



# GOOD CATCH from **The American Club**

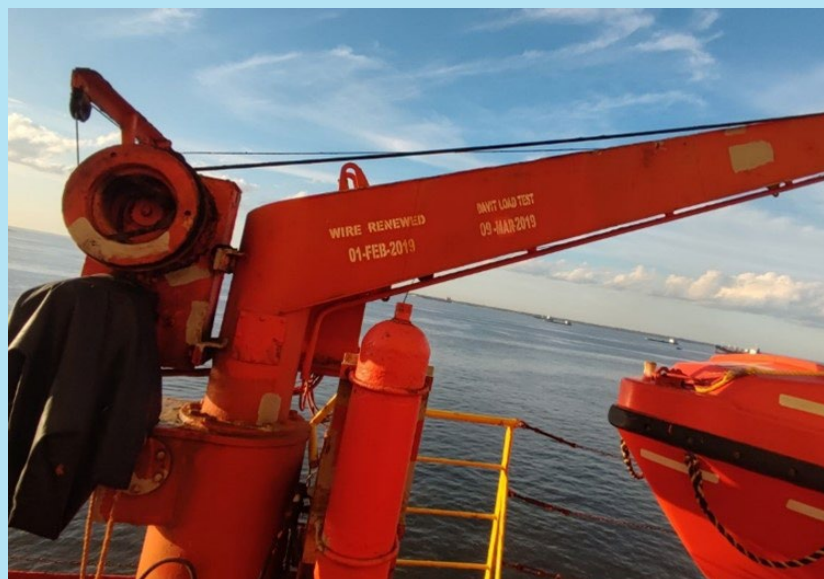
## Mark It, Label It!

### 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 exit 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.



What **DO** you see on deck? What **DON'T** you see?



What **DO** you see on this davit? What **DON'T** you see?

### 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 intuitiveness, reduce 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.

# 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!**



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