

**“SEGESTA JET” 15.01.2007
COLLISION WITH “SUSAN BORCHARD”**



In the evening of 15th January 2007 the HSC “Segesta Jet” crossing the Strait of Messina (Sicily) collided with the general carrier “Susan Borchard”. In the event 4 crew members of the craft, including the Master, passed away. Several passengers on board “Segesta Jet” suffered injury. A third passenger vessel “Zancle”, crossing the Strait in regular line service was also involved in the casualty, causing a very singular three units crossing situation. A notice of abandonment of the fast craft was served to H&M Underwriters.

We have been instructed to act on behalf of Liability and H&M Underwriters of “Segesta Jet” to investigate the casualty and protect Insured interests before Maritime Authorities Inquiry and Civil and Criminal proceedings opened following the event as well as to reject abandonment notice.

A mutual approach between “Segesta Jet” and “Susan Borchard” interests has been agreed to settle all claims mounted against both vessels in view to apportion the percentage of collision liability in a following Arbitration or in a settlement agreement, as it finally occurred. The casualty gave rise to a deep debate about organisation of maritime traffic within the Strait of Messina with the issue of different Rules and regulations to improve safety and avoid situations of potential risk.