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Tragic Navigation

In the night of Thursday, January 18th, 2007 an enormous gale capsized a ship in the Channel next to the English's coast (a ship coming from Antwerp and bound for Portugal).

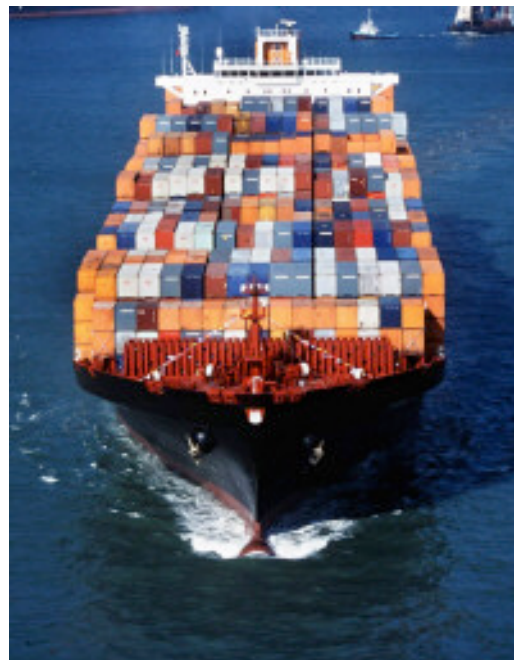
An oil slick (8 kilometres long and 30 meters wide) can be seen in the sea. One thousand birds are covered with oil, 3 dolphins and 1 porpoise were found dead. 2,394 containers (among which dangerous products : fertilizers, acids) were lost at sea. Motorbikes were stolen (Kawasaki, Suzuki, Bmw, Ktm). Motors and exhaust pipes arrived on the beach. On the coast, it is a big treasure hunt to recover motorbikes and accessories.

Fortunately, 2/3rds of the containers stayed on the boat. On January 19th the Napoli was towed by "l'Abeille Bourbon" and "l'Abeille Liberté", two French tugs and two tugs fought against the pollution, "Alcyon" and "Argonnaute".

MSC Napoli was towed in the bay of Lyme in the night of Friday. 26 members of the crew were saved.



MSC Napoli on tug.



MSC Napoli.

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