

**MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 34 OF 1999**

**(Navigational & Seamanship Safety Practices)**

**Observance of Safety at Work on Board Fishing Vessels**

1. In recent cases of accident occurred on board local licensed fishing vessels, crew members are reported to have fallen overboard, and in some cases injured while handling winches or other fishing gears.
2. It is generally observed that the causes of the recent accidents are due to the lack of safety awareness in winching operation and safe movement on board vessel while at work.
3. Owners, masters and persons-in-charge of fishing vessels may take note that the guidance provided in a safety pamphlet "Local Vessels Safety Practice" published by the Marine Department is also relevant and applicable to fishing vessel. This pamphlet can be obtained free of charge from Marine Industrial Safety Section, 23/F Harbour Building 38 Pier Road, Central Hong Kong. Personnel working on board fishing vessels should follow the guidance provided in this pamphlet.

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