



# RAPID RESPONSE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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.



## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND INDUSTRY GUIDELINES

RRDA complies with the following regulations and industry guidelines:

COMPLIANT WITH:
MARPOL Regulation 1/37(4)
MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, Regulation 37
USCG Requirements of OPA 90 in 33 CFR 155.240
ISM Code, Section 8
OCIMF Guidelines on Capabilities of Emergency Response Providers
IACS Rec. No. 145

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.

## ENROLLMENT

Classification with ABS is not a requirement for entry into the ABS RRDA program but it can make the enrollment process more efficient and expedite communications to optimize the response process. Enrollment is straightforward and provides owners with an invaluable resource that can be swiftly mobilized with a simple telephone call whenever the unexpected occurs.

To enroll in the RRDA program or if you would like more information, email us directly at [rrda@eagle.org](mailto:rrda@eagle.org).



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