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CASE

While the PAS Assessor was conducting a real time navigation audit, an improper set up of the gangway was observed. More specifically, while the deck crew was deploying the gangway ladder, an AB was observed walking along the gangway without having attached their harness at a secured spot/position (on the ship's or ladder's rail). Moreover, when the Deck Officer on watch noticed such an unsafe action, he immediately instructed him to attach the harness at ship's rail whilst at a later stage the AB disclosed that he was instructed to cross the ladder without receiving specific and clear safety rules.

The subject unsafe behaviour is considered critical and opposed to the company's safety culture and behavioral awareness program.



REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

AS PER CSWP 2.0, 2015 EDITION – AMENDMENT 2021 , CH. 8.10

all personnel who are working at height (i.e. in any position from which there is a risk of falling) should wear a safety harness (or belt with shock absorber) attached to a lifeline.

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AS PER HELMET SAFETY PROGRAM, ELEMENT 4 'SAFETY', ITEM 3

Ship's personnel are aware of the instructions, guidance and the importance of the correct and safe use of PPE.



WHAT WENT WRONG?

-  Non-compliance with regulations and Company's procedures.
-  Lack of experience.
-  Lack of situational awareness and understanding the importance of use the PPE.
-  Inadequate supervision, toolbox meeting and job planning.
-  Lack of good seamanship and safety culture.



OUR SUGGESTION

We suggest the following actions with the aim to prevent such cases from occurring::

- 🕒 Highlight the vital importance of the proper use of PPE.
- 🕒 Carry out toolbox meeting prior every work on deck.
- 🕒 Emphasize, as a supervisor, the correct utilization of the PPE.
- 🕒 Ensure proper supervision during the preparation of boarding arrangements.
- 🕒 Ensure understanding by the seafarers of the vital role of the Safety Culture and good seamanship.



BEST PRACTICE

- ✅ Follow the Company's procedures and ensure understanding of Stop Work Authority.
- ✅ Raise awareness on the importance of the proper use of PPE.
- ✅ Pay attention during the toolbox meeting and drill down to safety details related to the intended task.
- ✅ Carry out safety training and ensure clear understanding of unsafe acts/conditions.
- ✅ Highlight the importance of situational awareness, critical thinking and good seamanship.

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