

HEAVY WEATHER LEADING TO A FATALITY

THE QUESTIONS BELOW WILL HELP YOU TO REVIEW THE INCIDENT CASE STUDY EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS. IF POSSIBLE, DISCUSS YOUR CONCLUSIONS WITH OTHERS, AS THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF THINKING ABOUT THE ISSUES IN MORE DEPTH.

Please use the information provided in the case study together with your own experiences and thoughts, to reflect on the incident and how the issues identified might relate to your own situation.

WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT?

WHAT OTHER FACTORS DO YOU THINK CONTRIBUTED TO THE INCIDENT?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK WERE THE BARRIERS THAT SHOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE INCIDENT?

WHY DO YOU THINK THESE BARRIERS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE ON THIS OCCASION?

DOES YOUR SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INCLUDE A HEAVY WEATHER POLICY? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH IT? IS IT USED AS INTENDED?

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WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT COMPLACENT SAFETY BEHAVIOUR DEVELOPING ON BOARD YOUR SHIP?

IN WHAT WAYS COULD RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE MAIN DECK BE PROMULGATED TO ALL CREW TO PREVENT INADVERTENT ACCESS BEING MADE ONCE RESTRICTED?

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA ON BOARD YOUR VESSEL FOR TRIGGERING THE COMPLETION OF A RISK ASSESSMENT? DO YOU CONSIDER THESE CRITERIA TO BE STRINGENT ENOUGH?

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DOES YOUR EMERGENCY TRAINING ON BOARD ALSO COVER SCENARIOS WHERE YOU HAVE TO RETRIEVE A PERSON FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FORECASTLE IN CHALLENGING CONDITIONS? IF NOT, CONSIDER INSTIGATING SUCH DRILLS PERIODICALLY.

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