles from the Nab Tower. Company vessel 'ARCO SEVERN' standing by. Company attempting to procure tug assistance. Services of local tug obtained before ETV arrival on scene.</p>
<p>20th April 2000</p> <p>MV 'EUROPEAN HIGHWAY'</p> <p>(Tasking 48-00)</p>	<p>01:29 UTC: Tasked to standby anchored British vessel 'EUROPEAN HIGHWAY', who declared herself NUC 17 miles East of Ramsgate. Vessel affected repairs and proceeded to Dover at slow speed with ETV escort. Released on arrival at Dover.</p>
<p>30th April 2000</p> <p>MV 'WIEBKE'</p> <p>(Tasking 49-00)</p>	<p>00:52 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'WIEBKE', anchored with engine trouble. Estimated repair time 6 hours. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.</p>
<p>19th May 2000</p> <p>MV 'ARCO BECK'</p> <p>(Tasking 50-00)</p>	<p>08:19 UTC: Tasked to standby 'ARCO BECK', which suffered engine failure North East of Margate en route to Calais, France. One engine restored, still bound for Calais at 09:31.</p>
<p>28th May 2000</p> <p>MV 'MAGELLAN REEFER'</p> <p>(Tasking 51-00)</p>	<p>00:31 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'MAGELLAN REEFER', stopped and anchored with engine trouble 1 nautical mile from Dover harbour Eastern entrance in deteriorating weather. Starting system for engine required attention, repair time unknown. MRCC Dover informed vessel that she was posing a significant risk of pollution to the UK coastline and unless they made arrangements to have themselves moved from this position, they would issue formal powers of intervention.</p>

4 th June 2000 MV 'ENESS/GZVU' (Tasking 52-00)	08:53 UTC: ETV tasked to standby salvage vessel 'ENESS/GZVU', stopped and anchored with engine trouble off Dungeness. Vessel beached to affect repairs and continued on passage.
6 th June 2000 SAR MAYDAY/UNKNOWN VESSEL (Tasking 53-00)	10:58 UTC: ETV tasked to investigate mayday heard on VHF channel 67. Unknown vessel in distress with engine failure in rough seas. ETV, Eastbourne lifeboat and Coastguard aircraft conducted extensive investigation, but search called off at 13:20 after nothing was found.
11 th June 2000 TUG 'SANDSFOOT CASTLE' (Tasking 54-00)	07:22 UTC: Tasked to assist in the recovery of steel pontoons broken adrift from tug 'SANDSFOOT CASTLE', considered a danger to navigation.
13 th June 2000 MV 'LINGEGAS' (Tasking 55-00)	09:49 UTC: Tasked to standby the vessel 'LINGEGAS', stopped and anchored with engine trouble. Vessel underway having affected repairs at 14:10, ETV released from task.
30 th June 2000 MV 'CAP AFRIQUE' (Tasking 56-00)	01:03 UTC: Tasked to standby Ro-Ro 'CAP AFRIQUE', anchored with a fuel pump problem 2 miles East of Dover harbour, approx repair time 2 hours. 04:51 repairs complete, vessel continuing to Dunkirk.
3 rd July 2000 POLLUTION (Tasking 57-00)	10:29 UTC: ETV tasked to investigate a report of possible pollution in the vicinity of the Varne Bank.
7 th July 2000 MT 'ANCHORMAN' (Tasking 58-00)	08:31 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'ANCHORMAN', which had left lane to shut down before affecting repairs to main engine. Vessel anchored in Rye Bay, remaining 3 miles off shore. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.
12 th July 2000 MV 'RIO TRANS' (Tasking 59-00)	20:38 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'RIO TRANS', which was manoeuvring with difficulty due to steering gear problem. ETV escorted vessel to the Port of Dover to affect repairs before being released from task and anchoring off Deal.
14 th July 2000 MISSING PERSON (Tasking 60-00)	07:42 UTC: ETV tasked to search for a boy missing from the ferry 'POSL DOVER'. An extensive search was carried out, the boy was located ashore in France.

30 th July 2000 MV 'SEA HAWK' (Tasking 61-00)	03:09 UTC: Tasked at best speed to assist vessel 'SEA HAWK', anchored in the separation lane with unknown engine defect. Vessel affected temporary repairs and proceeded with ETV escort to anchorage just outside Dover harbour.
24 th August 2000 MV 'EUROVOYAGER' (Tasking 62-00)	01:55 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'EUROVOYAGER', stopped with cooling system fault. 02:47 vessel affected repairs to one engine and continued on passage to Ostend.
25 th August FIVE PERSONS RESCUED FROM INFLATABLE (Tasking 63-00)	05:43 UTC: ETV tasked to investigate a report of a small inflatable with person onboard paddling across the channel. Five illegal immigrants rescued from craft and taken to Dover.
31 st August 2000 MV 'RHEIN MASTER' (Tasking 64-00)	08:35 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'RHEIN MASTER', stopped mid channel with a defective fuel pump. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.
1 st September 2000 MV 'BALTIMAR BOREAS' (Tasking 65-00)	15:37 UTC: Tasked to standby vessel 'BALTIMAR BOREAS', stopped with engine trouble. No. 1 cylinder exhaust valve required replacing, estimated repair time 2 – 3 hours. Repairs complete and vessel resumed voyage at 19:06.
1 st September 2000 MV 'AUTOROUTE' (Tasking 66-00)	23:35 UTC: Tasked to standby car carrier 'AUTOROUTE', stopped with a steering gear problem. Vessel affected repairs and vessel resumed voyage at 06:25 02/09/00.
11 th September 2000 MV 'HUTA ZYGMUNT' (Tasking 67-00)	05:10 UTC: ETV 'FAR SKY' Tasked to standby bulk carrier 'HUTA ZYGMUNT', stopped with engine trouble. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage before ETV arrived on scene.
11 th September 2000 MV 'LA ROCHELLE EXPRESS' (Tasking 68-00)	06:21 UTC: ETV 'FAR SKY' Tasked to standby vessel 'LA ROCHELLE EXPRESS', stopped with problem to the main engine cooling water system. 07:18 Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.
16 th September 2000 MV 'ALEX V' (Tasking 69-00)	02:40 UTC: ETV 'FAR SKY' Tasked to standby the general cargo vessel 'ALEX V', manoeuvring in the SW traffic lane of the traffic separation scheme with a main engine problem (thought to be a broken piston). 09:09 Repairs completed & vessel underway. ETV escorted to Dungeness.

<p>18th September 2000</p> <p>MV 'FIDELIO'</p> <p>(Tasking 70-00)</p>	<p>05:36 UTC: ETV 'FAR SKY' tasked to proceed at full speed to assist RO RO Cargo vessel 'FIDELIO', stopped & anchored due to serious salt water flooding in the engine room. Crew reported to be trying to patch hole, but warn vessel may not be able to proceed to Southampton. Vessel affected repairs and continued on passage.</p>
<p>25th September 2000</p> <p>COLLISION BETWEEN VESSELS 'KINSALE' AND 'EASTFERN'</p> <p>(Tug tasking 71-00)</p>	<p>04:47 UTC: ETV 'FAR SKY' tasked to proceed to position Lat: 50 deg 56 mins North, Long: 001 deg 13 mins East following a collision between vessels 'KINSALE' AND 'EASTFERN'. Both vessels damaged, no injuries reported. Damage minor, both vessels able to continue on passage.</p>
<p>28^h September 2000</p> <p>MV 'ODELIS'</p> <p>(Tug Tasking 72-00)</p>	<p>02:23 UTC: ETV 'FAR TURBOT' tasked to proceed to standby vessel 'ODELIS', stopped at anchor. 19:26 Repairs completed, vessel resumed passage for Bilbao. ETV stood down and returned to patrol.</p>
<p>6th October 2000</p> <p>'TARNSUND'</p> <p>(Tug Tasking 73-00/01)</p>	<p>23:31 UTC: ETV 'FAR TURBOT' tasked to proceed to standby vessel 'TARNSUND' stopped due to problem with a fuel valve. 01:37 UTC: Repairs completed, vessel resumed passage and ETV off tasked.</p>
<p>10th October 2000</p> <p>MT 'STAR TUVA'</p> <p>(Tug Tasking 74-00/01)</p>	<p>19:49 UTC: ETV tasked to proceed at economical speed to standby vessel MT 'STAR TUVA', stopped 10 miles off Beachy Head in deteriorating weather, due to a problem with an exhaust valve. 20:29 UTC: vessel effected repairs and continued passage. ETV to return to the Downs for shelter.</p>
<p>11th October 2000</p> <p>MT 'MARIA D'</p> <p>(Tug Tasking 75-00/01)</p>	<p>14:20 UTC: ETV tasked to proceed at economical speed to standby vessel MT 'MARIA D', carrying 74,000 litres gas oil, due to a broken gearbox.</p>
<p>31st October 2000</p> <p>MT 'HOBERGEN'</p> <p>(Tug Tasking 76-00/01)</p>	<p>06:21 UTC: ETV tasked to proceed at best speed to standby vessel 'HOBERGEN' stopped with an unspecified engine problem. 13:32 UTC: Casualty under tow to Calais Roads to be met by Dunkirk harbour tug. 18:06 UTC: ETV off task after successfully towing the vessel to Dunkirk.</p>