

Information Note

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Subject: Mooring Incident

Incident Overview

One of our members has informed us of a serious incident that occurred last week.

The incident involved one of their shore-side linesman who had been assisting in the letting go of an AHT (Anchor Handling Tug) from a berth. The linesman's foot became entangled in the rope tail of the mooring line causing him to be pulled off the quay and resulting in him being suspended from the bow of the ship, prior to being lowered into the water and recovered by his colleagues to the quayside.

A full investigation has been launched, but in the meantime the submitting company has asked that MSF disseminate this information to all members; so that they can review their risk assessments and method statements for this type of operation and be aware of the hazards associated with rope tails on mooring lines, regardless of how short they may appear.

An update will be given on the conclusion of the investigation to share the relevant learnings.