

Campaign for Preventing Accidents in Passing through a Narrow Channel or Congested Waters (since April 1st, 2008)

On 5th March 2008, a severe accident occurred in Akashi Kaikyo in which one ship sank, three Philippine crew were killed and one went missing, as a result of collision involving three vessels.

Akashi Kaikyo (Strait) has a high collision risk in Akashi Kaikyo, with fast tidal current and more than 600 vessels passing per day. The Strait, with strategic importance for maritime transportation system linking major cities in western Japan with the Pacific Ocean, is one of Japan's busiest area of inland sea.

For navigational safety in passing through such a narrow channel or seaborne traffic congested area as Akashi Kaikyo in Japanese waters, please check the following items, thereby significantly contributing to the prevention of the aforementioned severe accident.

- Is your lookout properly directed to know what to look and listen for ?**
- Does the captain command all the time on the bridge?**
- Can you change over from Autopilot to manual steering immediately?**
- Do you always pay attention to the information of Navtex and VHF radio?**
- Do you keep a careful watch on VHF CH16 to obtain necessary information on safe navigation?**
- Are you aware of Navigation Rule of Akashi Kaikyo?**
- Do you secure all the information which receive from your local agents?**
- Do you check the information transmitted by AIS, not only from some other ships but also from your ship?**

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Double Collision at AKASHI Kaikyo

