**Emergency at sea a case study**

***An evacuation in heavy seas 135 NM out of the Coast of Esbjerg. The importance of a good crew , good communication and good joint host port contacts.***

***In this presentation director of the MA Harlingen Arjen Mintjes and captain of the Christian Radich Clas Jagdum will tell you the whole story of the evacuation.***

***They will focus on the communication between Ship - School - Parents and Esbjerg and handling a class A ship in heavy seas during an evacuation.***

***During the presentation a few short movies made during the evacuation will be shown.***

*During the yearly exchange between the Norwegian School ship “Christian Radich” and the Maritime Academy Harlingen in the late afternoon of the 21 March 2016 a young student bumped his head climbing the stairs in the accommodation.*

*The ship sailed at that moment in heavy seas 135 NM out of the coast of Esbjerg coming from Harlingen and bound for the Norwegian coast*

*Captain Clas Jagdum being warned by his crew that the injuries looked very serious decided to contact the medical assistance centre of the Norwegian S.A.R.*

*They advised a helicopter evacuation and warned the Danish S.A.R. services in Esbjerg which responded immediately.*

*In the meantime the captain contacted the director of the Maritime Academy Harlingen Arjen Mintjes by satellite phone to enable him to contact the boy’s parents .*

*It took the helicopter many attempts to evacuate the boy from the poop deck of the “Christian Radich” and during the debriefing the pilot said this was a very rough rescue.*

*Although one of the staff members of the MA Harlingen stood ready there was no possibility to lift another person into the helicopter.*

*To prevent the young boy from coming alone in a hospital in an unknown city the Harlingen school staff contacted their Esbjerg joint host port contacts .*

*Before the helicopter landed at the Esbjerg hospital Kirsten Kirchner of the Esbjerg tall ships committee stood ready. She accompanied the boy during his stay in hospital while her colleges from the port of Esbjerg prepared a landing berth for the ship the following morning.*