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Dear Member,

Mitigating Man Overboard Incidents & Ensuring Worker Safety Near Water

With the recent cases on man overboard incidents, it is ever more critical for us to conduct thorough risk assessments and implement control measures for workers in close proximity to water, in order to prevent accidental falls into water. Workers should be equipped with proper personal protective equipment such as life jackets to reduce the risk of drowning should an unfortunate event of falling into water happens.

We must ensure that workers working near bodies of water are aware of the potential hazards that they may encounter in a shipping or port environment. They should be trained and equipped with the necessary knowledge to do their work safely (e.g., how to step on and off a launch boat).

As such, the Singapore Shipping Association strongly urges you to look through the safety resources for your information and dissemination to the relevant stakeholders.

1. [Port Marine Circular No. 34 of 2020](#) — Guidelines for Safe Transfer of Persons between Vessels at Anchorages
2. [“Guide to WSH for Service Providers on Safe Working on Ships at Anchorage”](#) — details hazards when boarding and working onboard a vessel, such as slippery surfaces and unguarded tank or hatch openings.
3. Safe Boarding of Vessels Poster – Download [here](#)
4. Wear Your Life Jacket Poster – Download [here](#)
5. Safe Boarding of Vessels Video – Watch [here](#)
6. Safe Boarding of Vessel at Sea with GAC – Watch [here](#)
7. Case Studies for Working In and Around Water – Download [here](#)

Thank You.

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