

Safety Alert

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Subject: Slip on Engine Room Stairwell

What Happened / Narrative

A member reported a recent incident where a crew member was transferring a 15kg drum of coolant from the main deck to the Engine Room via the main stairwell. During the transit he lost his balance, slipped, and fell several steps.

The crew member had been holding onto the handrail and safety footwear was not identified as being a contributing factor.

After the incident he felt pain in his arm, ankle and side of his body and was given paracetamol. He continued with his duties as normal with no further incident.

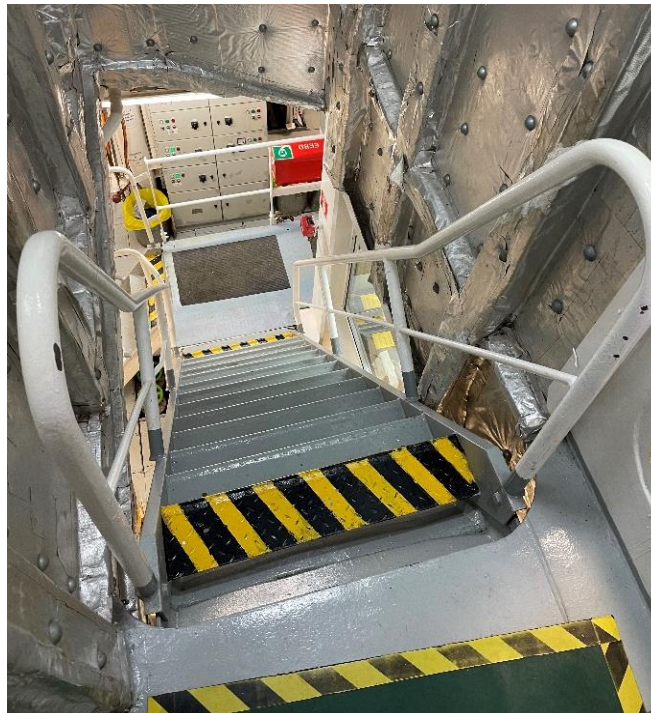
Why Did it Happen / Cause

The report from our member noted that the paint on the steps lacked grit and will be repainted, and grit applied. Safety Officers should inspect and arrange for grit to be applied as required.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- The corrective actions from the member / vessel owner noted that the risk assessments for transferring stores to the engine room should be reviewed and sent to the DPA.
- Vessel crews were encouraged when sending the risk assessments to give consideration to alternative/safer methods of carrying out such operations and submit these also for sharing throughout the owner's fleet.
- Old safety inspection checklists updated to include the requirement to check for non-slip / grit surface.

Photographs / Supporting Information



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