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The Association has recently become aware of an increasing number of mooring incidents involving non-deck crew and cadets. Mooring is a dangerous part of a vessel's operation but can be done safely when those involved are properly trained, supervised and follow the correct procedures.

The Association has previously published an LP News article entitled "[Understanding Mooring Incidents](#)" which can be downloaded using the link above. The article illustrates that the trend for mooring incidents has increased over the past ten years. Accordingly, the Association wishes to once again draw attention to those measures which may prevent such incidents.

All persons participating in mooring operations should be properly trained. Those not familiar with mooring operations are often at risk because they do not appreciate the dangers involved. Where a person is being trained, or is new to mooring operations, they should be supervised by a competent person. Sufficient crew should be in attendance to carry out the operation safely and to allow for adequate supervision. Any personnel not directly involved in the operation should be instructed to leave the mooring area. It may be tempting for crew to come on deck to the mooring area when arriving in a new port or casting off, but this should be strictly prohibited.



The Association has recently compiled data through its ship inspection regime regarding this important issue. The data collected showed that 32% of the 350 plus vessels inspected admitted to regularly using non-deck crew for mooring operations. Whilst this may be becoming an increasingly common industry practice, Members should always ensure that all persons involved in mooring operations are adequately trained and familiar with the correct procedures. In particular, where crew, such as cadets, are participating in mooring operations as part of training, they should be watched and guided by a competent supervisor. Sometimes simply telling an inexperienced or unqualified crew member where not to stand, or put a hand, can prevent serious injury.

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