



## MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

### United States-Flagged Steam Ship EL FARO General Fact Sheet

El Faro, en route from Jacksonville, Florida on September 29 at 9:48 p.m., scheduled to arrive to San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 2 at 5 a.m., was reported to have lost propulsion and to be taking on water which caused the vessel to list at 15 degrees October 1. The S.S. El Faro's last known position was 36NM northeast of Acklins/Crooked Islands. The wreckage of the S.S. El Faro was located Saturday, Oct. 31 2015, at a depth of about 15,000 feet. The wreckage was located in the vicinity of the ships last known position.

#### **S.S. EL FARO Casualty Facts**

790-foot roll on-roll off containership, U.S. Flagged, U.S. built in 1975

33 people on board

8 U.S. citizens

5 Polish nationals

Departed Jacksonville, Florida on 29 September

391 containers above deck

294 containers below deck, most of which contained cars and trailers

Last contact from the vessel was the 0730 INMARSAT Oct. 1

Life ring confirmed to be from El Faro found 70 miles North East of last known position

2 other life rings found; unable to be recovered

One container found; unconfirmed from El Faro

Objects have been found in the water (shipping container, life jacket, life ring)

Reported oil sheen in the search area

Found one deceased person floating in an immersion suit in the debris field 04OCT; unable to recover, unknown identity.

Located capsized lifeboat; confirmed to be from El Faro 04OCT

Tote Services, Inc., is the ship's operator, Owners are Sea Star Line, LLC.

#### **S.S. EL FARO**

**Details** Vessel built –

1975 Vessel length – 790

Ft Type ship – freight

#### **Recent Inspection History**

Last inspected by CG – 06 March 2015, Coast Guard conducted an Alternate Compliance Program annual inspection

Entered Alternate Compliance Program – Feb 2006

Last Dry Dock date – Dec 2013

#### **Lifesaving Equipment:**

Lifeboats – 2 (1 is motor lifeboat)

Lifeboat capacity – 43 persons per lifeboat

Rafts – The vessel was fitted with a full complement of required safety equipment including lifeboats and

liferrafts Raft capacity – 46 person

Immersion suits - 46

#### **Communications Equipment:**

VHF radios – 3

Radar transponders – 2 (3GHZ)

Global Positioning Satellite

EPIRB – 1

Inmarsat