



Swing Rope Transfers

Safety and Environmental Management System

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SWING ROPE TRANSFERS

To transfer from the boat to the structure by swing rope, follow this procedure:

- Have both hands and feet free.
- Insure that the catwalk and area of the vessel you intend to swing from and to is clear of obstructions.
- Do not crowd the rear of the boat or the catwalk.
- Grab the knotted rope high enough to clear the catwalk on the structure when the boat is on top of a swell.
- In most cases, grab the rope just above the middle knot or at eye level, you should clear the catwalk.
- Just as the boat dips down from the highest point in the wave, swing to the platform by pushing off the boat with your feet.
- Do not let the rope get between legs. It may interfere with your landing.
- Keep legs and feet clear of the boat bumper! This is where the boat bumps against the structure.
- After you have landed on the platform, release the rope for the next person.
- Stay and assist the next person as he/she swings.

When transferring material to and from the boat, use good judgment. Small, light items can be handed over safely. If there is heavy or bulky material, use the crane.

To transfer from the structure to the boat, the procedure is reversed.

Timing is critical in both cases, especially when trying to land on a moving target.

Follow this procedure:

- Swing from the catwalk as the boat is beginning to rise from the bottom of the wave.
- Time your swing so that feet land on the boat deck as it completes its rise.
- Before you swing, watch the boat as it rises with the wave, setting your timing action.
- If your timing is off and you miss the boat, continue to hold onto the rope. You will automatically swing back to the catwalk.
- Land on the platform catwalk, establish your timing and try again.

Personnel transfers between two vessels in open water are prohibited except in emergencies.

NOTE: If for any reason you feel you cannot transfer safely, you should not attempt to do so. Never let the boat captain, deckhand or other personnel influence your decision or rush you to swing.