

## Anchor handling on deck

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**A Member has reported a recent incident on board an anchor handling vessel which resulted in a serious injury to one of the deck crew.**

### What happened?

The cause of the injury was whipping of a tugger wire that parted under load whilst manoeuvring a disconnected anchor across the deck. The anchor was disconnected from the lay barge for wet storage and was being moved to the stern of the vessel for over-boarding. It tipped over the stern roller and broke one of the attached tugger wires (24mm) due to slack in the pennant wire allowing excess movement of the anchor.

### The company involved has identified the following as good practice:

1. Include toolbox talks with the crew before the start of a new job.  
Implement toolbox talks for any non-routine work. Keep minutes of these talks and action list.
2. Perform regular checks on all load-bearing apparatus/rigging.
3. Always maintain tension on the pennant wire when over boarding anchors over the stern roller.
4. Always follow approved procedures when performing operations.
5. Be aware of action/position of all crew members and ensure that all personnel are in safe areas and aware of the work.

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