



Grounding

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1. INSTANT ACTIONS AND SITUATION ASSESSMENT

- Make sure there are no men overboard, rescue if any
- Find out the count of injured people and the nature of their injuries
- Instruct crew to wear life jackets (if not on yet)
- Instruct crew to help each other and to give first aid to possibly injured people
- Consider emergency anchoring or driving the boat to shore or to shallows
- Call for 112 as soon as possible (In Finland also 0294 1000 for sea rescue or Trossi marine service)

2. DAMAGE CONTROL

- Check the boat/hull for leaks
- Check that the bilge pump is functional, prepare for manual pumping when needed
- Block the found leaks when possible, use e.g. wooden plugs (from inside) and sail, canvas or tent (from outside) if any on board
- Determine the possibility of sinking and the need for abandoning the boat
- Use distress flare or distress smoke signal to make yourselves more visible for the rescue
- When possible minimize the environmental damages (oil/fuel spills etc.)