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To: xxxx
Date: 31/05/2006 09:55:56
Subject: Re: Fwd: accident statistics

Dear xxxx

Thank you for your e-mail dated 19/05/2006 regarding gear-snagging involving fishing vessels.

We have carried out searches of text fields for the words "snag", "subsea", "sub-sea", "fastener", "bt" and submarine. And also selected all case that we have specifically recorded as involving "snagging" "freeing snag" or "uncharted underwater obstruction". We then manually reviewed each of these cases. Looking for snaggings on underwater obstructions (excluding submarines & propellers snagging on ropes nets etc). The results are attached in "snagging.doc" (this may contain a couple of duplicate incidents, and there are a few cases that do not involve fishing vessels).

The document contains details of 112 incidents. Details of these are also supplied in spreadsheet format in "snagging.xls". This will allow you to generate figures for losses deaths etc. Please ensure that, if you generate such figures based on this spreadsheet that the 'Regulation' field is 'Accident' (when counting accidents to vessels) or one of "Accident" and "Accident to Person" (when counting deaths/injuries).

Snagging is, itself, not an 'Accident', it is a hazardous incident. A snagging only becomes an accident is it results in the vessels only becomes so if it results in heeling to a dangerous angle, or material damage to the vessel or the vessel is disabled - disabled being not under command for a period of more than 12 hours, or for any lesser period if, as a result, the vessel needs assistance to reach port. If the snagging does not result in an accident to a vessel but does cause loss of life or major injury to any person on board, the regulation will be recorded by us as "Accident to Person"

There is no requirement for anyone to report hazardous incidents to MAIB although we will record details of any that we hear about via coastguard etc.

We have used text descriptions to extract many of these cases. I regret that before 2001 many hazardous incidents were reported to MAIB in confidence and text describing these is not available. The minimal available details for these incidents has not been supplied. It can be added on request.

I hope this is of help to you

Kind regards

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