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## LEGAL OPINION

### Collision of anchored vessels

During adverse weather conditions, an anchored vessel drifted driven by the wind, due to allegedly being anchored in an improper / unsafe way, and struck a vessel anchored next to it. The owners of the latter sued for damages.

The court examined whether the circumstances, under which the collision occurred, were adequately described and invoked in the lawsuit. Further, it confirmed the circumstances supporting liability of the guilty vessel were, sufficiently defined, and so was the damage sustained. Accordingly, the Court accepted the claim of the innocent vessel owners.

Piraeus one-member Court of Appeal Judgment no 88/2019, Judge: M. Kottaki, Attorneys at law: N. Kouloheris, D. Drakoulogonas, Maritime Law Review vol. 47, p. 198.

NOTE: Anchored vessels are also covered by the collision provisions of Greek Code of Private Maritime Law. Further, apart from the shipowner company of the guilty vessel, the answerable individual (eg Master etc), is also suable in person under tort provisions.

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