The ABS Rapid Response Damage Assessment (RRDA) program provides owners and operators with essential technical support needed in the critical hours after a vessel is involved in a casualty.

The Rapid Response Damage Assessment program (RRDA) is an organized team of engineers, naval architects, master mariners, and support staff that respond 24/7 to vessel-related emergencies such as grounding and collision. Enrollment of a vessel in RRDA ensures direct access to technical support that is needed during vessel incidents that can result in loss of the vessel, loss of cargo, and large-scale pollution of the marine environment.

When activated, RRDA becomes an extension of the vessel management team’s own response capability, focusing on the measure of changes occurring to hull strength, stability, and the extent to which the risk of pollution can be mitigated. After the immediate requirements of an emergency condition are controlled, RRDA usually provides an assessment of the ship’s capacity for transiting to a repair facility. Support by RRDA is conducted in very close liaison to the attending class surveyor which reduces the measure of delay as the transit authorization process is conducted.

To enroll in the RRDA program or if you would like more information, email us directly at rrda@eagle.org.