

Port of Dampier – Hatches in tent position

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Details:	Port of Dampier- Requirements for safe use of foldable hatches
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Further Notice:	NA
Attachments:	NA

Pilbara Ports has become aware of several recent incidents related to unsecured hatches in tent position, in some instances people have been observed leaning over hatch coamings while hatches are in tent position.

Investigations show that these incidents were caused by a lack of supervision, awareness of safety requirements and inadequate securing of hatches.

Unsecured or incorrectly secured hatches can have serious consequences, including the possibility of severe injuries or the loss of life for personnel working on or near hatches.

All vessels calling the Port of Dampier must comply with the following requirements:

1. Foldable hatches must be either fully open or closed, unless vessel have type specific securing devices allowing hatches to be secured in tent position as per hatch makers recommendations.
2. When foldable hatches are fully opened, the hatches must be secured with safety hook or pin before power is switched off to prevent single point failure.

For additional guidance for rigging and maintenance following documents should be referred to.

3.1 Hatch Cover Makers Manual

3.2 Vessel's Safety Management System

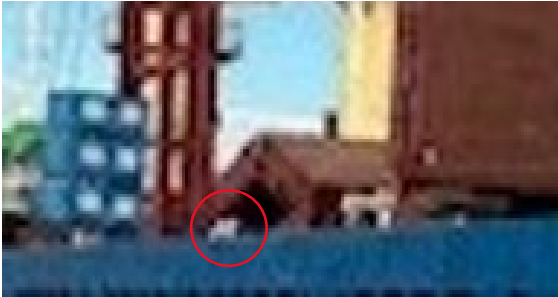
3.3 Marine Order 32 -2016 (Cargo Handling Equipment)

3.4 SOALS Ch XII

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Annex 1
Examples of unsafe acts and incorrect securing methods



Person leaning over hatch coaming under unsecured hatch



Securing pin not in place



Hatches in tent position and not secured



Capt Mike Minogue
Harbour Master

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