



QUICK CLOSING VALVES - DO NOT BLOCK



- **HELMET ELEMENT 11 'Emergency Preparedness' – Item 6 'Engine Room'**
- **SIRE 2.0 Questionnaire – 5.2. Fixed Fire Protection Systems, 10.7 Fire Protection Measures**
- **SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 4**
- **IMO: MSC.1/Circ.1432 'Revised guidelines for the maintenance and inspection of fire protection systems and Appliances'.**

INCIDENT

During a real-time Engine audit, our Auditor found the fuel oil Quick Closing Valves (QCV) blocked, by preventing smooth operation.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The oil tanks are fitted with quick closing valves, so that in the event of an emergency such as fire, to cut off the fuel supply from a remote location and prevent the fuel in tank to feed the fire.

SUGGESTIONS

- Run a safety campaign to ensure crew awareness of the importance and smooth operation of quick closing valves.
- Ensure crew awareness on how to test the quick closing valves during a PSC inspection.
- Inspect all moving parts of the valves to be free of obstacles or stops as per Company's PMS.
- Keep records of testing and maintenance.

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