

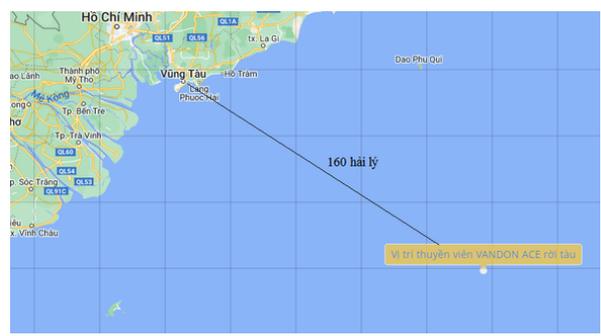
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The VANDON ACE ship crashed at sea, 10 crew members were missing

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TTO - At 13:00 on February 24, rescue forces rescued 9 crew members of the Vietnamese ship VANDON ACE that crashed in the sea 160 nautical miles southeast of Vung Tau. Search and rescue ships continue to search for 10 missing crew members.

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The position of the VANDON ACE when the crew left the ship, 160 nautical miles southeast of Vung Tau - Photo: VIETNAM MRCC

The Vietnam Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center - Vietnam MRCC said that at 3:30 pm on February 23, the unit received information about the VANDON ACE ship (belonging to Hong Gai Shipping Co., Ltd., Ha Long City). Quang Ninh) and 19 Vietnamese crewmen in distress.

At that time, the VANDON ACE ship was on its way carrying 5,800m³ of logs from the port of Rabaul - Papua New Guinea to Can Tho. The train broke down in bad weather, tilted 15 degrees.

At 16:00 on February 23, the ship drifted to a position with coordinates of 8.59 degrees North latitude - 109.26 degrees East longitude (about 160 nautical miles southeast of Vung Tau), the crew announced that they would leave the ship on the buoy. raft. Communication was interrupted shortly thereafter.

Immediately after receiving the information, Vietnam MRCC urgently mobilized ships operating around the scene to the area where the VANDON ACE ship was in distress and requested the Coastal Information Station to broadcast a maritime announcement.

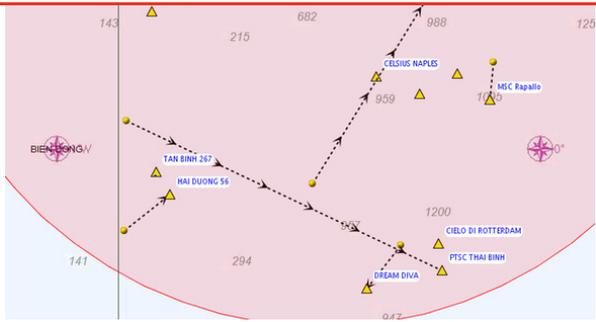
Under the direction of the National Committee for Incidents, Disasters and Search and Rescue, the Ministry of Transport and Vietnam MRCC, the ship SAR 413 in Vung Tau left the wharf to rescue the ship's crew. VANDON ACE at 16:30 on February 23.

Vietnam MRCC also receives automatic satellite signals from VANDON ACE ship's emergency positioning buoy and directly calls on ships operating in the area to participate in search and rescue.

At this time, the sea area of VANDON ACE ship in distress had wind level 6, level 7, waves 4-5m high.

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Activities of ships searching and saving the crew members of VANDON ACE at the scene - Photo: Vietnam MRCC

At the request of Vietnam MRCC, at 19:50 on February 23, the ship MSC RAPALLO (Liberian nationality) arrived at the scene and organized a search for the crew of VANDON ACE.

At 23:00 on February 23, the ship MSC RAPALLO discovered and rescued 4 crew members wearing life jackets of the VANDON ACE ship. The crew said that all 19 crew members of the VANDON ACE had left the ship, but due to strong winds, some crew members could not get on the raft.

Under the command of the rescue ship SAR 413, the ships continued to search for the crew of the VANDON ACE.

At 4:42 a.m. on February 24, the ship SAR 413 discovered and rescued two crew members of the VANDON ACE who were drifting on a lifeboat.

At 7:30 a.m. on February 24, the ship SAR 413 continued to rescue 3 more crew members drifting on rafts. Vietnam MRCC continues to coordinate with ship owners, ship captains and relevant local agencies in conducting search and rescue activities for the VANDON ACE.



MSC RAPALLO is the first ship to save 4 crew members of VANDON ACE - Photo: Vietnam MRCC

At 11 a.m. on February 24, there were 4 ships participating in the search and rescue of 10 VANDON ACE crew members, including: the rescue ship SAR 413 performing the task of commanding the scene, and the ship CSB 8005 (belonging to the Coast Guard Region 3.), ships Hai Duong 56, Hai Duong 39.

Vietnam MRCC said that in addition to coordinating forces at the scene to search for the 10 missing VANDON ACE crew members, this agency reported to the National Committee for Incident and Disaster Response, Search and Rescue to continue directing and commanding mobilize more forces to participate, propose to mobilize aircraft to participate in search and rescue in time.



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