

## Yves Goossens

Born Belgium, Ghent (Sept 20, 1968)

### Career

1987 - 1998: merchant marine officer EXMAR –CMB-group

1998 - 2004: management functions (SHEQ-manager – business development manager) URS nv (Antwerp based private towage & salvage company)

2004 - ...: CEO VLOOT dab (VLOOT is a governmental organization specialized in the management of ships dedicated to typical governmental, safety and security services. It manages a fleet of about 45 vessels including the pilot vessels of the Flanders Port Area Pilots and counts 560 colleagues).

2012 - 2015: member of the strategic committee Flanders Maritime Cluster

2006 - 2016: member of the Board Flanders Marine Institute

2012 - ...: assessor to the Belgian Maritime Court

2016 - 2018: temporary assignment by the Minister of Public Works & Mobility for the reorganization of the Flemish Pilotage (CEO Flanders Port Area Pilotage)

2004 - ...: guest lecturer Ghent University (Port Management)

### Grades

MM (Antwerp Maritime Academy)

MSc Nautical Sciences (Antwerp Maritime Academy)

MBA (Newport University)

Occupational Health & Safety - advanced program (Catholic University College Sint-Lieven (University of Leuven (KUL)))

Advanced Management (Vlerick Business School – Ghent/Leuven University)

### VLOOT

ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & ISM-certified company

Award of the Most Sustainable Flemish Governmental Organization (2015)

On December 10th 2018, one of our fast pilot launches, working from the pilot station vessel WANDELAAR, hit the side structure of a heavy load vessel bound for Flushing and tipped over. One pilot climbed the pilot ladder but our two pilot launch crew members and a second pilot fell overboard.

My contribution will focus on the SAR-operation that started immediately and the analysis and preventive measures taken as soon as the incident occurred, as well as following the outcome of the investigation.