

Attention to dragging anchor!



You should pay attention to dragging anchor in Kushiro port when a southerly strong wind is blowing. Dragging anchor leads to grounding or capsizing, and causes serious damage to the environment and the economy.

【Cases in Kushiro port】

- In 1979, because of typhoon no.20, a lot of foreign fishing vessels which had evacuated from it dragged anchor, then they grounded and capsized. In result, 67 crews died or went missing.
- in 1997, because of a strong southerly wind, a foreign vessel which had evacuated from rough weather dragged, and grounded to Otanoshike coast.

Compliance rules

- Choose an appropriate harborage and method, considering the weather condition .
- Choose an appropriate anchorage (Swinging area, Sea bed nature, Distance to shore line), anchoring method, and length of anchor shackles.
- pay attention to the weather condition at all times and evacuate to safer position when the weather changes worse.
- keep appropriate watching , and listening VHFch16 thoroughly.



Kushiro coast guard office issues “**dragging anchor advisory**” when over 15m/s Southerly wind continues blowing. When “**dragging anchor advisory**” is issued, please obey above compliance rules, keep AIS system on and set AIS receiver sounding if your vessel has it.

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