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## **!!ATTENTION CAPTAINS AND CREW!!**

**HAVE YOU REVIEWED YOUR SAFETY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES?**

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As the Mediterranean season draws to an end, most of our attention will be focused on refit work, leave time and new career opportunities. Now is also the time when procedures should be reviewed, while the need for the changes that became apparent during the cruising season is still fresh in people's minds.

This summer, the International Safety Management (ISM) code amendments came into force. These amendments place more emphasis on risk assessment and the need for clearer procedures. The Flag States will now pay closer attention to how procedures are reviewed and continuously improved. In addition to the ISM code amendments, the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006) will increase the obligation to document procedures.

Of course, it should not be just about meeting the legal requirements. Properly documented procedures will go a long way to overcoming language barriers, improving onboard training and, most importantly, creating a safer working environment. One of the three objectives of the ISM code is the "*prevention of human injury or loss of life*". Earlier this year the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry circulated two safety alerts (visit their site [www.cishipping.com](http://www.cishipping.com) – ***SHIPPING NOTICES – CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS***). Sadly, the alerts are based on actual incidents that happened and they highlight how yachting can sometimes be a dangerous occupation.

Most yachts are well funded and crewed by intelligent people, who work in an environment that is conducive to minimising avoidable incidents. All that is required is a little forethought. This winter my associates and I are offering a free introductory consultancy service for yachts based in either the South of France or Mallorca, on how best to review, analyse and improve safety procedures. Anyone who is interested should email [info@superyachtsafety.com](mailto:info@superyachtsafety.com) or call Mike Lamb on **+34 696 937 617**.

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