



The Wrath of the Irish Sea

Belfast Port

Problem

Force 11 gales threaten the engine of a seismic survey vessel burdened with 8 tow lines in the Irish Sea.

Brief

To assist a seismic survey vessel survive a violent storm in the Irish Sea.

Solution

SMS is mobilised into force 11 gales to assist a seismic survey vessel as it struggles with 8 tow lines worth of equipment. In near hurricane-force conditions, there is a significant risk of the vessel losing engine power, which would bring catastrophic results to both the vessel and the equipment in tow.

One of the vessels on the job was the Englishman, which was given the task of safeguarding the tow lines, should the vessel lose power. With the storm raging on for weeks, the Englishman proved to be a guardian angel to the vessel, circling in turbulent waters and ensuring that the seismic survey vessel and its precious equipment made it through the storm.

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