

# USER MANUAL: GAS CARRIER



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### **Revision History**

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If you need Emergency Stability and Strength Analyses, call RRDA now at +1 (281) 872-6161 and email the most recent loading computer output to [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org).

- All pages of the output should be sent.
- State the voyage number.
- State date and time of the condition.
- Note fuel burn and any other significant revisions to the condition.

Note regarding changes to the principal characteristics of the vessel:

Any changes made to the vessel that revises lightship, hydrostatic particulars or hull strength, must be communicated to [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org) for consideration. For example, a tanker conversion to FPSO or an added mid-body section to a containership. Other conversions apply.

## SECTION

# 1

## RRDA Program

### 1.1 General Information

RRDA maintains a website for access to the latest RRDA User Manual and other related documents. The page is found at the following link:

<https://ww2.eagle.org/en/Products-and-Services/rapid-response.html>

RRDA complies with the following regulations and industry guidelines:

- MARPOL Annex I, Regulation 37.4, as circulated by resolution MEPC.117(52) states that all oil tankers of 5,000 tons deadweight or more shall have prompt access to computerized shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculation programs.
- MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, Regulation 37.1 requires a shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (SOPEP) to be carried onboard for all tankers of 150 gross tons or more and all other vessels of 400 gross tons or more.
- U.S. Coast Guard requirements of OPA 90 in 33 CFR 155.240 for oil tankers and offshore oil barges, in which owners are required to have “prearranged, prompt access to computerized shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculations.”
- The ISM Code, Section 8, requires the company to establish procedures to respond to potential emergency shipboard situations, including the use of drills and exercises to prepare for emergencies.
- OCIMF Guidelines on Capabilities of Emergency Response Providers.
- IACS Rec. No. 145 Recommendation for the Operation of Shore-Based Emergency Response Services.

The ABS Rapid Response Damage Assessment (RRDA) Program is administered from ABS headquarters in Spring, Texas, USA. The facility provides rapid response damage assessment support during an emergency incident affecting an enrolled vessel’s stability and hull strength.

RRDA maintains an agreement with the vessel owner, to provide this service and vessel-specific data for your ship is stored electronically at ABS. This data is provided for responding to an emergency on board. RRDA should be considered an extension of the ship’s own shoreside emergency response team capability.

RRDA is activated when the Master or other owner-authorized person calls the RRDA 24-hour emergency number and requests assistance with a vessel emergency incident.

The time required for RRDA to provide accurate analyses for any given scenario affecting stability and strength is dependent on:

1. Receipt of the vessel load condition and damage reports
2. The complexity of the problem

The RRDA Program does not cover salvage engineering, class surveys, or surveys in connection with repairs, damages, conversions, compliance with outstanding recommendations, extensions, lay-up or reactivation, modifications/alterations, riding ship, change of flag or new installations.

When requested by a flag Administration, ABS is obliged to provide details of its evaluations and files. When a vessel is classed or issued with a Load Line by ABS, the ABS Classification department will be advised that the RRDA team is evaluating damage on an ABS-classed or Load Line-only vessel. The ABS RRDA team will review the most recent available survey status for the vessel and will communicate response activity to the ABS Classification department for consideration. However, a survey by the class surveyor continues to be a requirement for subsequent evaluation of damage and repairs or when a Certificate of Fitness to Proceed<sup>1</sup> is to be issued.

ABS does not act as a principal in the matter of salvage or repairs. ABS can only act in an advisory capacity, leaving it to the client to accept or reject any recommendations ABS may make. ABS has no authority to order or contract for repairs, salvage or other matters.

## 1.2 Instructions for Validating Enrollment Status

**This instruction applies to vessels that are ABS classed only.**

**(Vessels that are not classed with ABS, will be provided an RRDA Certificate valid for 12 months)**

This instruction is intended to ensure that Masters, vessel managers and other parties (Port State Control Officers, Vetting Inspectors, etc.), can easily validate whether a vessel is enrolled in the ABS RRDA Program.

There are two means to confirm if a ship is enrolled in RRDA:

1. **Examination of the ABS Class Certificate**  
The vessel is enrolled in the RRDA program if the Class Certificate shows “RRDA” in the Additional Notations.  
For example:  

ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS  
RRDA, BWE, CRC(I), TCM, GRAB [20]
2. **The Class Record**  
Details provided in the ABS Record are available via the internet and provide reference to the RRDA notation as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Class authorization for the ship to transit, issued after recommendations made by the attending surveyor have been completed.

<https://ww2.eagle.org/> > Rules and Resources > Databases > ABS Record > Search the Database, Enter vessel name or other search criteria > > Click on Vessel found > Scroll to Additional Notations.

For example:

**Additional Notations**  
BWT, CLP-V, CRC(SP), CSC, ENVIRO, IHM, NBL, RRDA,  
RW, SMART (INF), TCM, UWILD

### 1.3 Types of Analyses for Response and Drills

Using the RRDA HECSALV™ model for the ship, the following useful analyses can be made:

1. Ground reaction and force to free with allowance for tide
2. Deadweight to be lightered or shifted to refloat
3. Effect on stability due to flooding, grounding, wind heeling, cargo loss or shifting, liquefaction (bulk carriers)
4. Oil outflow
5. Bending and shear stresses caused by pinnacle loads with the ship aground
6. Hull girder strength with wave loading
7. Local strength in the damaged area
8. Evaluation of the plans for offloading, ballasting or cargo transfer
9. Other calculations as appropriate for the vessel's condition
10. Drifting and oil spills using NOAA's WebGNOME web application

### 1.4 Drills

Knowledge about the RRDA program may be improved with regular drill activity. Drills establish mutual expectations and promote a more efficient response should an actual incident occur.

Vessel managers usually exercise their response capability annually and invite RRDA to participate at the appropriate level. Drills may connect the ship directly with RRDA, but it is more common for RRDA to communicate with the ship manager DPA/response team ashore, who then relays relevant information to and from the vessel. This relieves the Master of the need to duplicate calls and ensures all parties are using the most current information. (This is most relevant in an actual response)

RRDA's capacity for response may be tested at any time and to the extent the vessel manager deems appropriate. However, general arrangement of drill activity is subject to the following contingencies:

1. Notification is given to RRDA by email (RRDA@eagle.org), with at least one week notice.
2. Any charges to be incurred by the vessel manager are agreed in advance.
3. RRDA may decline a proposed drill time if the drill activity conflicts with other scheduled drill activities previously agreed to by RRDA.
4. RRDA may cease drill activities if RRDA is activated for an actual ship incident.

The extent that RRDA is involved in a drill can vary depending on the operator's requirement. RRDA involvement could include:

1. Live drill role play. RRDA is activated and provides analysis reports and recommendations according to the scenario and information provided by the operator. This tests RRDA's capacity to respond.
2. Pre-drill analyses. RRDA contributes to a drill scenario developed by the operator, providing accurate input data with respect to how the ship will react to a grounding or collision or other serious event. This is done in advance and allows the operator to script a scenario and use RRDA's reports to inject accurate results. For the operator, this validates that RRDA has an accurate model of the ship and that effective analyses can be completed and reports generated.
3. Post-drill reporting. RRDA is requested to provide analyses reports after a drill is completed, using data provided by the operator. This will validate that RRDA has an accurate model of the ship and can provide analyses of the conditions communicated by the operator.
4. Communication drill. Ship or management office calls RRDA's emergency number for a communication drill. This validates the number is correct and that RRDA can be activated. This is done by speaking with RRDA staff directly or, if after normal office hours, by speaking with an RRDA call center operator.

All drill activity is logged with RRDA.

## 1.5 Training

RRDA offers short training sessions that can be delivered remotely via the Web or by office visit. Contact [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org) for details.

## SECTION

# 2

## Communications

### 2.1 Activating/Notifying RRDA Team

To activate the ABS RRDA team, the client is to establish verbal communication using the phone numbers provided below. RRDA is most commonly contacted by the Designated Person Ashore (DPA) but may also be contacted directly by the vessel Master.

**MOST IMPORTANT: Do not attempt to initiate an RRDA response using email only.**

#### **24-hour Emergency Numbers:**

**Primary: +1 (281) 872-6161**

**Alternate: +1 (281) 820-8697**

For Consideration:

1. Do not collect all the information before calling. Initiate contact with RRDA immediately and provide additional information when it is available.
2. Always establish verbal communication with RRDA first. RRDA email is monitored during normal office hours only so email communications received after normal office hours will probably not connect to RRDA personnel within the time needed for an effective emergency response.

### 2.2 Time to Respond

The RRDA team will respond immediately to calls received during office hours. After office hours and during weekends or holidays, your call will be taken by a call center representative who will then alert RRDA and relay message details. This process is expected to take about 30 minutes or less. An RRDA Team Leader will call you back using the contact details given, and when it is confirmed that the RRDA team is required, the Team Lead and other staff will immediately travel to the RRDA facility. It is expected that RRDA will arrive at the office within two hours after the initial call is made.

### 2.3 Office Hours

During normal office hours, as listed below, a member of the ABS RRDA team can be expected to answer the incoming call directly. If personnel are temporarily unavailable, the line will automatically transfer to a call center operator who will take note of critical details and then relay that information to RRDA personnel directly.

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (0730 to 1630) – Central U.S. Time

Note:

Non-emergency inquiries relating to RRDA are welcomed by phone or email. Such inquiries should be made by email ([RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org)) or using the ABS main number (+1 (281) 877-6000).

## 2.4 After Office Hours

After office hours and during holidays, any emergency call directed to RRDA using the +1 (281) 872-6161 and the +1 (281) 820-8697 numbers will be answered by the ABS RRDA call center. The caller will be asked for a contact name, vessel name and IMO number, call back number and nature of the incident. The call center operator will then connect directly with RRDA personnel to initiate the RRDA response and you will be called by the RRDA Team Leader directly thereafter.

## 2.5 Action After Voice Notification

After the initial phone contact has been established and RRDA activation is confirmed, an email documenting the vessel status should be sent to RRDA.

Email: [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org)

**FOR INFORMATION NEEDED BY RRDA, GO TO Section 4.**

## SECTION

# 3

## Information Sharing

### 3.1 Information Requirements

Emergency protocols are not prescriptive. In an emergency, phone conversations and email exchanges with RRDA will establish the mutual communications and information requirement that is relevant to the incident. Priority of information required by RRDA will be discussed with respect to the specifics of the incident. Effort will always be made to ensure that information requested from the vessel is important and relevant to the requirement. Early and transparent sharing of information is key.

**FOR INFORMATION NEEDED BY RRDA, GO TO Section 4.**

### 3.2 Load Condition Before the Incident

#### **MOST IMPORTANT!**

The vessel's loaded condition must be provided to RRDA. Without this information, analysis results will be unreliable.

The load condition should be sent to RRDA as output from your loading computer with corrections offered as appropriate for bunkers or other significant changes such as ballast conditions, boil-off rate, boil-off consumption, etc. If your system includes CARGOMAX software (a brand of loading computer), the exported load-case (.LC) file should be sent to RRDA. If the loading computer is other than CARGOMAX, a full PDF of the output is preferred.

#### 3.2.1 Departure Load Condition

You are encouraged to routinely send RRDA the departure load condition report so that it can be used by RRDA in an emergency. This will do away with the need for the condition to be sent by the vessel or manager during an emergency incident but, to ensure that no error occurs, the Voyage Number and departure port with date must be clearly identified in the report.

### 3.3 Isolated Vapor Pockets (IVP) in Membrane Type Tanks

When higher list and trim occur, cargo levels and venting systems in the membrane type tank must be considered. Considerations are addressed in the SIGTTO Information Paper entitled Awareness of Isolated Vapour Pockets in Membrane Type LNG Cargo Tanks. This paper details vulnerability to the cargo tank relief valve system if two-phase flow rather than pure vapour passes through the valve and the subsequent increasing likelihood of liquid cargo entering the pressure relief exhausts.

RRDA acknowledges the potential for IVP. It is critical that the subject be discussed at the onset of the response process, so RRDA can review the vessel's reaction to load changes (ground reaction, ballasting, cargo transfer) and identify any potential for limiting the likelihood of IVP.

### 3.4 Collision/Damage/Flooding (Not a Grounding Event)

The goals of RRDA are to identify the resulting damaged state, to maintain stability, monitor hull stress and to limit pollution. The focus following a significant collision event is the monitoring of hull stresses and prevention or reduction of cargo loss and oil outflow from fuel oil tanks.

#### **INFORMATION NEEDED BY RRDA, GO TO Section 4.**

##### 3.4.1 Collision Management and Considerations

- a. Ingress should be prevented or otherwise managed to the extent possible. This is particularly true for machinery spaces vital to the function of the vessel. Even so, there are circumstances, such as flooding of a ballast tank for example, that seawater ingress may not make the ship more vulnerable to failure and, depending on design and loads, might actually reduce global or local stress surrounding the damage.
- b. Unless it is clear that pumps are incapable of improving the ingress rate, pumping should continue, at least until adequate assessment has been made and alternate recommendations have been considered.
- c. Because the pressure differential reduces as balance occurs, the rate of seawater ingress will decrease as water depth in the space increases. Therefore, the pumping capacity to discharge a flooded space may not be adequate to prevent initial flooding, but the same capacity might prevent the space from becoming fully flooded as the ingress rate slows. This may be of no concern or advantage for tank spaces that can be allowed to flood completely, but in machinery spaces, limiting ingress to the lowest possible height will be critical. Also, depending on the pump type, added pressure at the inlet may increase the pump's efficiency as the water level in a space rises.
- d. For spaces well outside the parallel mid-body and with significant flare in the hull shape, such as an aft engine room, the internal volume varies considerably dependent on the height above the tank top. Therefore, with a steady ingress flow rate, the rate at which water depth rises will slow as flooding progresses. Considering this, be aware that the time it will take to flood the compartment should not be estimated based on the initial rate at which the water level rises, unless the space is wall-sided.
- e. If the engine room is flooding and is located toward the aft end, trimming the ship using ballast to the extent possible should be immediately considered. This can reduce draft in the engine room and thereby also reduce ingress. RRDA will pay particular attention to hull stress in this case.
- f. Was this a T-bone or side-swiping contact? This will be indicative of structural damage extent.
- g. What is the other vessel name and IMO number? (RRDA will do a search for more details about the ship.)
- h. Other vessel draft at the bow. This information is useful when considering the extent and location of damage to your ship. For example, damage sustained from

- contacting a cruise ship with an enormous bulbous bow and extensive bow flare is expected to be different to that of a more standard shaped bulk carrier.
- i. Did your ship take a list? How much? Why? Is the ship still settling?
  - j. Are damaged ballast tanks taking water or not? If so, take soundings.
  - k. If the tank is dry, damage may be isolated to above the waterline. It is critical that damage isolated above the waterline remains above the waterline. If, for whatever reason, the ship is listing to the damaged side, the condition should be checked and options weighed.
  - l. In the event of heavy contact with the bow of another vessel causing significant damage, a breach in the cargo tank boundary is likely to be sustained. For containment Types A and B, and the Membrane System, ingress of seawater will flash off from cargo it comes into contact with. This will create a vapor cloud that may be explosive if it mixed with the surrounding air. If vapor remains in the cargo tank, internal pressure of the tank may increase beyond the design threshold and damage the tank.
  - m. Vapor accumulation in surrounding spaces is a possibility. Above certain temperatures, the nature of the cargo may cause vapor to be lighter than air and accumulate under deck head plating.
  - n. For the safety of the vessel, jettisoning of the cargo may be considered when transfer of cargo within the ship is not possible due to capacity of the remaining cargo tanks.
  - o. When steel structure is contacted by cryogenic LNG, it becomes brittle, increasing its vulnerability to failure.

### 3.5 Grounding

#### **FOR INFORMATION NEEDED BY RRDA, GO TO Section 4.**

Ships are structurally robust and often capable of fully recovering from the effect of grounding. The RRDA team's first goal in a grounding situation is to accurately determine the ground reaction. This lends to determining the extent to which lightering arrangements must be planned, or if the ship can be refloated without lightering. Reported flooding and the effect of the tide will be considered, as well as whether there is capacity to internally redistribute load by transferring cargo or fuel, or by changing ballast. Level of stress in the hull will be considered based on the bottom contact details provided to RRDA or/and as provided in the diver's report.

Groundings range from soft/low impact bottom contact with no damage to fully stranded with total loss. The severity of the grounding event depends on:

- the velocity and inertia of the vessel as it takes the bottom,
- hull shape,
- how much vertical reaction is developed as the ship takes the ground,
- sea bottom characteristics,
- buoyancy loss due to breaches in the hull,
- tidal details, and
- subsequent exposure to the environment.

For obvious reasons, an exposed and isolated rocky shoreline in higher latitudes during the winter with contact made at High Water spring tides introduces much higher risk to

the vessel than a low impact grounding onto a muddy bottom in a river environment. Fortunately, most groundings tend to occur in the restricted maneuvering environment of port approach channels and fairways, which limits exposure and provides improved access to tugs and other resources.

### 3.5.1 Comments and Considerations after Grounding

#### a. **Self-propulsion**

(Upper seawater cooling intakes should be used where possible)

In the stress and urgency of a grounding situation, there is often optimism that the ship can be moved using its own propulsion. However, the thrust generated by the propeller, especially when running astern, is usually relatively small compared to ground reactions likely to develop, resulting in self-propulsion having little or no effect. There are exceptions. For example:

- If the ship is grounded on a hard, isolated pinnacle and has deeper water about the stern, immediate trimming of the ship by the stern, if available, may well allow the vessel to come off.
- Another example is a low reaction event with no loss of buoyancy and with the advantage of a favorable tide. Even so, influences of wind, current and propeller-induced side forces will increase the likelihood of subsequent grounding, including damage to the stern, unless adequate heading and position control can be achieved immediately after refloat.

A proper measure of tug capacity is highly recommended any time a vessel is refloated.

#### b. **Anchors**

Deployment of anchors should be considered in order to arrest movement onto the lee shore or obstruction. Clearing anchors from the hawse in a controlled condition is preferred, subsequently either walking the chain or letting go, depending on the water depth close-in and whether the seafloor is rising gently or shelving rapidly.

#### c. **Drafts**

Your initial report to RRDA should include a best estimate of the drafts aground and the time that the drafts were taken. RRDA's analysis result is contingent on the accuracy of drafts and the change that occurred as a result of the ship grounding. We fully acknowledge that drafts may be difficult to obtain and confidence in the accuracy of draft readings may be low due to wave action on the hull. Even so, this data is critical. Best efforts are needed to establish a baseline and fine-tuning for improvement can always be done as the situation settles, as daylight comes, and as support arrives.

- i. An attending boat or tug is probably the best way to acquire good drafts and soundings about the hull.
- ii. If boats are not available, depending on conditions and equipment on board, the drafts may best be determined by observing the height, or freeboard, from the waterline to the deck or another feature, such as a gunwale top. In this case, the location of each reading must be carefully notated, preferably by frame number but other notable feature or

structure on the deck is also acceptable. This will ensure that the RRDA team can find the hull depth dimensions at these locations on their model, the general arrangement, or other plans.

d. **Ground description**

An accurate ground description must be provided when possible. RRDA can apply the shape of the contact area to their model when this information is provided. This allows for a more detailed assessment of how the ship will react to changes in loads. It is also important in determining a more complete assessment for hull stresses that may be greatly influenced by bottom support and is essential for planning and monitoring purposes.

- Contact area can be reported by soundings taken around the ship using a lead line or other device. Use the form provided in this manual for reporting values. Sketches are greatly encouraged. Measuring the distance from the deck edge for example, to the bottom, will be fine provided the list (in degrees) is also noted and can be allowed for by RRDA.
- Divers may be used for reporting the contact area. Divers are essential for determining the location of single or multi pinnacle contact areas.
- Use an attending pilot boat, tug or FRC to obtain soundings around the ship.
- Be aware that softer bottom materials like mud and clay tend to mound and rise against the bow and will create seemingly odd or questionable depth readings. Trust your readings and report them as measured.
- Be aware that strong currents may cause scouring and deposit, moving sand around the hull, which will cause variations in the sounding.

e. **Damage**

Structural bottom damage frequently occurs during grounding. This can be local buckling causing hull plate cracks and tearing, having little effect on longitudinal strength. Alternatively, it can be gross deformation over large areas of the bottom with impact to the inner bottom structure and internal bulkheads. Identifying the extent of damage under these circumstances will undoubtedly be hindered due to limited or zero access. Tank and void space soundings will indicate where the hull is breached but not the extent to which longitudinal strength is lost.

- f. **Divers:** Diver support, though very useful, also has significant access limitations under circumstances of flooded void and tank spaces. Only the damage observed and visible can be included in reports. Diver support may be limited due to poor underwater visibility, high currents around the ship, and in some cases the hull can be moving, making work in proximity of the hull especially dangerous.

g. **What if?**

Potential deterioration of onboard conditions must be considered, specifically with respect to the integrity of ship systems that are initially intact and operational but could fail later.

h. **Salvors**

If the vessel's equipment is unavailable to remove cargo from the vessel, salvors may need specialized equipment, i.e., cryogenic submersible pumps, compressors to handle vapors, cryogenic hoses rated for the discharge of the cryogenic liquid, specialized receiving tanks if a suitable Gas Carrier is unavailable to receive the cargo.

i. **Engine failure and a Lee Shore**

The case of a ship losing propulsion whilst being set down onto a lee shore can be dire, particularly when a high sea state and rocky shoreline complicate the situation. Under such circumstances, the Master will likely attempt to arrest the ship using anchors.

When weighing options, ballasting may be considered to increase draft so the ship takes the ground in deeper water and further from the shore than it would otherwise. This, of course, is contingent on loading and ballast capacity and varies with vessel design and load plan. Ideally, the resulting condition would allow the ship to be refloated with suitable tug support in attendance after deballasting.

j. **Ballasting down**

If lightering or jettisoning of cargo is required to refloat, ballasting the ship may be recommended to ensure it remains hard aground. This allows for the lightering to be completed with no chance that the ship will unexpectedly move and create an unsafe condition. In this case, after the lightering is completed and all associated equipment and personnel are cleared, the ship can be deballasted and refloated at the agreed most suitable time.

k. **Stability**

Like dry-docking, ground reaction causes a virtual rise of the center of gravity, which reduces stability and influences heel, perhaps significantly when stranded on a pinnacle with falling tide. Increase of the bottom's lateral contact area mitigates vulnerability to excessive heel and possible deck edge immersion as the ship becomes supported by the sea floor, thereby preventing further heel.

l. **Refloating**

Before the ship is allowed to refloat, particularly when flooding and structural damage are identified, RRDA will analyze the refloat condition to ensure the vessel has sufficient stability and strength margin.

m. **Loss of Buoyancy**

When significant buoyancy is lost due to hull breaches, with flooding in several spaces, salvors may deem it necessary to induce buoyancy using low pressure compressed air inside the damaged spaces. This forces sea water back out of the hull, reduces ground reaction and improves the afloat condition. With the ship afloat, temporary patches can be applied and the vessel dewatered to the extent needed to meet the requirements of the recovery plan.

n. **Unaccountable list after refloating**

Based on the reported loads, RRDA will determine the drafts, list and trim prior to the refloat. If the ship refloats with a “mystery list,” but there is good confidence regarding weight distribution on board and extent of flooding, of the possibility that damaged spaces may have taken on heavy sea floor material should be considered. The extent to which such unintended loading affects list and trim depends on the heeling moment and the measure of the ship’s initial stability.

### 3.6 Lightering

Lightering of the vessel may be required for refloating following a grounding event, or to mitigate risks associated with hull stresses and stability. The vessel or salvor will develop the plan for lightering, while RRDA may provide supporting analyses that consider the effects of damage and the vessel’s condition to assist in the plan development.

### 3.7 Moving a Damaged Ship

Authorization for moving a damaged ship is contingent on reviews by flag, the Classification Society, Coastal State and Port Authority. Other stakeholders also contribute to the process of recovery. Decisions will consider the original voyage plan and whether that plan must be revised to mitigate the risks associated with the vessel’s condition. Many of these considerations remain outside of RRDA’s scope; however, when a ship sustains damage that affects hull strength and stability, RRDA will continue to provide analyses that determines the margin of strength and stability for the proposed transit route. This work relies on reviewing accurate damage assessment reports that are usually provided by the attending class surveyor.

### 3.8 Drifting and Oil Spill

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Working closely with the client, the RRDA team will be able to assist in providing predictive areas and timeframes of potential risks of drifts and oil spill monitoring. There are two steps taken for predicting the oil spill transport and fate:

1. First, RRDA analyzes the incident and estimates the total volume and the time duration of the oil spill using the HEC SALV™ tool and/or client input.
2. Second, RRDA predicts the oil spill transport and fate over a number of days following the initial release of oil using NOAA’s WebGNOME.

SECTION

# 4

## Useful Forms

The following forms and illustrations are intended to be used for efficient communication of important information to RRDA. The expectation is that these can be quickly completed by hand and copied to a PDF file for emailing to [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org).

For editable versions of these forms, contact [RRDA@eagle.org](mailto:RRDA@eagle.org).



## Follow-up Incident Report

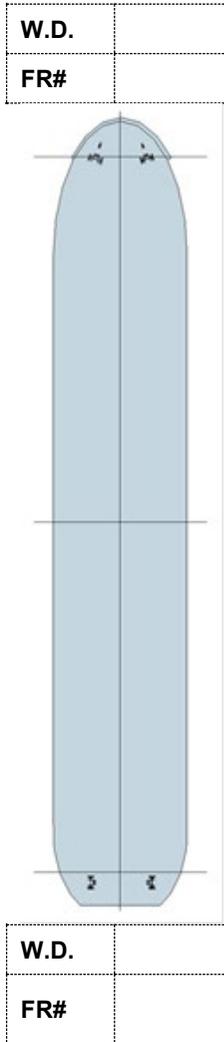
Ref. Date and Time			(Local/GMT)
Vessel Name			
Position	Latitude	Longitude	
Nature of Incident			
<b>Contributing Information</b>	Hull spaces are breached	Y	N (write note below)
	Pollution to the sea	Y	N (write note below)
	Hull structure is known to be damaged	Y	N (write note below)
	Has cargo moved internally or been lost	Y	N (write note below)
	Density of water body	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	Ballast system is operational	Y - @ about	m <sup>3</sup> /hr. N
	Cargo pumps operational	Y - @ about	m <sup>3</sup> /hr. N
	E.R. bilge system is operational	Y - @ about	m <sup>3</sup> /hr. N
	Propulsion is available	Y	N
	Steering is available	Y	N
	Anchors are available	Y	N
	Swell height (m) and period (sec)		
	Wind speed (knots) and direction		
	Photos of damage or associated subject	Y	N
<b>Vessel is Afloat</b>	Under keel clearance	(m or ft)	
	Heel/list (°)	P or S	
	Max. roll angle (°) and period (sec)		
	Approx. steady heading		
	Seas breaking on deck	Y	N
	Main deck openings secure	Y	N (write note below)
	Deck edge immersed	Y	N
	Other vessel I.D. (if collision) Name and ship type		



<b>Oil Spill</b>	Position	Latitude	Longitude
	Start	Date	Time
	Amount		
	Duration		
	Oil Type		
	Location		
	ENTER COMMENTS RELATING TO THE ABOVE OR OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION HERE:		

Additional Details About a Grounding Incident

<b>Vessel Name:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>			
<b>1. Drafts - Aground</b>			
<b>Units</b>	<b>Meters</b>	<b>Feet</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>-hrs.</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>UTC</b>
--	<b>Forward</b>	<b>Amidships</b>	<b>Aft</b>
<b>Port</b>			
<b>Starboard</b>			
<b>List of Heel</b>		<b>Degrees</b>	<b>P S</b>
<b>2. Approximate Area of Ground Contact</b>			
Outline the approx. contact area on the hull outline.			
<b>3. Provide water depths (W.D.)</b>			
Water depth values to the extent needed.			
Measured by a boat or tug?			
Measured from ship's deck?			
<b>4. Vessel Heading</b>			
			<b>-Degrees</b>
(T)			

<b>W.D.</b>			<b>W.D.</b>	
<b>FR#</b>			<b>FR#</b>	
<b>W.D.</b>			<b>W.D.</b>	
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Handy Sketch for Any Incident

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**DATE and TIME:**

**UTC/LOCAL**

USE THIS DIAGRAM TO ILLUSTRATE ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION LIKE GROUND CONTACT AREA, PINNACLES, AREA DAMAGED, BUCKLING or CRACKS, HULL BREACH, WATER DEPTHS, FREEBOARDS, DRAFTS, OBSTRUCTIONS, ETC.

