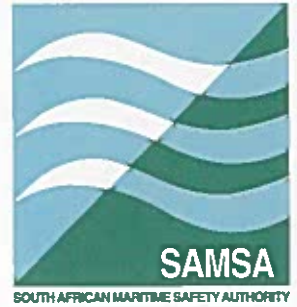


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TO ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS/SKIPPERS OF PELAGIC FISHING VESSELS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND SAMSA SHIP SURVEYORS

PROTECTION GUARD AROUND TIMMEL GUN AND TIMMEL ROPES

- 1 Investigations into accidents on board pelagic fishing vessel show that crew members are often dragged overboard while the net is being deployed.
- 2 It was found that untidy timmel ropes lying on deck were significant contributors to these accidents. Due to SAMSA's concern about the loss of life in one of these incidents, SAMSA, in consultation with the skippers and factory safety officers, recommended placing protection guards around the timmel gun and ropes.
- 3 SAMSA therefore strongly recommends that protection guards are installed on deck around the timmel gun and timmel ropes to prevent accidents of this kind.
- 4 Skippers and safety officers are also advised to warn their crews to stay well clear of the timmel ropes and net while the net is being deployed.



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