

Crew Fatality while Working Inside the Forepeak Tank.

1. The Incident

- 1.1 On 9 March 2006, while the Hong Kong registered ship *Winner* was proceeding from Brazil to Singapore, a team of crewmembers comprising the Bosun and two Ordinary Seamen were carrying out maintenance work inside the forepeak tank.
- 1.2 During the course of the work, an Ordinary Seaman of the working team fell into the bottom of the forepeak tank through a height of about 15 metres. He died in the incident.

2. Lessons Learnt

- 2.1 Personnel working inside the forepeak tank should exercise caution to safeguard against the risk of fall;
- 2.2 Workplace should be adequately illuminated; and
- 2.3 Safety belt should be attached to an anchor point when working aloft.