## Safe Management of mooring lines and ropes

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure any and all persons involved in handling of mooring lines and ropes do so in a safe manner.

Ropes and mooring lines have proven to be a clear and present hazard within the boating

industry. The 'pitch points' involved with mooring lines and the large forces that exist can easy

amputate fingers and other appendages.

It is extremely important that when removing or attaching ropes that they are treated with the upmost respect and caution. Below are some key points to remember when handling ropes.

- -Never put your fingers between the spliced eye in the rope and the cleat/bollard- this is the most dangerous pinch point.
- -When handling the rope your hand should be away from the spliced eye Any load on the rope should be removed, never try to remove a rope that is under pressure.
- -Bow thrusters and/or pulling the vessel closer to the marina can be used to create 'slack' in the rope.
- -Ensure clear verbal communication exists between all persons (including the Skipper) when removing or attaching ropes.
- -As the skipper train your 'crew' in the safe and correct methods involved in rope handling.

Due to the severity of the injuries that can easily occur It is everyone's responsibility to communicate safe rope methods to any and all persons who are handling the mooring ropes

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