

**“VINCENZO FLORIO” 18-19.12.2004  
BLACK OUT AND FIRE ON BOARD**



During the night between 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2004 the passenger ro/ro “Vincenzo Florio” suffered a general black out of main engines. Vessel became a *dead ship*. Due to the very bad weather conditions, the vessel lay cross the sea. Heavy vehicles and cargo loaded on board broke lashing and turned over, causing the striking of a fire in the main garage. Fire was put off by vessel after some hours. Indeed, given the large quantity of water and foam used to put off the fire, the vessel listed 12 degree before being safely moored in Palermo.

We have been instructed to act on behalf of P&I Club and H&M Underwriters to investigate the casualty and protect Owners interests before Maritime Authority as well as to handle all cargo claims and personal injury claims mounted against the sea carrier.

The event at issue has been studied by IMO Committee as leading casualty aiming at improving SOLAS provisions.