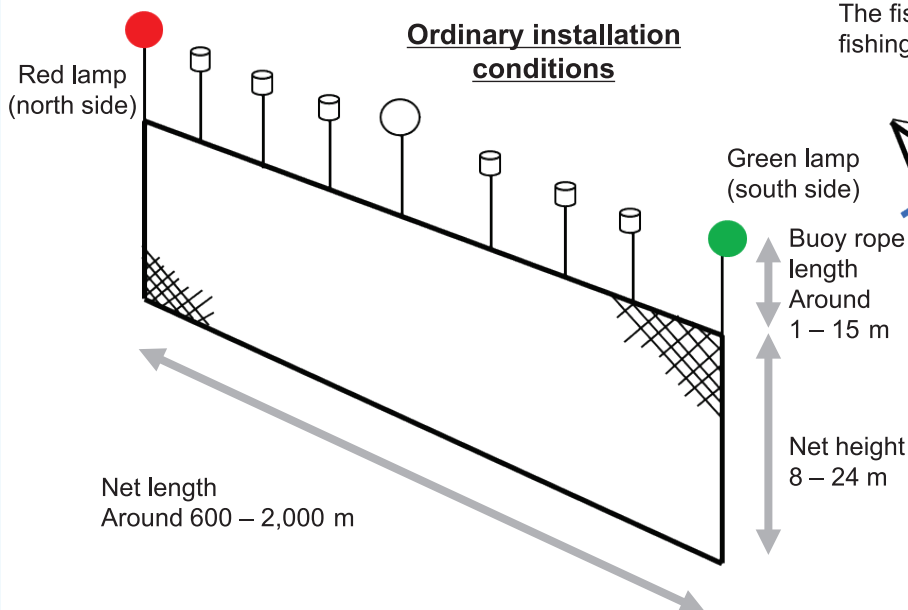


In the Bisan Seto Sea Area

Ensuring Safety in Nighttime Drift Gill Net Fishing Operations

In the Bisan Seto Sea Area, the coast guard headquarters receives reports every year of accidents in which fishing equipment (nets) are severed by vessel that passes over a drift gill net. Vessels navigating in the Bisan Seto Sea Area must observe the Maritime Traffic Safety Law and the Regulation for Preventing Collisions at Sea, and must pay attention to the following matters and ensure safety.

Drift gill net fishing (operating from around sundown to sunrise)

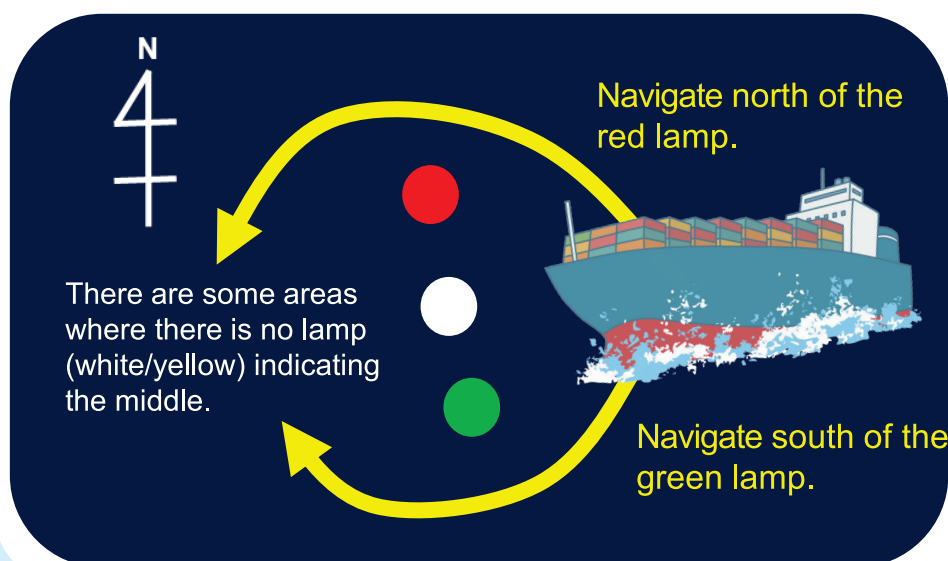


The fishing boat waits near the location where the fishing equipment is installed.



Spanish mackerel, butterfish, and other drift net (drift gill net) fishing occurs along the coastal areas and shipping routes of Okayama Prefecture and Kagawa Prefecture every year from April to November. * When boats are fishing in a group, the lights may be confusing and difficult to identify.

Avoiding passing over drift gill nets



Maintaining a careful watch

Maintain a visual and radar watch, and grasp the locations of drift gill net fishing.

Early evasion

Perform early evasion in order to travel north of the red lamp or south of the green lamp.

Always listen to international VHF (CH16)

Turn up the volume so that calls from other stations can be heard.

Inquiries

Navigation Safety Division, Maritime Traffic Department, 6th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters
082-251-5111 (front desk)

Call 118 to report maritime incidents and accidents.



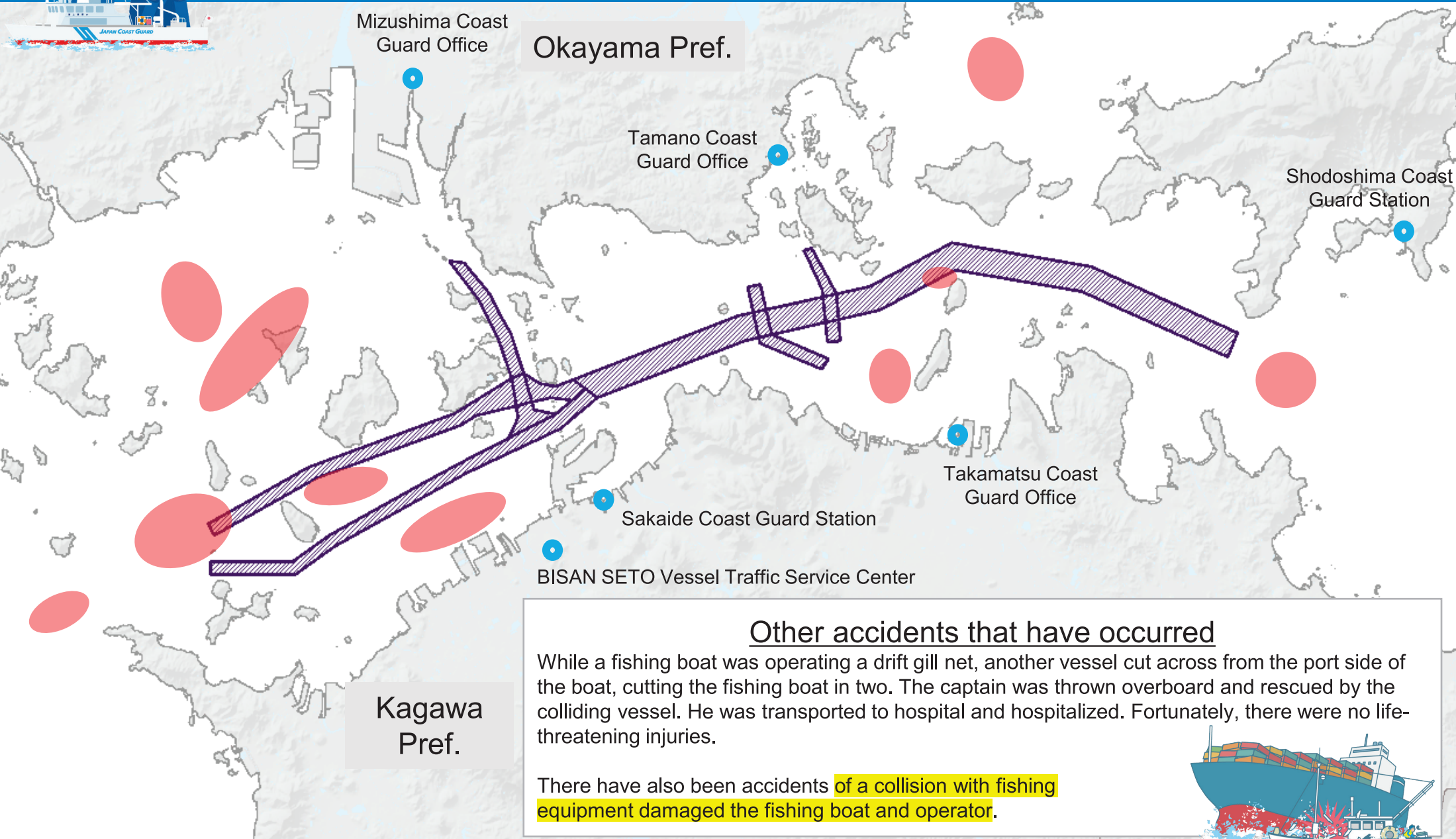
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Areas where fishing equipment severing accidents have occurred in the Bisan Seto Sea Area



Other accidents that have occurred

While a fishing boat was operating a drift gill net, another vessel cut across from the port side of the boat, cutting the fishing boat in two. The captain was thrown overboard and rescued by the colliding vessel. He was transported to hospital and hospitalized. Fortunately, there were no life-threatening injuries.

There have also been accidents of a collision with fishing equipment damaged the fishing boat and operator.



* The areas where accidents involving severing of drift gill net fishing equipment have occurred shown in this leaflet are the areas where many reports have been received by the Japan Coast Guard.