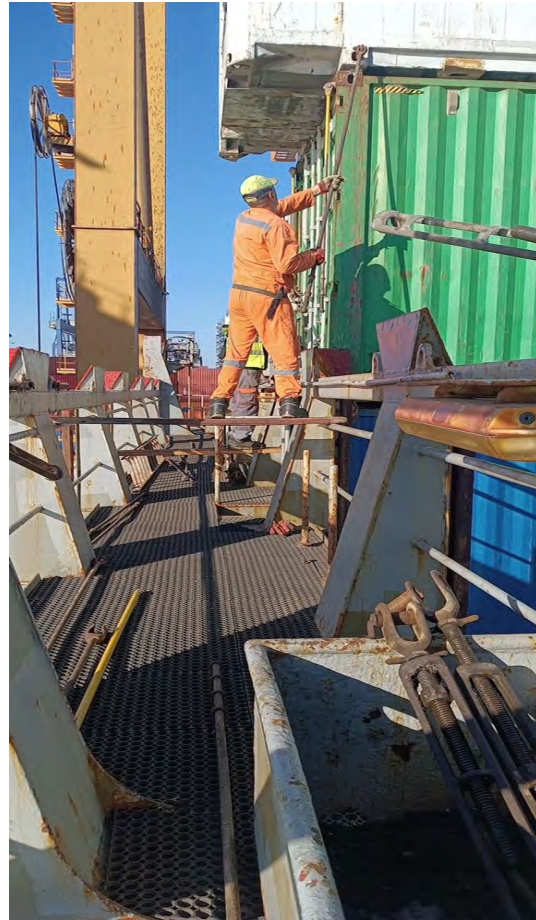
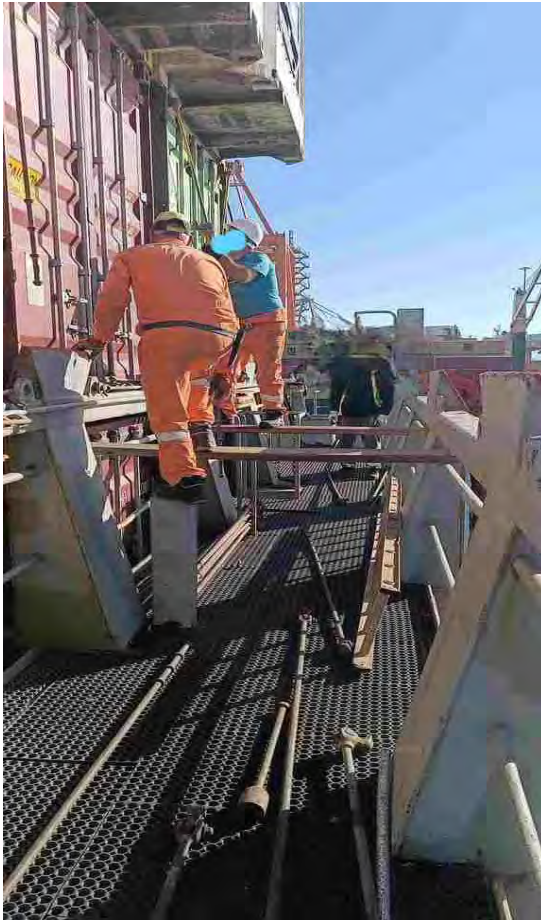




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Hazards Faced by Lashers [No. 2]



The ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) considers lashing to be a particularly demanding job category. Lashers are often required to conduct operations within environments that present hazards and risks that are unknown in other job categories. Moreover, they often accept those risks as being “part of the job.” The photos above provide examples of those risks.

The vessels that lashers work on have certain obligations which require them to take into consideration the risks that lashers may encounter owing to design considerations found aboard. One such obligation is the preparation of a **Cargo Safe Access Plan**, a written document which requires a shipowner/operator to ensure that lashers are provided a safe means to access any location aboard the ship wherein they are required to work. Lasher foremen should always ask for and acquaint themselves with those plans and advise their workers accordingly.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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