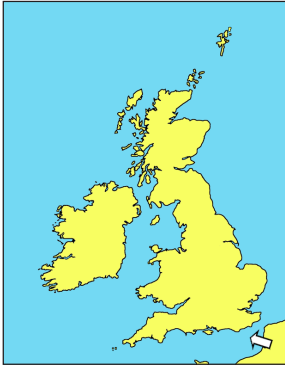


SYNOPSIS (*KORENBLOEM*)

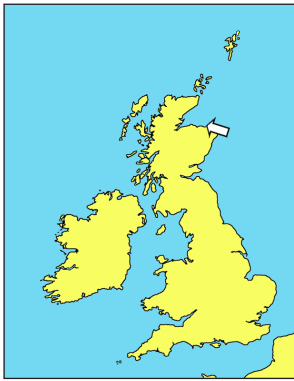


At approximately 1900 hours on 6 November 2009, James Grindy, a deckhand on board the scallop dredger *Korenbloem*, fell overboard while the vessel was preparing to shoot the port side scalloping gear. He had been standing on top of the catch in the scallop tray, as he was required to do during shooting and hauling operations. The scallop tray was constructed at almost the same height as the bulwark.

The vessel was in the Dover Strait and the weather was very rough with heavy swell, strong winds and squalls.

Two deckhands who had been working on the starboard side jumped into the water and managed to recover James Grindy on board with the help of the other crew members. After approximately 2 hours, he was airlifted and taken to the nearby Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel *RFA Mounts Bay*. He was pronounced dead at 2156 having suffered non-survivable injuries, most likely as a result of being crushed between the towing beam and the vessel's hull.

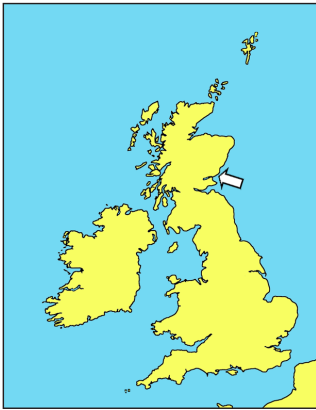
SYNOPSIS (*OSPREY III*)



During the evening of 11 November 2009, the UK registered stern trawler *Osprey III* was returning to Macduff, Scotland after a day's fishing. When lowering a damaged net back to the deck following repair, a bight of the net entered the water. This caused the portion of the net flaked on the deck to run over the stern and into the water. William Antonio, a Filipino deckhand, became entangled in the net and its ground gear, and was dragged overboard.

The skipper acted quickly to retrieve the net and manoeuvre the vessel next to William, who had surfaced close by. A line and a lifebuoy were thrown to him, but the skipper and remaining deckhand were unable to recover him back on board. After about 12 minutes on the surface William disappeared as the skipper and deckhand tried to move him to the stern where the vessel's freeboard was lowest. Despite an extensive search and rescue operation by seven vessels and a helicopter, William was not found before the search was called off the same evening. His body was eventually recovered from the seabed by *Osprey III* 1 week later.

SYNOPSIS (*OPTIK*)



Raymond Davidson, a crewman on the creel fishing vessel *Optik*, was dragged overboard while shooting creels. The vessel's skipper succeeded in recovering the casualty to the vessel's side by hauling in the rope which had initially dragged him overboard. However, despite the casualty being hoisted to the davit block by his ankle, the skipper was unable to get him onboard. A crewman from another nearby fishing vessel was transferred to *Optik* to assist in pulling the casualty on board. Once on board, first-aid was administered by way of chest compressions and artificial respiration, but these were stopped after a few minutes as the casualty appeared to be lifeless. Thirty minutes later, crew members of the Arbroath lifeboats attended and restarted resuscitation to the casualty, and this continued until he subsequently arrived in hospital. Small signs of life were initially detected by the hospital staff, but it was not possible to resuscitate him.

The accident happened during a routine creel shooting operation which, despite having been carried out many times, had never been properly evaluated to make the operation as safe as possible. During the shooting operation, the casualty was required to work in close proximity to unguarded ropes on deck; during this operation his foot became entangled in a rope and he was dragged overboard and down to the seabed by the weight of attached fishing gear.