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SNAP-BACK of ULTRA-HIGH MODULUS POLYETHYLENE FIBRE MOORING LINES

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A Marine Safety Advisory Notice has been issued by the Maritime Administration of the Marshall Islands and the Marine Accident Investigation Branch in the UK about the potential for serious injury with these mooring lines when used in configuration with a polyethylene tail or similar fibre.

Appropriate links to the information are enclosed in the attached bulletin by following this link;

[MAIB Safety Bulletin and Marshall Islands Safety Advisory](#)

Whilst the injury sustained was by a deck officer, pot operatives are often present in vessel mooring positions and of course there is a similar risk ashore in the vicinity of moored vessels.

This follows on from a series of serious injuries and fatalities to ships' crew and personnel engaged in mooring operations ashore. The International Maritime Organisation has agreed to a new output on mooring equipment on board vessel and the Government of Japan has asked for ICHCA's assistance in developing this output further to include shore-side mooring arrangements.

ICHCA will be involved in development of new guidelines in a formal IMO Correspondence Group and also by attending the working group at the Maritime Safety Committee's sub-committee responsible (SDC) in January 2016

Any member who wishes to be involved in this initiative with ICHCA should contact the Technical Adviser on rwab@broughmarine.co.uk