

WinGD Employees raise funds for the German Society for the Rescue of Shipwrecked Persons

2018 marked the 25th anniversary of the "Jan Heweliusz" accident. In the early hours of January 14th, 1993, the ferry capsized and sank in 27 metres of water off Cape Arcona on the coast of Rügen in the Baltic Sea while sailing toward Ystad with 64 passengers and crew. The accident claimed the lives of 20 crewmen and 35 passengers. The sinking of Jan Heweliusz is the most deadly peacetime maritime disaster involving a Polish ship.

In commemoration of this important anniversary, donations were made on behalf of WinGD, Wärtsilä Services Switzerland and WinGD employee personal contributions, totaling over 7,000 CHF to the German Society for the Rescue of Shipwrecked Persons (DGzRS). DGzRS is one of the most modern sea rescue services in the world. They are responsible for Search and Rescue in German territorial waters in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, including the Exclusive Economic Zone.

WinGD is committed to improving safety in the marine industry. WinGD offers training courses in key locations around the world with the goal of enhancing the knowledge, skill and safety of marine engineers. By creating real engine room scenarios in the WinGD Training Centres, including worst-case scenario situations, which are impossible to replicate in on-board training, trainees witness and experience a full range of engine room experiences, ensuring they are able to keep a level head, making sound decisions, even in high-stress situations.

Thank you to everyone who made contributions to this worthy cause. Donations can still be made at this [link](#).

You can learn more about the sinking of the Jan Heweliusz [here](#).



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