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**GENERAL CIRCULAR**

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**To: The Fleet**

**Subject: Handling Of Mooring Ropes and Fenders**

Dear Masters,

Recently we had one of our crewmembers injured on one of our vessels when handling fenders.

We have to point out handling of mooring lines is a secure operation and it is obvious crew members operating the ships mooring must be trained in the operation and capabilities.

This also is applicable for the handling of fenders.

The injury happened when trying to protect a fender rope against cutting with a rag in which the crew member finger got trapped between the rope and the vessels side.

Crew member was not wearing gloves.

We have to express the importance of wearing your personal safety protection equipment.

Although the action of the crew member was meant in a positive way we have to think in a safe way.

Instead of rags we can use mooring sleeves as you can see on the pictures below:



Fitted protection sleeve



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As you can observe from above pictures there are different types of protection sleeves available.

For mooring ropes different gradations for wear and tear are available in the market.

Depending use to consider higher resistance abrasion type to be ordered.

Please consider your needs on next ordering.

As for the sleeves check your needs and send enquiry to purchasing department.

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