

Sea fastening

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One of our Members has reported that recently, whilst one of their barges was being towed across the Atlantic, shelving around the barge was found to be moving due to inadequate support and fixing.

This situation could have resulted in injury to personnel or damage to equipment.

Our Member took the following actions:

The Member has issued a reminder to personnel on its vessels that during vessel movements it is imperative that all materials and equipment are securely fastened to prevent movement. This should include items such as shelving, filing cabinets, furniture etc. and all such items should be inspected to ensure that they are securely supported and fastened before the transit of the vessel commences.

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