

Louise Hall: Tug and Tow – A Practical Safety and Operation Guide



The Club continues to see a steady stream of towage related incidents caused by failure of towlines, sub standard navigation and inadequate operational and safety procedures.

The [Tug and Tow – A Practical Safety and Operation Guide](#) has been updated and re-released for our Members to raise awareness of the practical aspects of a towage operation with a view to assisting mariners who may not be fully familiar with these processes.

Analysis reveals that of the Club's towage related claims, some 53% of incidents are caused directly by human error and 12% by inadequate navigational procedures. Whether the incident was caused by crew negligence, poor maintenance, poor navigation, inadequate operational/ safety procedures, lack of knowledge or training, it is clear that if the human factor is addressed, incidents will decrease dramatically.

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