

Fatal accident on board the dumb steel lighter "*Millions Harvest No.2*" on 17 July 2006

1. The Incident

- 1.1 An accident happened onboard the dumb steel lighter "*Millions Harvest No.2*" at Millions Harvest Wharf, Tsing Yi on 17 July 2006. While a crewmember of the coastal vessel "*Bo Yun 278*" was walking on the deck of the dumb steel lighter, a mooring rope snapped and hit the head of the crewmember. The crewmember suffered severe head injury and later died in the hospital.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 Mooring ropes should be properly maintained and frequently examined while in service. Excessively worn mooring rope should be replaced and discarded;
- 2.2 Mooring arrangements should be planned and rigged in a safe manner; and
- 2.3 Crewmembers should avoid to remain inside the snap-back zone of the mooring rope.