

# Report of BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 EXERCISE

(20.03.2015)

## Introduction.

According to the Black Sea Contingency Plan (Annex IX - Long term plan for Oil Spill Exercises) and the decisions of the 23th ESAS AG meeting Russia was responsible for conducting the Black Sea BRAVO Exercise in the second decade of March 2015.

MRCC Novorossiysk on behalf of Russia has arranged and conducted a quarterly Black Sea BRAVO Exercise on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

The goal of the exercise was to test the agreed procedures and lines of communication (e-mail, fax, telephone) for reporting, requesting and providing assistance, and to get a picture of the current response readiness of the Black Sea Contracting Parties when called to assist.

The following entities participated in the exercise:

1. MRCC Batumi (Georgia);
2. MRCC Ankara (Turkey);
3. MRCC Constanta (Romania);
4. MRCC Varna (Bulgaria);
5. MRCC Odessa (Ukraine);
6. BS Commission PS;
7. ERAC Varna;
8. SMRCC Moscow (Russia).

## 1. SCENARIO:

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, at 06:10 UTC Oil tanker "TVER", flag Panama, call sign GNDC, DWT 40700, GRT 12394, LOA 181 m which sailed from Kerch strait was loaded with IFO , in position 45° 00.0' N ; 036° 37.0' E, offshore collided with the dry-cargo vessel "SEABREEZE" .

As a result of collision, Oil tanker "TVER" had a serious tear, fuel oil spilled into the sea. No damage to dry-cargo vessel " SEABREEZE ". DISTRESS signal was received by MRCC Novorossiysk from both ships at VHF channel 16 and collision position determined from VHF DSC.

Approximately 1500 tons of fuel oil IFO-380 has been spilled at sea from Oil tanker "TVER".

Weather condition:

- Wind direction and speed - NNW - 12 m/sec;
- Current - 230.0° - 0,5 knots;
- Sea state and visibility - Wave height 0.5 m, visibility 5-6 Nm.

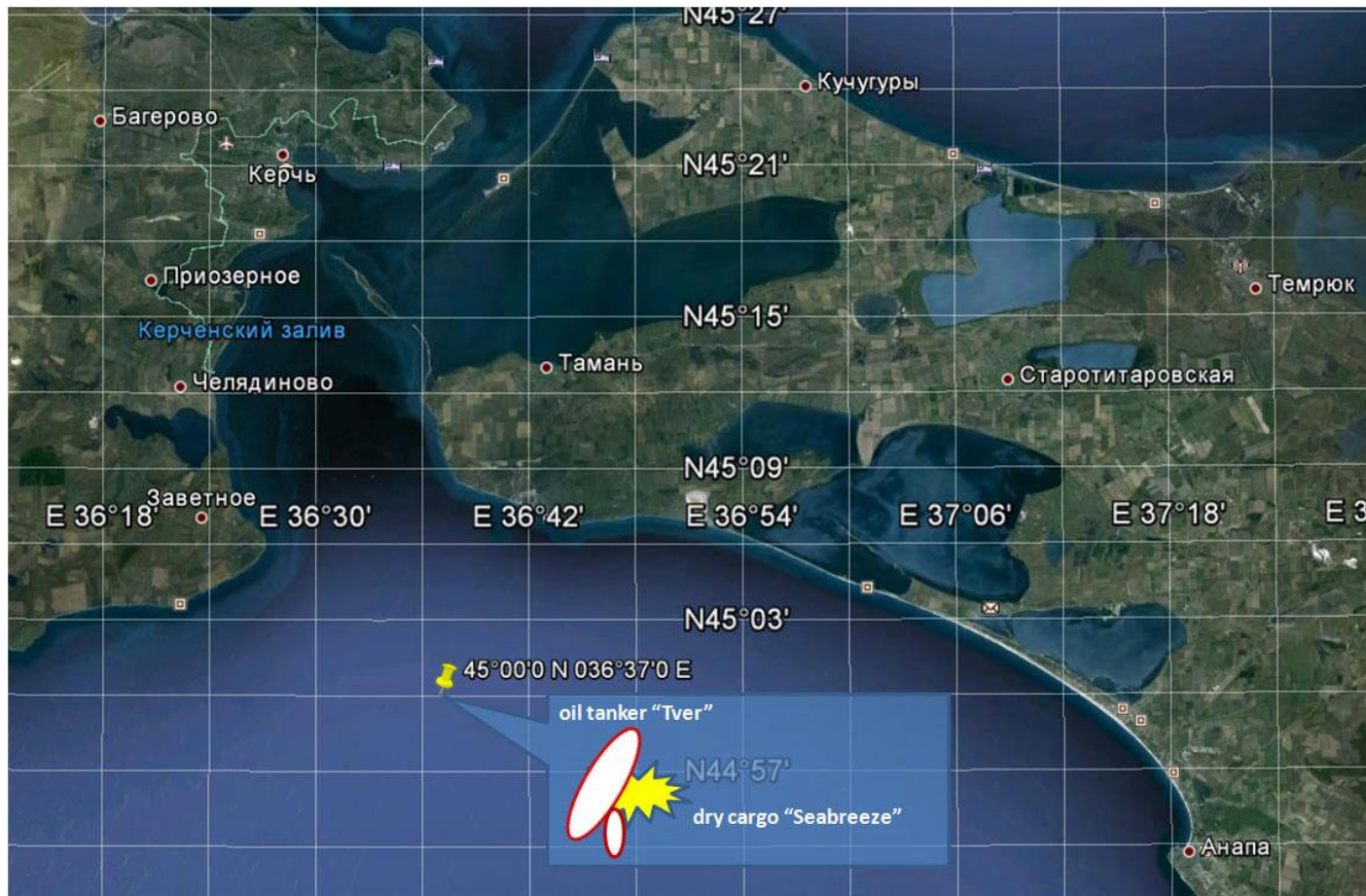
Characteristics of pollution – Fuel oil IFO-380; density 0, 95 g/cmc; viscosity 380 cSt at 20°C: flash point +60 °C.

The National Marine Oil Spill contingency plan was activated; National On-Scene Commander was a head of MRCC.

This report includes all information gathered during the exercise as:

1. Scenario;
2. First Announcement of conduct of BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 EXERCISE;
3. Texts of messages send;
4. Summary table message;
5. Notes;
6. Proposals;
7. Conclusion.

### Position of Incident



## 2. First Announcement of conduct of BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 EXERCISE

The message (exercise BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 start)

Introductory Part				
Addresses	From:	MRCC Russia	Faxes 7 8617676420; 7 8617619424	
	To:	MRCC Bulgaria	359 52 603 265	<a href="mailto:mrcc_vn@marad.bg">mrcc_vn@marad.bg</a> ; <a href="mailto:mrcc@marad.bg">mrcc@marad.bg</a>
		MRCC Romania	402 41 606 065	<a href="mailto:mrcc@rna.ro">mrcc@rna.ro</a>
		MRCC Georgia	995 222 73905	<a href="mailto:mrcc@mta.gov.ge">mrcc@mta.gov.ge</a>
		MSRCC Turkey	90 312 232 08 23	<a href="mailto:trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr">trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr</a>
		MRCC Ukraine	380487776610	<a href="mailto:mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua">mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua</a>
		BSC ESAS Cc: ERAC Varna	359 52 633563  90 212 227 99 33	<a href="mailto:erac_temp@abv.bg">erac_temp@abv.bg</a> <a href="mailto:violeta.velikova@blacksea-commission.org">violeta.velikova@blacksea-commission.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:irina.makarenko@blacksea-commission.org">irina.makarenko@blacksea-commission.org</a>
Date Time Group	19/03/2015 0700 UTC			
Identification	MESSAGE BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015			
Serial Number	RU/ BRAVO			
<b>The BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2013 EXERCISE HAS BEEN STARTED</b>				
All members are informed about start of the Exercise. All members are kindly requested to confirm to SMPCSA - (MRCC) Novorossiysk the acknowledgement of their readiness.				

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## 3. Texts of Messages Send by MRCC Novorossiysk

POLREP (exercise BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015)

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		MRCC Romania	402 41 606 065	<a href="mailto:mrcc@rna.ro">mrcc@rna.ro</a>
		MRCC Georgia	995 222 73905	<a href="mailto:mrcc@mta.gov.ge">mrcc@mta.gov.ge</a>

	MSRCC Turkey	90 312 232 08 23	trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr
	MRCC Ukraine	380487776610	<a href="mailto:mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua">mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua</a>
	BSC ESAS Cc: ERAC Varna	359 52 633563 90 212 227 99 33	erac_temp@abv.bg violeta.velikova@blacksea-commission.org ; irina.makarenko@blacksea-commission.org
Date Time Group	19/03/2015 0730 UTC		
Identification	POLREP BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015		
Serial Number	RU/ BRAVO 1		
<b>URGENT Part I POLWARN</b>			
1	Date and time	1	190730 z
2	Position	2	Lat. 45-00,0 N Lon. 036-37,0 E
3	Incident	3	M/t «Tver» collided with bulk carrier «Seabreeze»
4	Outflow	4	Fuel oil IFO 380 approximately 1500 tones has been spilled at sea.
5	Acknowledge	5	Acknowledge

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Addresses	From	MRCC Russia	Faxes 7 8617676420; 7 8617619424	E-mails <a href="mailto:mrcc3@ampnovo.ru">mrcc3@ampnovo.ru</a>
		To:	MRCC Bulgaria	359 52 603 265
	MRCC Romania		402 41 601 223; 402 41 606 065; 402 41 616 229;	<a href="mailto:mrcc@rna.ro">mrcc@rna.ro</a>
	MRCC Georgia		995 222 73905 995 222 76982	<a href="mailto:mrcc@mta.gov.ge">mrcc@mta.gov.ge</a>
	MSRCC Turkey		90 312 232 08 23; 90 312 231 29 02	<a href="mailto:trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr">trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr</a>
	MRCC Ukraine		380487776610 380482634243	<a href="mailto:mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua">mrcc.ode@sar.gov.ua</a>
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Date Time Group	19/03/2015 0800 UTC			
Identification	POLREP BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015			
Serial Number	RU/ BRAVO 2			
<b>URGENT Part II POLINF</b>				
40	Date and time	40	190800 z	
41	Position	41	45-00,0 N 036-37,0 E Black sea	

			Size of the spill: 5 km long and 2 km wide
42	Characteristics of pollution	42	IFO 380: density = 0,95 g/cm <sup>3</sup> , viscosity 380 flash point + 60 C
43	Source and cause of pollution	43	Source: MT "TVER", flag Panama, call sign GNDC, DWT 40700, GRT 12394, LOA 181 m
44	Wind direction and speed	44	NNW-12 m/sec
45	Current or tide	45	230° - 0.5 knots
46	Sea state and visibility	46	Wave height 0,5 m, visibility 5-6 NM.
47	Drift of pollution	47	230°, 0.5 knots
48	Forecast	48	
49	Identity of observer and ships on scene	49	Observer: tug boat «PITER», tug «FAETON». Ship on scene: police border patrol boat.
50	Action taken	50	Russian National Contingency Plan activated together with Novorossiysk Port Response Plan and CPC Terminal Response Plan
51	Photographs or samples	51	Photos and samples taken of the spill
52	Names of other States informed	52	States – parties to the Black Sea Regional Contingency Plan.
53	Spare	53	Black Sea Contingency Plan activated. Lead country – RUSSIA.
54	Spare	54	
60	Acknowledge	60	Acknowledge

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		MRCC Georgia	995 222 73905 995 222 76982	mrcc@mta.gov.ge
		MSRCC Turkey	90 312 232 08 23; 90 312 231 29 02	trmrcc@denizcilik.gov.tr
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Date Time Group		19.03.2015 08:30 UTC		
Identification		POLREP BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015		
Serial Number		RU/ BRAVO 3		
<p><b>URGENT</b> <b>Part III POLFAC</b></p>				

80	Date and time	80	190830 z
81	Request for assistance	81	Russia need assistance for equipment: 2 OSR vessels with skimmers suitable for Fuel oil IFO 380
82	Cost	82	Russia asked to inform about daily rates (for stand-by and in-use) for requested equipments
83	Pre-arrangements for the delivery of assistance	83	Russia provides customs clearance and free access for the requested equipment to its territorial waters
84	To where assistance should be rendered and how	84	Support equipment expected at where further instructions shall be given by SOSOC (ch. 16 and 74).
85	Names of other States requested	85	No other request
86	Change of command	86	Not required
87	Exchange of information	87	
88	Spare	88	
99	Acknowledge	99	Acknowledge

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**The message (exercise BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 finish)**

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Date Time Group		19/03/2015 0900 UTC		
Identification	MESSAGE BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015			
Serial Number	RU/ BRAVO			
THE END OF THE BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 EXERCISE				
<p><b>We are very thankful for all participants of the BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 taking part in the Exercise.</b></p> <p><b>Hope to receive your comments and remarks or maybe suggestions not later than the April, 19, 2015.</b></p> <p><b>The BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 report from Russia will be prepared accordingly.</b></p> <p><b>Please confirm.</b></p>				

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#### **4. Summary Table Messages TIME (UTC)**

Time of transmitting POLREP NOWPAP by MRCC Novorossiysk	Time of receiving POLREP by MRCC Romania	Time of receiving POLREP by MRCC Georgia	Time of receiving POLREP by MSRCC Turkey	Time of receiving POLREP by MRCC Ukraine	Time of receiving POLREP by MRCC Bulgaria	Time of receiving POLREP by ERAC Varna BSC ESAS
Ru \Start 0700 UTC	07.24	07.13	07.28	07.14	07.15	07.30
Ru \POLWARN 0730 UTC	07.42	07.43	07.37	07.37	07.37	07.52
Ru \ POLINF 0800 UTC	08.13	08.08	08.11	08.08	08.05	08.18
Ru \POLFAC 0830 UTC	09.02	08.40	08.56	08.35	08.36	08.44
Ru \Finish 0900 UTC	09.14	09.37	09.40	09.11	09.07	09.47

#### **5. NOTES**

- The main goal of the exercise was to test the agreed procedures and lines of communication (e-mail, fax, telephone) for reporting, requesting and providing assistance, and to get a picture of the current response readiness of the Black Sea Contracting Parties when called to assist;
- Send messages to MRCC Bulgaria , MRCC Georgia, ERAC Varna by Fax- was impossible:
  - Fax number 359-52-603-265 – no replay,
  - Fax number 995-422-273-905 – busy,
  - Fax number 359-52-633-563 – not correct,
  - Fax number 90-212-227-99-33 – no replay.

#### **6. PROPOSALS**

- Most of all confirmation we received by email. In future it is necessary to decide the issue of using the fax;

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- Any MRCC from Black Sea countries have to involve all personnel in BRAVO exercises, everybody should become familiar with the rules established in Black Sea Region marine Spill Response Exercise Manual, in order to be well prepared for real incidents;
- In general - BLACK SEA RU BRAVO 1/2015 EXERCISE has passed successfully. The agreed procedures and lines of communications have been tested. All participants expressed their satisfaction with scenario and organization of exercises.

**Head of MRCC Novorossiysk**



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