

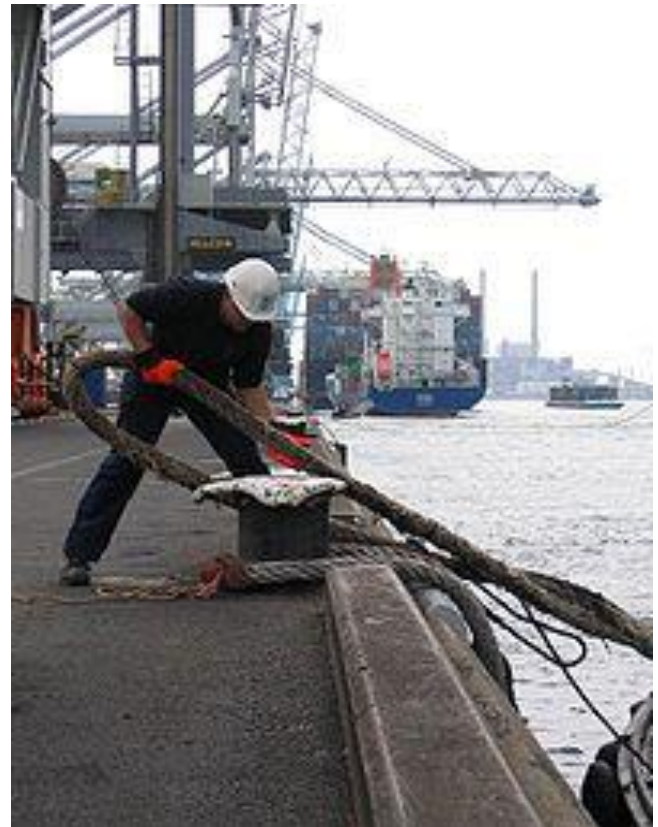


LINE HANDLING AND LESSONS LEARNED

Description - During arrival, a ship's line was given out to the tug boat. The ship's line was handled by two AB's. Before the line could be secured on a bollard, the tug boat started pulling on the line without receiving a signal from the duty officer. Gestures from the duty officer to the tug boat were to no avail and the tug continued to sail away pulling on the line. An attempt was made to stop the line by securing it on the bollard. As the tug was still pulling, this created a very dangerous situation. After a few seconds, additional attempts to secure the line were abandoned and everybody was moved to a safe distance.



Resolution – Immediate cause: The immediate cause was determined to be irresponsible and dangerous behavior by the pilot of the tug boat.



Lesson(s) - When the tugboat started to pull and the line started to run out the first instinct was to stop the line and to secure it on the bollard. Once a line starts to run out, it is practically impossible to stop it and trying to do so puts people in a very dangerous position. When a situation like this occurs, no attempt should be made to stop the line and everybody should move to a safe distance immediately.

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