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OPERATION OF OXY-ACETYLENE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT FLASHBACK ARRESTORS

In consequence of a recent casualty, and by reference to recent survey inspections, your Managers have become concerned to note that oxygen and acetylene equipment is in some cases being used without the fitment of flashback arrestors.

This is an extremely dangerous practice and Members are encouraged to check that all oxy-acetylene equipment on their vessels is being kept in good condition and operated safely.

In particular, flashback arrestors must always be fitted to the bottles. Bottles themselves must always be stowed securely in an upright position with oxygen and acetylene bottles stowed separately and away from each other, not in enclosed spaces.

Should Members have any questions or concerns in regard to the above, they are invited to contact the Managers' Loss Prevention department.