



Gard Loss Prevention Calendar 2012

We are pleased to advise that the Gard Loss Prevention Calendar for 2012 is now available. The calendar will be distributed free of charge to Members and clients for whom Gard is the claims' lead. The calendars should be with you next week depending on your location.

The HAVEASAFEJOURNEY2012 calendar is a part of our ongoing loss prevention programme and is aimed directly at crew members onboard the vessels. The topic of the 2012 calendar is navigation. Each month has a short and simple statement related to different aspects of navigation. The statements are general yet useful and should not in any way conflict with company procedures or policy.

Gard's own claims statistics show that navigation-related incidents produce the most expensive claims and are very often the result of human errors. The idea behind the calendar is to address various onboard navigation issues, including preventive measures for groundings, collisions and contact incidents. Another important topic covered by the calendar is the fact that type approved ECDIS will be mandatory for new passenger ships and tankers from 1 July 2012. By mid-2018, almost every merchant vessel and passenger ship will need to meet IMO's mandatory carriage requirement for ECDIS, and use it as the primary means of navigation.

We hope that this way of providing practical reminders to the crew will enhance their awareness of the important role they have in maintaining and improving the performance of their respective companies.

For further details of our loss prevention activities please visit www.gard.no

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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