

Investigation of a marine accident involving a rental boat in Nappstraumen, Lofoten

The Norwegian Safety Investigation Authority has launched an investigation into the maritime accident involving a rental boat that occurred on 26 September 2025 in Nappstraumen, Lofoten in north of Norway. There were six Swedish tourists and a tourist guide on board when the vessel capsized. A rescue operation was launched in which a diver from the Rescue Service died. The tourist guide and five of the group were rescued from the hull of the capsized vessel. A young Swedish girl, who also was part of the group, died as a result of the accident. She was later found dead inside the wheelhouse, which had become detached from the vessel and sunk.

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.

The investigation will be divided into two reports, Part 1 and Part 2.

- **Part 1** will present the findings of the NSIA's examination of the sequence of events leading up to the capsizing, and the subsequent period until the evacuation of the survivors had been completed. Among other things, the report will examine how the capsizing could occur, as well as the vessel's design and stability in relation to the applicable regulations.
- **Part 2** will present the findings of the NSIA's investigation of the diving accident. This report will address the rescue attempt following the vessel's capsizing, when the diver from the Norwegian Society for Sea Rescue was tasked with recovering the person who remained in the pilothouse. Among other things, the report will examine how the accident could occur and assess the Norwegian Society for Sea Rescue's diving operations and risk management.

The investigation is in its final phase.

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Facts

Location	Nappstraumen, Lofoten
Occurrence date	26.09.2025
Accident category	Capsize
Area	Norwegian Territorial Waters
Name of vessel	Utleiebåt
Accident type	Fatal Accident, Capsize, Passenger accident, Loss of stability
Vessel type	Passenger Ship - Ferry

NSIA conducts its investigations for the sole purpose of improving transportation safety. The object of a safety investigation is to clarify the sequence of events and root cause factors, study matters of significance for the prevention of transportation accidents and improvement of transportation safety, and to publish a report with eventually safety recommendations. NSIA shall not apportion any blame or liability. Use of information from this investigation for any other purpose than for improvements of transportation safety shall be avoided.