

# Safety Alert

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**Subject: Unsafe Boarding of Vessels**

## What Happened / Narrative

Over the last year one of our members has received a number of reports from their fleet of individuals boarding vessels via means other than the ships gangway.

There are a number of similarities between the incidents experienced;

- Individuals doing this are not ship's crew.
- Takes place when the vessel is either preparing to sail or is coming alongside.
- No gangway out at the time
- Individuals jump aboard through open ship side doors.

During the most recent incident a surveyor from a classification society boarded the vessel whilst it was still being made fast, having just come alongside. The side door had been open to facilitate monitoring of the launch and recovery of the rescue boat for survey purposes, however, the safety chain was across the space (see picture below). The surveyor removed the chain and jumped from the quayside onto the ship. The aft mooring station had only just confirmed the vessel was all fast to the bridge and the engines and thrusters were still running when the incident occurred.

## Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

All vessels are requested to;

- Report any further instances to their QHSE department.
- Ensure that ships side doors/pilot doors are kept closed when not in use.
- Ensure the doors are only open when needed, a chain should be placed across the doorway with a sign stating no entry whilst not immediately ready for use.

## Photographs / Supporting Information



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