

# Investigation of foundering of a fishing vessel in the Varangerfjord

The NSIA has decided to investigate the accident involving the fishing vessel Amalie Sofie LG4901.

On 5 August 2025, the fishing vessel was out trawling for shrimps when the it listed, capsized and subsequently foundered.

An emergency beacon was activated when the vessel sank, initiating a rescue operation to locate the fishing vessel and its crew.

There were three people on board. Two people survived, while one person has died.

The investigation will clarify the sequence of events and the contributing factors to the accident. Based on this, the NSIA will assess areas for improving safety.

It is not the NSIA's task to apportion blame or liability under criminal or civil law. The purpose of the investigation is solely to contribute to learning and the prevention of serious incidents and accidents.

## Status of investigation

The investigation is still ongoing but is in its final stages. The investigation has taken somewhat longer than anticipated, partly due to a complex salvage operation. Some work remains to be completed regarding the internal quality assurance of factual information, analyses, and conclusions before the report can be submitted for external review and publication.

Latest update: 04.08.2026

## Facts

Location                      Varangerfjorden

Occurrence date          05.08.2025

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| Accident category | Foundering                                   |
| Area              | Norwegian Territorial Waters                 |
| Name of vessel    | Amalie Sofie                                 |
| Accident type     | Fatal Accident, Lost/missing vessel, Capsize |
| Vessel type       | Fishing Vessel                               |
| Register          | The Norwegian Ship Register                  |

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