

# News of the Sea

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MSC Napoli with helicopter

British container barge MSC Napoli saw its hull cracked. It was abandoned by its crew, on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 in the Channel during Kyrill storm.

It's the biggest container barge in the world as it is 275 metres long. In 2001, it was run aground south of Singapur, 50 containers fell into the sea, 3 breaches tore the hull and the rudder was jammed. The boat left Anvers and was bound for Portugal with 2,400 containers among which 1,700 tonnes of dangerous products (explosive, inflammable, toxic, corrosive and gas).

On Thursday, the pollution by hydrocarbons was 5 km long and 100 m wide was spotted by a plane of the Royal Marine.

“L’Abeille Bourbon” and “l’Abeille Liberté” took MSC Napoli back in Lyme bay in the night of Friday to Saturday.

The Marine nevertheless sent a second ship on the spot.