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Salvage without hope

A dramatic incident occurred in the Elbe off Cuxhaven when the 22.000 tons passenger ship "Italia" collided with the highsea tug "Fairplay I". The tug instantly began to sink and the passengers were witnesses of a tragic salvaging operation. The 5 year old son of the tug captain Reese was drowned in the bridge, whilst the wireless operator was alive for some time in a water-tight cabin. It was impossible to get him out, because the tug would have sunk completely, if the air escaped. The salvaging ships arrived too late to save him.

Coverage includes:

shots of the collision from the air (reproduced photos)
the sinking of the tug-crew on the capsized boat- the salvaging operation.