

MEMBER ALERT



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GOOD CATCH UPDATES: *MARK IT, LABEL IT! AND OVER THE SIDE?*

Your Managers are pleased to present the latest instalments of the Club's *Good Catch* initiative:

- *Mark It, Label It!* in [English](#), [new](#) and [traditional](#) Mandarin; and
- *Over the side?* in [English](#), [new](#) and [traditional](#) Mandarin

GOOD CATCH from The American Club

Mark It, Label It!

Description
In a recent study of noted deficiencies cited in Club condition surveys, it was observed that the third most frequent defects cited are associated with labeling, markings and symbols. Marking, labeling and symbols are defined as shipboard items such as fluorescent markings for safe net routes, fire safety appliances, vents, piping, machinery and equipment, safe working loads (SWLs) for mooring appliances and crane jibs, etc. In addition, there were notably missing and worn fluorescent stickers.

Prevention

- Pay close attention to the labels, markings and symbols onboard your ship.
- Do the labels, markings and symbols adequately communicate safety and environmental protection? Remember! Not all markings and labels are necessarily understood by all onboard, particular for new personnel aboard.

What DO you see on these stairs? What DON'T you see?

- Take action. Bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Master, Chief Engineer or DPA.
- If you feel labels, markings and symbols could be improved, be proactive and share your ideas with the Master, Chief Engineer or DPA.

When you identify a hazard before something goes wrong... **it's a Good Catch.**
When you stop an operation before something bad happens... **it's a Good Catch.**
If you feel labels, markings and symbols could be improved, be proactive and share your ideas with the Master... **that's a Good Catch, too!**

Markings & Labeling: The Human Element

The importance of properly maintaining shipboard markings, labels, and symbols cannot be understated from the Human Element perspective by increasing situational awareness, reducing training requirements and enhancing accurate performance.

- Familiarization—good markings and labels assist seafarers at all knowledge and experience levels in the familiarization process.
- Situational awareness—during normal operations or in the event of an emergency good markings and labels help to identify hazards, reduce incidents of misidentification or misuse.

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OVER THE SIDE?

GAPS IN GUARD RAILS REQUIRE A CHAIN OR TEMPORARY RAILINGS

OTHERWISE, A MESSY COULD BE A NEAR MESS

OR A FATAL PLUNGE

GOOD CATCH! TIME SPENT CLOSING A CHAIN OR SETTING UP A SAFETY GUARD RAIL CAN MEAN AN ACCIDENT AVERTED! ALWAYS WORK IN PAIRS FOR MAXIMUM SAFETY!

As a reminder, all *Good Catch* alerts and animations are posted at the Club's website at:

https://www.american-club.com/page/good_catch

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.