

MSA D01 - SQA Unit Code HC26 04

Support fishing operations



Overview

This unit covers the competence required to support fishing operations. It deals with the provision of practical support to help prepare, shoot away and haul fishing gear as part of a commercial fishing operation. It also covers helping to repair fishing gear.

Target Group

This standard applies to individuals at the support level with responsibility for working as part of a team to support the implementation of fishing operations. It applies to those who work as deck hand on a fishing vessel.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assist with the preparing of fishing gear in accordance with instructions
 - P2 assist with the shooting of fishing gear in accordance with instructions
 - P3 use effective communication during fishing operations
 - P4 assist with the safe recovery of fishing gear in accordance with instructions
 - P5 identify and report distorted or damaged gear
 - P6 assist with the repair and maintenance of fishing gear
 - P7 use safe working practices
 - P8 work effectively with others throughout fishing activities

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how gear is prepared, shot and retrieved
- K2 how ancillary equipment and machinery is used in support of fishing operations
- K3 different gear types and their components, operating methods and main design features
- K4 how gear can be damaged during fishing activities
- K5 how fouled gear can be cleared
- K6 how to recognise damaged gear and gear abnormalities
- K7 how to recognise wear and tear
- K8 the techniques and materials used to repair fishing gear
- K9 the dangers associated with fishing activities
- K10 the dangers that can occur as a result of becoming fast on an obstruction and the dangers of fouled gear
- K11 the importance of good communications and how to communicate effectively

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