



TOWING HAWSER AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Towing vehicles can result in a number of hazards, in this case particularly, attributed to the towing hawser.

Injuries and Corrective Actions

Incident	Corrective Action
Crew member under the influence of drugs, was caught between deckhouse and hawser. Resulted in shoulder and back injuries	Increase Random Drug Test Frequency
Collision during tow, due to rough weather and seas. The hawser was cut and this allowed parting of the vessels, tow was abandoned	Situational Awareness Training
	Cancel Towing Operations in Poor Weather
Towing Hawser line became strain and snapped, caused bit to strike crew member	Towing Procedure Training
Towing Hawser used for job, instead of towing ropes. Line snaps and strikes two crew members. Line found to be in bad condition.	Maintenance Training
	Increase Maintenance Frequency



Near Misses and Corrective Actions

Incident	Corrective actions
Crew members standing too close to towing hawser during towing operations	Situational Awareness Training
Too much slack in tow hawser, resulted in tug drifting away	Towing Procedure Training, Maintenance Training, Increase Maintenance Frequency
Towing hawser parted due to excessive wear and tear	
Towing hawser eye is in backwards position, which can lead to possible breaks in the line	Towing Procedure Training



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