

Five missing in Lagos merchant tanker, boat accident

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FIVE persons are feared missing following the collision of a merchant tanker with a boat along the Lagos channel, Tin Can Island.

The accident occurred on Sunday. *The Nation* learnt that the tanker belongs to an indigenous shipping, but the owner is yet to be confirmed.

Another source alleged

that the vessel belongs to Genesis Worldwide Shipping Company

The Nigerian Port Authority's Chief Harbour Master, captain Uwuake confirmed the accident.

The number of crew in the boat could not be ascertained.

Eyewitnesses explained that poor visibility and pilotage were responsible for the accident.

Besides, a source said that NPA lacked efficient radar and equipment to monitor the channel.

Efforts to speak with the Tin Can Island Port Termi-

nal coordinator, Mr. Joshua Asangha proved abortive as his mobile telephone was switched off.

The Port Authority Police Command said it had not received the report of the accident.

Also effort to speak with Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency's spokesperson Hajia Lamin Tumaka was fruitless. She could not be reached.