



Notice to Industry

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Waterjets

The Commercial Vessel Safety Branch has received reports concerning the potential for vessels fitted with waterjets to flood under certain situations. This is possible when weed, rope or other like material has become entangled in the waterjet impeller and is subsequently cleared through the removal of the inspection cover.

In lightship, still water conditions, removal of the waterjet inspection cover normally presents no danger to the vessel. If; however, the vessel is loaded, even partially and in open seas, there is a danger that water ingress will occur with the removal of the inspection cover.

Manufacturers of waterjets provide, as an optional extra *Overflow Preventer Kits*.

It is the recommendation of the Department that this potential life (and vessel) threatening situation be brought to the attention of all owners and operators and avoided through the purchase and fitting of *the Overflow Preventer Kit* at any time the waterjet inspection cover is removed.

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