

## A man dies crushed by a container at the ferry station: "He was very popular with the people of the island of Yeu"

It's a dramatic work accident. An agent from the Yeu Island ferry station died on Sunday, March 22. The island is in mourning.



The man was a docking agent for the Yeu Continent company. It was crushed by a container. Here, Port-Joinville, on the island of Yeu. ©Tifenn Lorcy

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A drama occurred on Sunday, March 22 on [the island of Yeu \(Vendée\)](#) shortly before 4 p.m. A 38-year-old man, Benoit Jacoulot, died in a work accident, after being crushed by a container. The man worked for the company Yeu Continent. The accident

occurred while a freight transport ship, the Taillefer, was unloading its cargo. The container, lifted by a crane, fell on the man.

When help arrived, the victim was unchecked and taken care of by the ambulance and doctor Héliumur. Unfortunately, despite early resuscitation, he was declared dead.

"It's a drama. He was the spouse of a person on our list," says Laure Barault, a candidate for the municipal elections. The accident took place just before election night. The whole island was plunged into amazement.

He was a jovial man, very appreciated. He was an agent in town hall, and in green spaces. He was very kind.

Benoit Jacoulot, although not from the island of Yeu, very quickly integrated. "He was very kind and very appreciated by the people of the island. He had plans. "

## **"Esteemed and respected by all"**

"A terrible drama struck an operating agent of the Yeu-Continent maritime transport agency in the early afternoon, during a maneuver on the port. The 38-year-old victim was an esteemed and respected agent of all. At this time it is still too early to establish precisely the circumstances of the tragedy. I want to offer my deepest condolences to his family, loved ones and all his colleagues. We are all terribly shocked and tested by this drama" said Christelle Morançais, the president of the Pays de la Loire region, which is the governance of the Yeu-Continent company.

"Terrible drama," "tragedy", "there are not enough words"... many comments have poured into social networks to pay tribute to this man and his family.

On Monday, March 23, the Yeu Continent company had closed its counters.