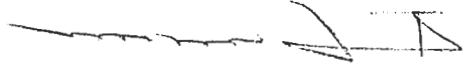


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Furthermore, should a casualty occur because of the manoeuvre, the certificate of the Skipper responsible could be suspended or cancelled by a Court of Marine Enquiry. In addition should an injury or death occur as the result of the casualty, the person responsible could face criminal charges.

The "jumping" manoeuvre contravenes various regulations contained within the "Collision and Distress Signal Regulations, 1977". The Merchant Shipping Act, Act no 57 of 1951, states that should a Skipper contravene one of the above regulations, he shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding R2 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The Department of Transport views this type of manoeuvre as very hazardous and by this notice wishes to draw the attention of tuna vessel Skippers to the possible consequences of executing such a manoeuvre.

It has come to the attention of the Department of Transport, that the Skippers of some tuna fishing vessels are resorting to the hazardous manoeuvre known as "jumping", in an attempt to lure schools of tuna away from stopped vessels engaged in polling.

TUNA FISHING VESSELS: THE HAZARDOUS MANOEUVRE OF "JUMPING"

TO : PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SKIPPER, OWNERS, MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF TUNA FISHING VESSELS

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