

Safety Alert

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Subject: LTI – Squeezed Thumb

What Happened / Narrative

The Injured Party was opening the watertight door into the bow thruster room at the end of his shift. As he placed his hand on the operating handle, he placed his other hand on the watertight door framework opposite. As the door opened it squeezed his thumb in between the frame plating and the door housing.

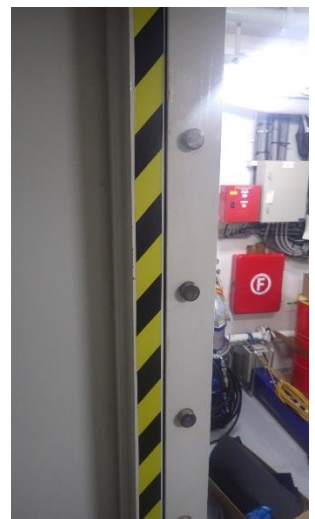
Why Did it Happen / Cause

The Injured Party placed his hand on the opposite side to steady himself just in case of movement by the vessel. Unfortunately, the framework provides a flat surface and is easily taken as being a “safe spot” to place hands while operating the operating lever.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- At the next safety meeting vessels are requested to discuss the incident.
- Ensure that the familiarisation tour of the vessel for new crewmembers is carried out effectively highlighting potential hazards. Especially moving machinery, stored energy situations, equipment etc
- Encourage New Crewmembers to ask questions if any elements of their role or task are not fully understood.
- Supervision of new crewmembers onboard is paramount to provide the trainees with a foundation to ensure them a safe working environment. All supervisors are encouraged to ensure close mentoring and supervision for the next generation of seafarer.
- Look at ways to highlight the hazards surrounding the weather tight and watertight doors onboard.
- Hazard marking added to door frame as can be seen in the picture on the right below.
- Concentration on the task at hand is vital to ensure we all go home in the same condition as we joined the vessel.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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