

Risk Alert - Man Overboard in Restricted Waters



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The Club would like to bring to Members' attention the recently released Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board report into the fatality of an Ordinary Seaman onboard the container vessel Santa Clara.

The incident occurred when the vessel was proceeding to pick up the Bremerhaven Pilot and resulted in the loss overboard of a seafarer whilst rigging an accommodation ladder in preparation for receiving the pilot.

Ref DMAIB Report 10/05/2021 - Site of incident

The Club would encourage all Members and their staff to review the report having particular attention to:

Rigging of accommodation ladders, having due regard to safety of personnel involved in the operation and the potential for snagging / unusual operation of the equipment.

Review of Man Over Board procedures, particularly when sailing in restricted waters.

The use of Personal Protective Equipment, having due regard to the particular risks of the activity being undertaken and the environmental conditions being experienced.

Should Members have any questions in regard to this, or any other of the Club Risk Alerts, then please contact the Club's Loss Prevention Department.