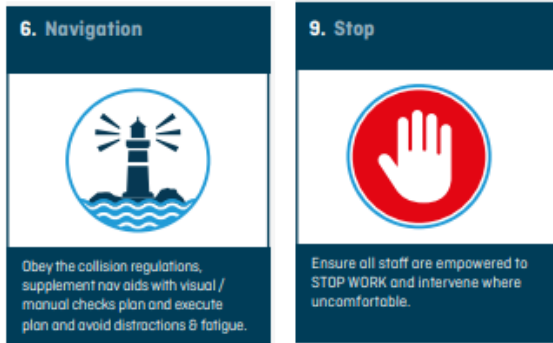


Together in Safety Golden Safety Rules:

Apply Together in Safety [Golden Safety Rules](#)



Additional Guidelines and Best Practices:

Ensure situational awareness at all times – do not allow distractions to cause you to lose situational awareness. HSE procedures to ensure:

- ✔ Keep a proper lookout at all times. Additional lookout as required
- ✔ Bridge Manning Levels appropriate to navigational risks and passage plan
- ✔ Position fixing interval and method
- ✔ Change of Watch effectiveness

See [UK P&I Club Technical Bulletin No.20 Distractions on the bridge.](#)

Clarify expectations - Master's Standing Orders / Night Orders shall be clear on the Master's and company expectations with regards to when the Master is to be called.

Familiarise with equipment and vessel – robust bridge familiarization process for onsigners, verified by the Master.

Ensure seaworthiness before the start of every voyage:

- ✔ Charts and nautical publications fully up to date
- ✔ Certificates of Competency and Flag Endorsements valid and held onboard
- ✔ Berth to berth passage plan, reviewed and approved by the Master
- ✔ Arrangements established to receive Nav Warnings relevant to the intended voyage

Conduct pre-voyage and post-voyage meetings and share improvement areas with the company to enhance wider learning.

See [SQE Marine checklist Navigation in ocean waters.](#)



See [UK MCA MGN315\(M\) Keeping a safe navigational watch on merchant vessels.](#)



Training:

Implement training programme to ensure deck officers trained on ECDIS relevant to the intended vessel of employment.

Conduct simulator-based Bridge Resource Management and Crew Resource Management (HELM) refresher training.

Include critical courses such as COLREGS, Passage Planning and Chart Correction (incl ECDIS) within the Competence Management System.



See [UK P&I Club Webinar: Practical aspects of Passage Planning and Bridge Resource Management Part 1](#)

See [UK P&I Club Webinar: Practical aspects of Passage Planning and Bridge Resource Management \(Part 2\)](#)

See [UK Club Live Webinar: Bridge Watchkeeping](#)

See [UK P&I Club Ask An Expert: Passage planning on ECDIS](#)

See [UK P&I Club Lessons Learnt: Collision With A Fishing Vessel](#)

See [UK P&I Club Lessons Learnt: Collision When Overtaking](#)

Verification:

Conduct Sailing (Live) Navigation audits by Company Superintendent (former deck officer).

Utilise Remote VDR Auditing opportunities.

Implement competence assurance measures for new entrant deck officers – knowledge based and skills based – such as online / simulator assessment.