



Injured individuals are pulled aboard the FRB in ESVAGT's training "Tour de North Sea"

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## **ESVAGT on its "Tour de North Sea": 'Practicing strengthens our emergency preparedness and maintains our competences'**

Daily training in the entire fleet keeps ESVAGT sharp, and the shipping company's own assessor team is visiting the North Sea in ESVAGT's "Tour de North Sea" to strengthen and deepen competence levels.

The FRB (Fast Rescue Boat) from the 'Esvagt Carpathia' touched the water

two minutes after Captain Peter Pabst sounded the alarm. The boatman quickly reached the distressed people in the water and pulled the four injured individuals aboard the FRB before heading back to the vessel as quickly as it left it.

On board, the four wounded individuals' condition was assessed. A helicopter was requested for the evacuation of a highly injured person who had a cardiac arrest, and for more than an hour, the crew kept hope alive by performing CPR until the assessors ended the exercise and thanked everyone involved.

## **Realistic training**

The “incident” is an example of the kind of training that ESVAGT has been rolling out over the past few months, with the vessel ‘Esvagt Carina’ and the shipping company’s own assessor team visiting the fleet’s vessels to carry out the full-scale exercises. This has resulted in two months with evacuations, rescue missions, salvages, losses, fires, and other emergencies.

‘It provides the vessels with an opportunity to test whether you have the preparedness and competences you believe you have – and not least whether you react appropriately and as expected when the alarm sounds’, says Hans Richard Pedersen, Fleet Manager Operation at ESVAGT:

‘These are realistic scenarios and we train right where they might need to convert the exercise into real life. This ensures that we identify potential need for further training’, he says.

Captain Peter Pabst and the crew on board the ‘Esvagt Carpathia’ truly appreciate the exercises.

‘It really is excellent. The exercises are relevant, the assessors are qualified and seasoned, and the crew is fully engaged. It takes an hour and fifteen minutes to be evacuated by helicopter from the vessel’s location – so we performed CPR for an hour and fifteen minutes. It is hard work, but important training, says Peter Pabst.

## A positive response

The preparedness and skills in rescue missions at sea is a cornerstone in ESVAGT's operations, and the assessors' tour within the fleet, also called "Tour de North Sea", aims at complementing the daily rescue exercises and reinforcing the crew's competences.

'Training is crucial in strengthening preparedness and maintaining our competence levels', says Steffen Rudbech Nielsen, Head of Ship Management at ESVAGT:

'We must guarantee the preparedness and FRB competences that the client expects. We ensure this through daily training and OPITO exercises, which the entire fleet carries out – but we want to go the extra mile and further intensify the training. The exercises allow us to do that', says Steffen Rudbech Nielsen.

The full-scale exercises are carried out in close collaboration with the clients, who have followed the training with great interest.

'We have received positive feedback from clients. They appreciate our extra training, and the response has certainly been positive', says Steffen Rudbech Nielsen.

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## About ESVAGT

ESVAGT is a dedicated provider of safety and support at sea and a market leader within offshore wind solutions.

We support the offshore Oil & Gas industries with a wide range of specialized services: Standby, Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels (ERRV), Oil spill response, Firefighting, Tanker assists, Rig moves, Supply services and Interfield transfer of cargo and personnel.

We service offshore wind farms and have a fleet of dedicated Service Operation Vessels (SOV), which ESVAGT pioneered in 2010. The SOVs provide accommodation for technicians, spare time facilities, offices and conference room, storage for small turbine parts, workshops, etc. The SOV offers flexible

personnel and equipment transfer capabilities by either Walk-to-Work gangway system or Safe Transfer Boats.

ESVAGT was founded in 1981 and has a fleet of more than 40 vessels and approximately 900 employees on- and offshore.

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