

Questions case 3 – Stowaways in the steering gear trunk

Please go through the questions and answer them on the space provided on your handouts.

After you have answered the questions, discuss them with your group.

1. What were the immediate causes?
2. Is there a risk of this happening on our vessel?
3. What could you have done to prevent this?
4. Do we search the outside of the vessel when we are in a port with a high risk of stowaways?
5. Do we lower the rescue boat to inspect the rudder and steering gear trunk before departure?
6. If we have a void space for the steering gear trunk, do we have steel bars to prevent access?
7. In high-risk ports, do we use security guards?
8. What is the most likely access point for a stowaway?
9. What sections of our SMS and SSP would have been breached, if any?
10. Do our SMS and SSP address these risks?
11. How could we improve our SMS and SSP to address these issues?
12. What do you think was the cause of this incident?
13. Is there any kind of training that we could take to address these issues?