



Accidents

## Tug sinks following collision with containership at Spain's Barcelona Port



Port of Barcelona Port of Barcelona

Jens Karsten

Published on: 02 Jul 2025, 9:57 am

Follow Us: 

A tug with three people on board sank following a collision with a container vessel at the Port of Barcelona in Spain on Monday, June 30.

The tug *Cala Gullo* was assisting the Malta-flagged, 330-metre containership *Cape Sounio* as it was performing a turnaround manoeuvre prior to departing Barcelona's Hutchison Ports Best terminal at around 11:00 local time on Monday.

The containership's bow then struck the tug, which developed a severe list before ultimately sinking stern first.

The Port Authority of Barcelona immediately deployed emergency response teams and a pilot boat to render assistance. All three people who were on the tug were safely rescued by the pilot boat's crew.

No injuries have been reported among the rescued individuals and no pollution has been detected in the surrounding waters. *Cape Sounio* has since resumed her scheduled voyage to Valencia with an estimated arrival of Wednesday, July 2.

The Port Authority of Barcelona has begun an investigation into the mishap while work is ongoing to refloat the sunken tug.

---

Europe Spain Port of Barcelona Malta Cala Gullo

Cape Sounion

**Follow Us:**



## Related Stories

**Spain's Barcelona Port reports increase in external trade in H1 2025; growth in container, dry bulk and liquid cargo segments**

Jens Karsten · 28 Jul 2025

**Canadian firm to design electric tug for China's Tianjin Port**

Gareth Havelock · 25 Jul 2025

**Port of Barcelona to reduce number of terminals to streamline cruise operations**

Gareth Havelock · 18 Jul 2025

**TTI Algeciras submits €150m plan for terminal expansion**

Alan Bosworth · 09 Jul 2025

