



IAATO Marine Safety Notice 2012/02

Further Recommendations to Enhance Marine Safety following Ocean Nova Flag State report, 2011.

Background

Consideration of the *"Summary of the Investigation into the Ocean Nova (IMO 8913916) grounding at Deben Islands (Antarctica) on 17 February 2009"* by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, IAATO Marine Committee recommends the following to their vessel operators:

1. Regularly review weather, ice and routing information services to ensure the most appropriate available information is provided in a timely manner to their vessel(s).
2. Avoid doing routine maintenance that requires the vessel to be dead in the water for several hours while inside Antarctic waters. If these must take place, take careful consideration of the likelihood of localised extreme weather conditions.
3. Remind all bridge teams on the risks related to anchoring in Antarctica, in particular the likelihood of poor holding ground, extreme localized weather and drifting ice. Consideration should be given to the value of remaining underway at slow speeds, in a defined open water area overnight.