



STATE MARINE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

WIM 15/2015

RESOLUTION

The **State Marine Accident Investigation Commission** composed of:

Cezary Łuczywek - the Chairman of the SMAIC

Krzysztof Kuropieska - the Member of the SMAIC

Piotr Carlson - the Expert of the SMAIC

on 7 November 2016, having considered the materials related to a very serious marine casualty of a sea-going sailing yacht *Down North* under the Canadian flag, which took place on 30 May 2015 in the Bay of Pomerania, as a result of which the yacht sank and one of the crew members died, has decided that sinking of the yacht had been caused by flooding with water due to a list - caused by a strong blast of wind - to starboard above the angle of flooding which was considerably lower after reconstruction in comparison with the original structure of the yacht. The Commission has found out that the structural changes of the yacht had been implemented without supervision of the classifier and the yacht had been operated commercially with unknown stability characteristics. Also, the Commission has found out that the yacht *Down North* had no right to fly the Canadian flag.

The Commission recognizes that it is necessary to prepare and publish the final report.

Signatures of the Commission Members:

Chairman:

Member:

Expert: