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Marine Casualty Investigation Board
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**INTERIM REPORT OF
AN INVESTIGATION INTO
A MARINE CASUALTY
INVOLVING THE FISHING VESSEL
JOHN B
HOWTH CO DUBLIN
17 JULY 2020**

**REPORT NO. MCIB/316/INTERIM
(No.5 OF 2023)**

The Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) examines and investigates all types of marine casualties to, or on board, Irish registered vessels worldwide and other vessels in Irish territorial waters and inland waterways.

The MCIB objective in investigating a marine casualty is to determine its circumstances and its causes with a view to making recommendations for the avoidance of similar marine casualties in the future, thereby improving the safety of life at sea.

The MCIB is a non-prosecutorial body. We do not enforce laws or carry out prosecutions. It is not the purpose of an investigation carried out by the MCIB to apportion blame or fault.

The legislative framework for the operation of the MCIB, the reporting and investigating of marine casualties and the powers of MCIB investigators is set out in The Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000.

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This is an interim report and no conclusions should be drawn from its contents.



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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 An incident occurred on the 17 July 2020 onboard the fishing vessel (FV) John B, while engaged in fishing operations in the Irish sea approximately 20 mile east-north-east of Howth. Whilst hauling the nets and fishing gear onboard between 08.00 - 09.00 hours (hrs) a crewmember was injured when his leg became trapped between the centre weight and the weight retaining cage at the stern of the vessel.

The load was adjusted allowing the injured Crewmember to extricate his trapped foot from the grip of the centre weight.

The other crewmembers provided first aid care to the injured Crewmember, and he was placed in the galley. The remaining crew retrieved the nets and fishing gear onboard.

The vessel owners were informed of the incident and the vessel proceeded to Howth which was the closest port.

No external medical or emergency assistance was requested.

On arrival in Howth between 12.00 - 13.00 hrs the injured Crewmember was assisted from the vessel and was transferred to Beaumont Hospital.

Between 13.00 - 14.00 hrs the injured Crewmember arrived in the hospital and received medical assistance.

Note: Times are local time = UTC + 1 (Co-ordinated Universal Time + 1).



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