

SAFETY AWARD for Safety Catch of the Month

Background:

The Company encourages identifying and reporting unsafe situations (unsafe conditions, unsafe acts and near misses) as means of addressing early underlying environment for potential accidents/injuries or incidents.

Furthermore- everyone shall be aware he/she is authorized to Stop the Job if it is apparent that harm could occur to yourself, other person(s), the environment, the vessel/property or reputation

References:

- 1) VMS: [Company and its Policies](#) > Safety, Environmental and Quality Policy
- 2) VMS: [Fleet Ops](#) > [9.0 Safety Management](#) > [9.3 Accident and Incident Management](#) > 9.3.4 Near Miss, Unsafe Act and Unsafe Condition
- 3) Form SAF97 "STOP card"

ACTIONS REQUIRED

This Bulletin introduces formally the Safety Award program for best reported unsafe situation onboard. This program shall be included in the familiarization for new comers onboard.

Ship's onboard Safety Committee:

- 1) Remind monthly all crew members of the importance and benefits of reporting unsafe situations (unsafe conditions, acts near misses) and encourage them to do this using the STOP cards

Involve all ranks in seeing and reporting hazards, not just Officers

- 2) Review the reports received and record them in Shipsure
- 3) Select the best one as "Safety Catch of the Month" by verifying if it clearly identifies the hazard and falls under the **Medium** or **High harm potential** category

Note for Categories:

Low (L) – no, or very insignificant potential for harm

Medium (M) – could result in injury, minor impact on environment, or minor damage to vessel

High (H) – could result in serious injury, major impact to environment, major damage to vessel/property

- 4) Announce the winner in front of the crew and present him/her with an award (100\$ or other /similar benefits – calling /internet card, soft drinks etc)
- 5) Post a photograph of the Winner on the notice board
- 6) Advise your DPA of the selected best Safety Catch of the Month sending also details of the report

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