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Weighted Heaving Lines

Several Marine Reports received have highlighted the use of dangerously weighted heaving lines at our port. Your attention is drawn to the MCA Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers 26.3.5.

To prevent personal injury to those receiving heaving lines, the 'monkeys fist' should be made with rope only and must not contain added weighting material. Safe alternatives include a small high-visibility soft pouch, filled with fast draining pea shingle or similar, with a weight of not more than 0.5kg. Under no circumstances is a line to be weighted by items such as shackles, bolts or nuts, or twist locks.



Your attention is further drawn to the attached Safety Poster issued by Svitzer on 2nd May to mark Global Safety Day 2018.