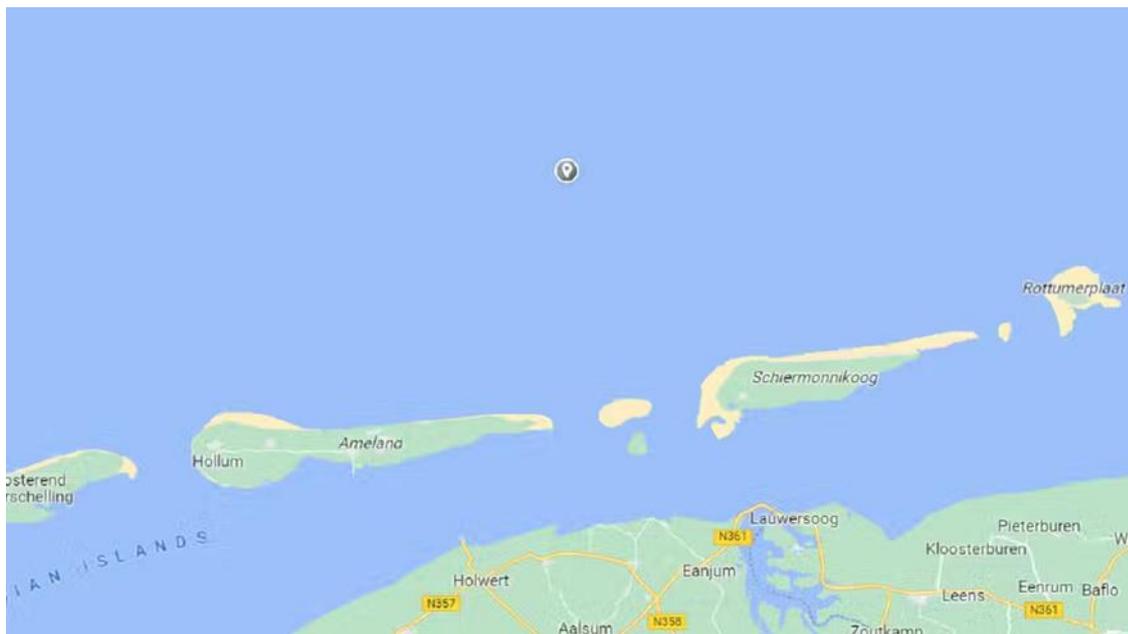


FREMANTLE HIGHWAY

Summary of updates received from local authorities until noon 31 august.

On 28 July Salvors managed to establish a proper tow connection in preparation of the towage to a temporary anchorage. The temperature on board had decreased substantially and it was decided to move the vessel further east to allocation North of the island Schiermonnikoog, some 35 Nm East her present position.



During the weekend the options regarding the towage to a temporary anchorage were discussed between Salvors, Shipowners and the Coastguard.

On 29 July 21:45 LT a second tow connection could be made on the vessel's aft ship in preparation of the towage. In view of the South westerly wind however it was not yet possible to commence the towage since the smoke still originating from the fire would endanger the crew of the tug boats.

On 30 July the smoke originating from the fire had decreased considerably and with weather circumstances in favour it was decided to commence towage.

At 17:30 LT the tow train left bound for the temporary anchorage. At a speed of 3 knots a voyage of approximately 12 to 14 hours was expected.

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On 31 July 11:30 LT the FREMANTLE HIGHWAY arrived at the intended location.

No further difficulties have been encountered during the tow voyage and also the smoke development had remained minimal.

It is the intention to anchor the vessel and to have an inspection team on board as soon as circumstances allow. Both tugs will stay connected however and in the mean time a port will be considered with suitable facilities to further deal with the vessel.

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