

Investigation report

**Fatal accident on October 15th, 2017 to a fisherman's helper
on the SIMDAN boat, off Tourelle.**

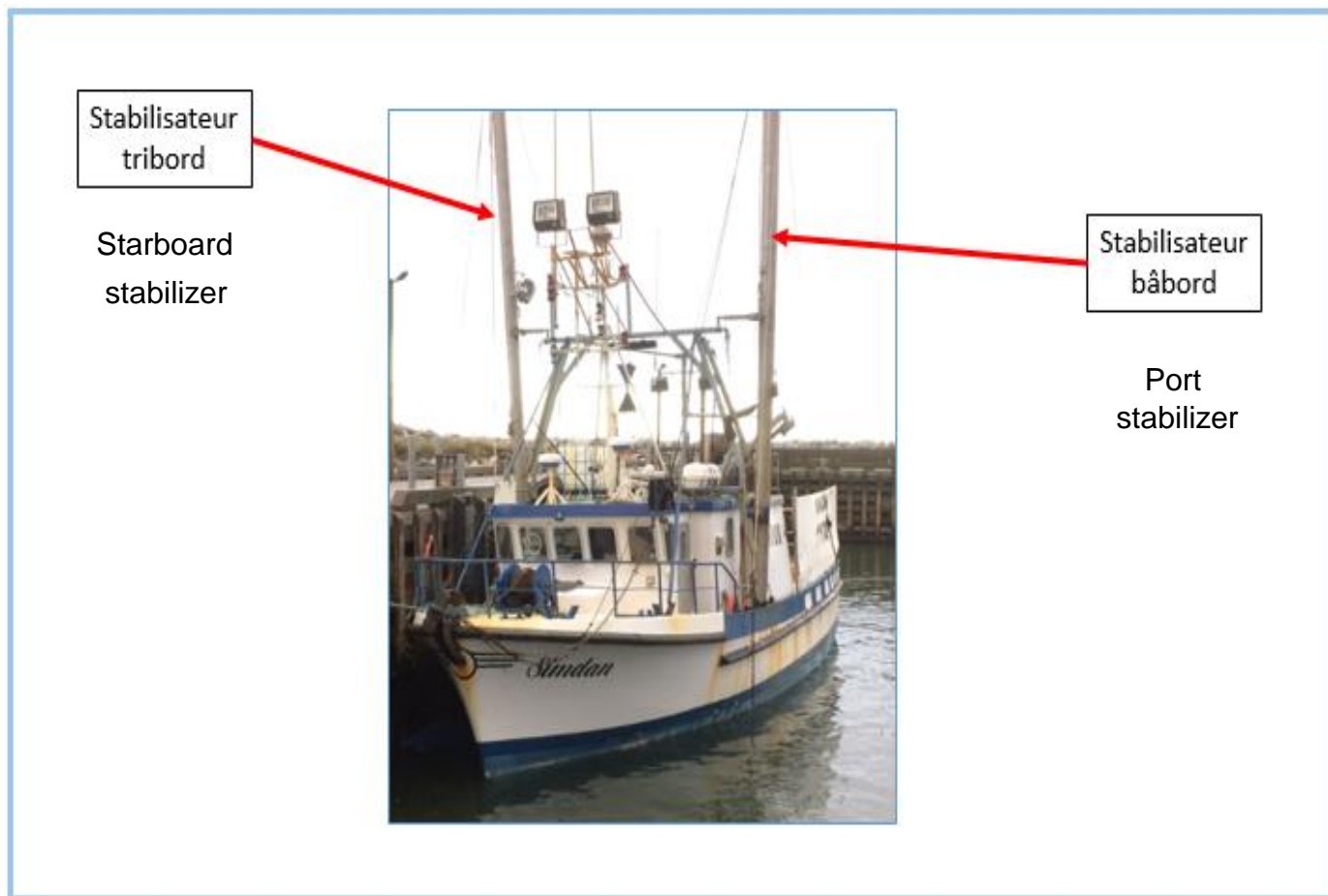
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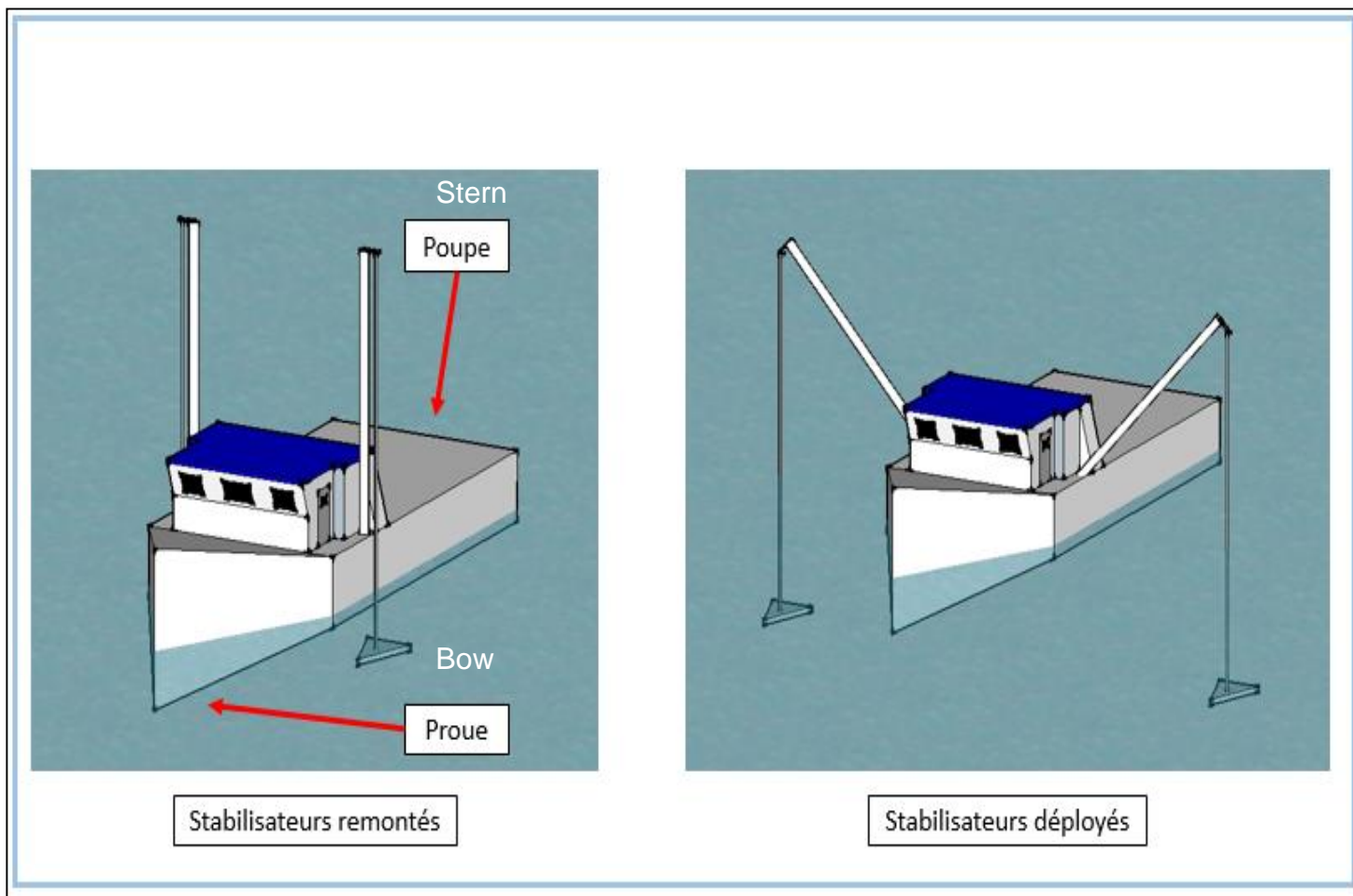
On October 15th, 2017, Mr. Harold Dupuis, a fisherman's helper, fell overboard the Simdan fishing vessel about ½ nautical mile north of Tourelle fishing harbor.



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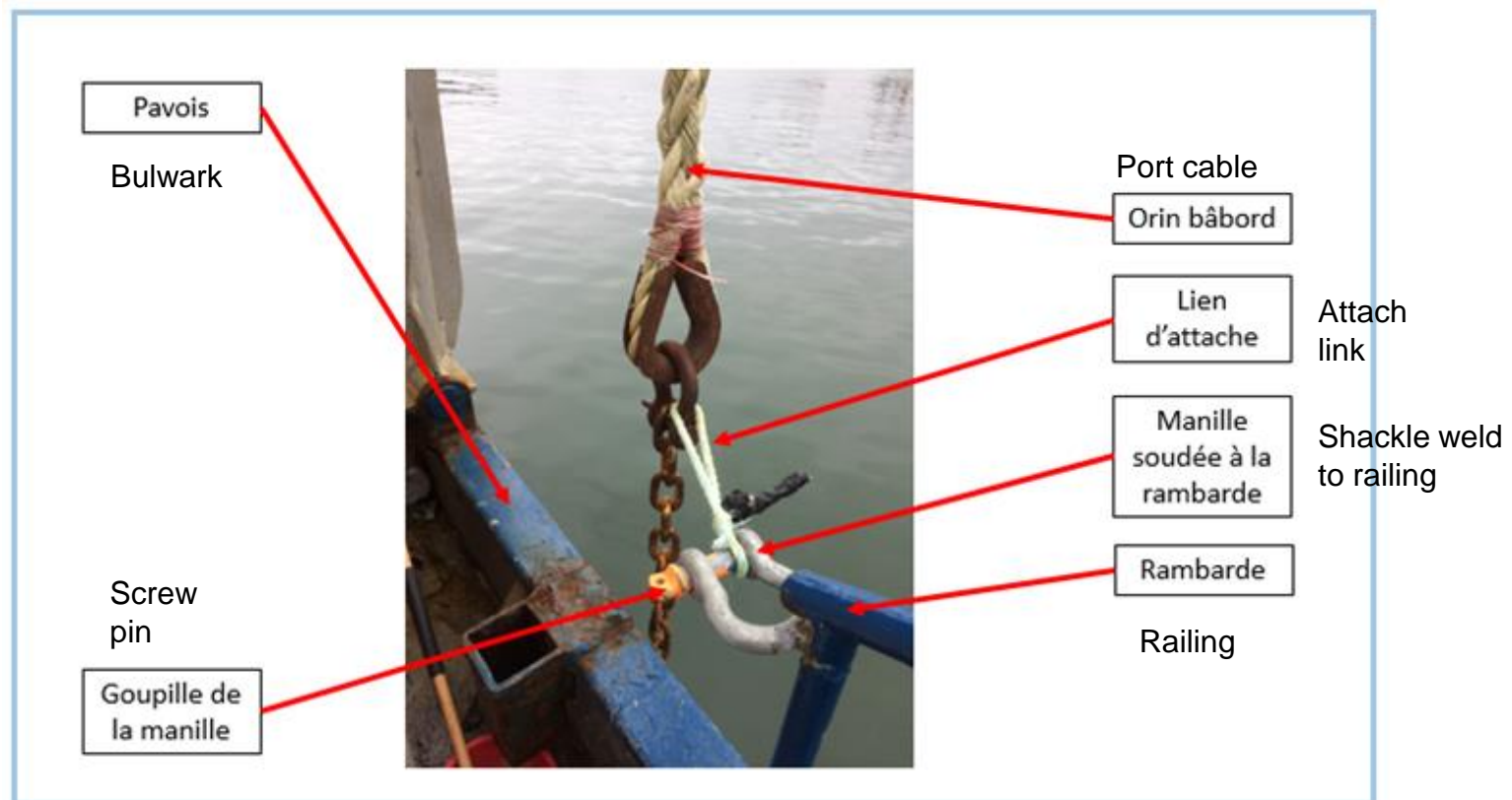
Stabilizers reassembled

Stabilizers deployed

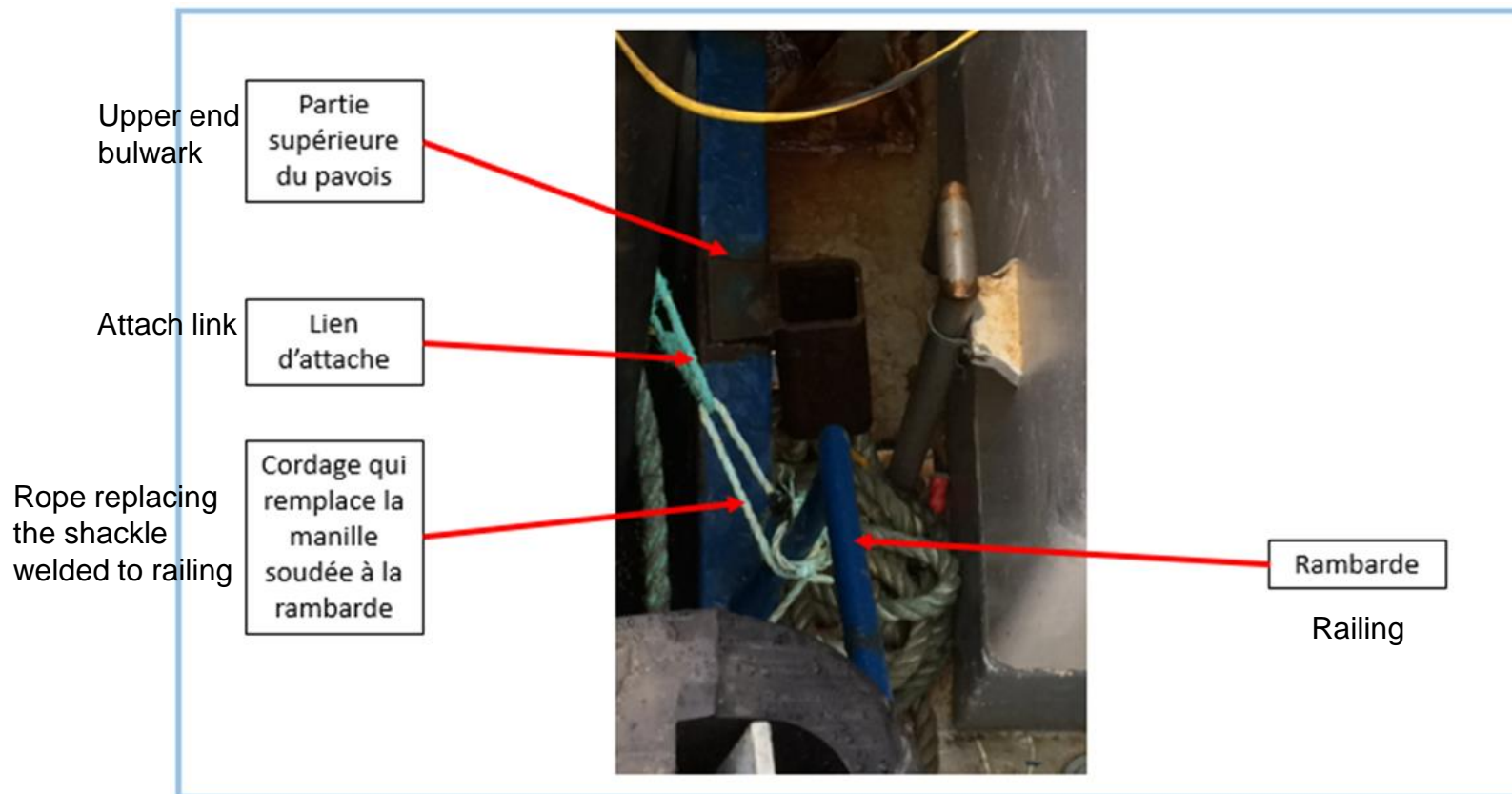
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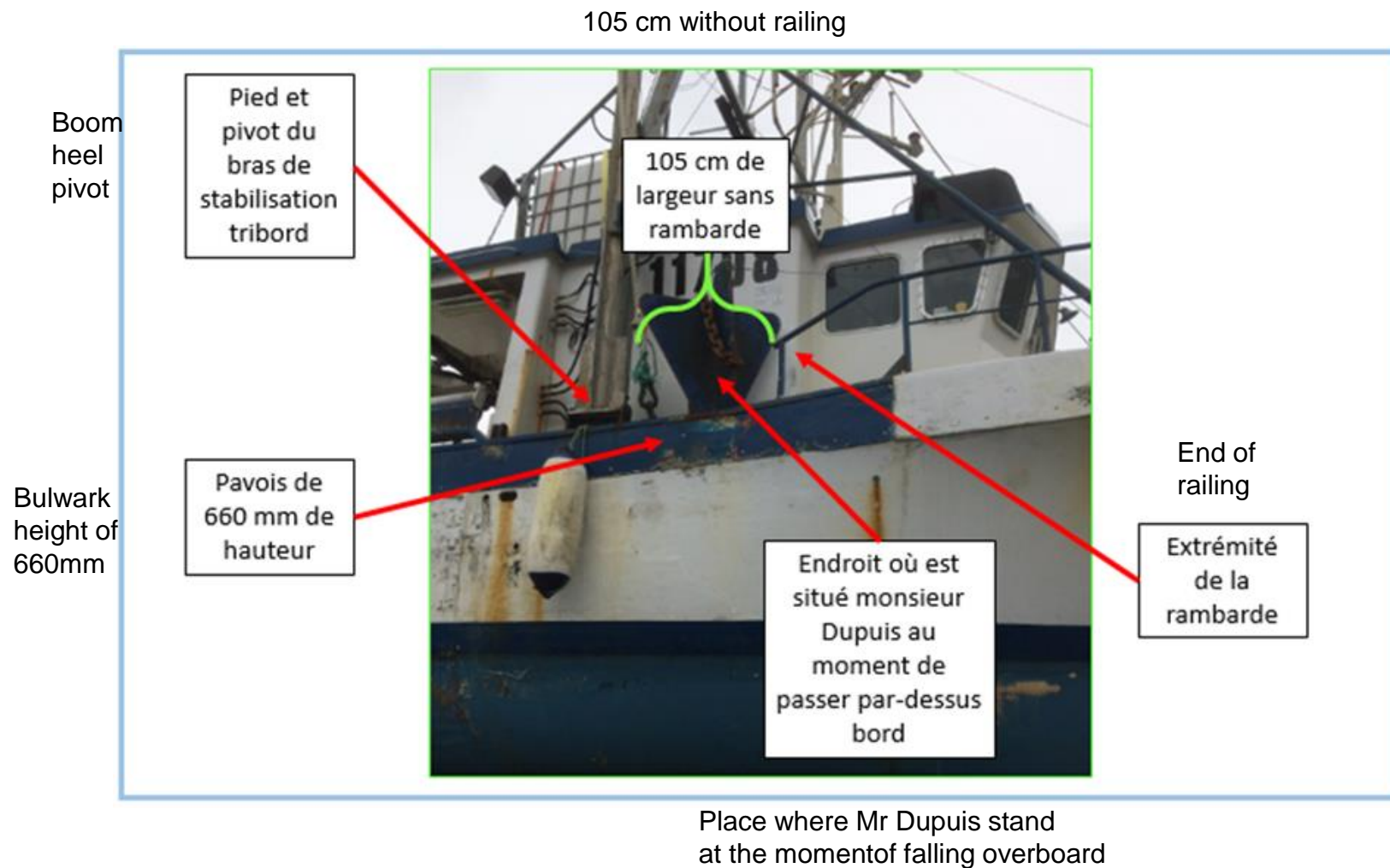
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CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENT

1- The fisherman's helper is not protected from falling overboard when attaching the stabilizer cable.

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2- The employer is not organized or equipped for one person to retrieve another person who has fallen overboard

Statement of offence

In connection with this accident, the CNESST issued to the employer, 9259-3532 Québec inc. (Simdan fishing boat), a statement of offense.

For this type of offense, the amount of the fine ranges from \$ 16,664 to \$ 66,138 for a first offense, and could reach \$ 330,918 for a second offense.

FOLLOW-UP OF THE INQUIRY

In order to prevent such an accident from occurring again, the CNESST will send its investigation report to the Standing Committee on Québec fishing Vessels Safety, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, the owner-masters associations and associations of Quebec fishermen's helpers to inform their clients of the findings of this survey.

In addition, the CNESST will support and collaborate with Transport Canada, Marine Division, in its efforts to equip fishing vessels with a man overboard recovery device.

FOLLOW-UP OF THE INQUIRY

Questions

Have you witnessed or fall overboard?

1- Yes

2- No

Questions

Do you have a bulwark that prevents falls overboard
anywhere on the boat ?

1- Yes

2- No

Questions

Do you have a harness system to prevent falls overboard ?

1- Yes

2- No

Winch safety

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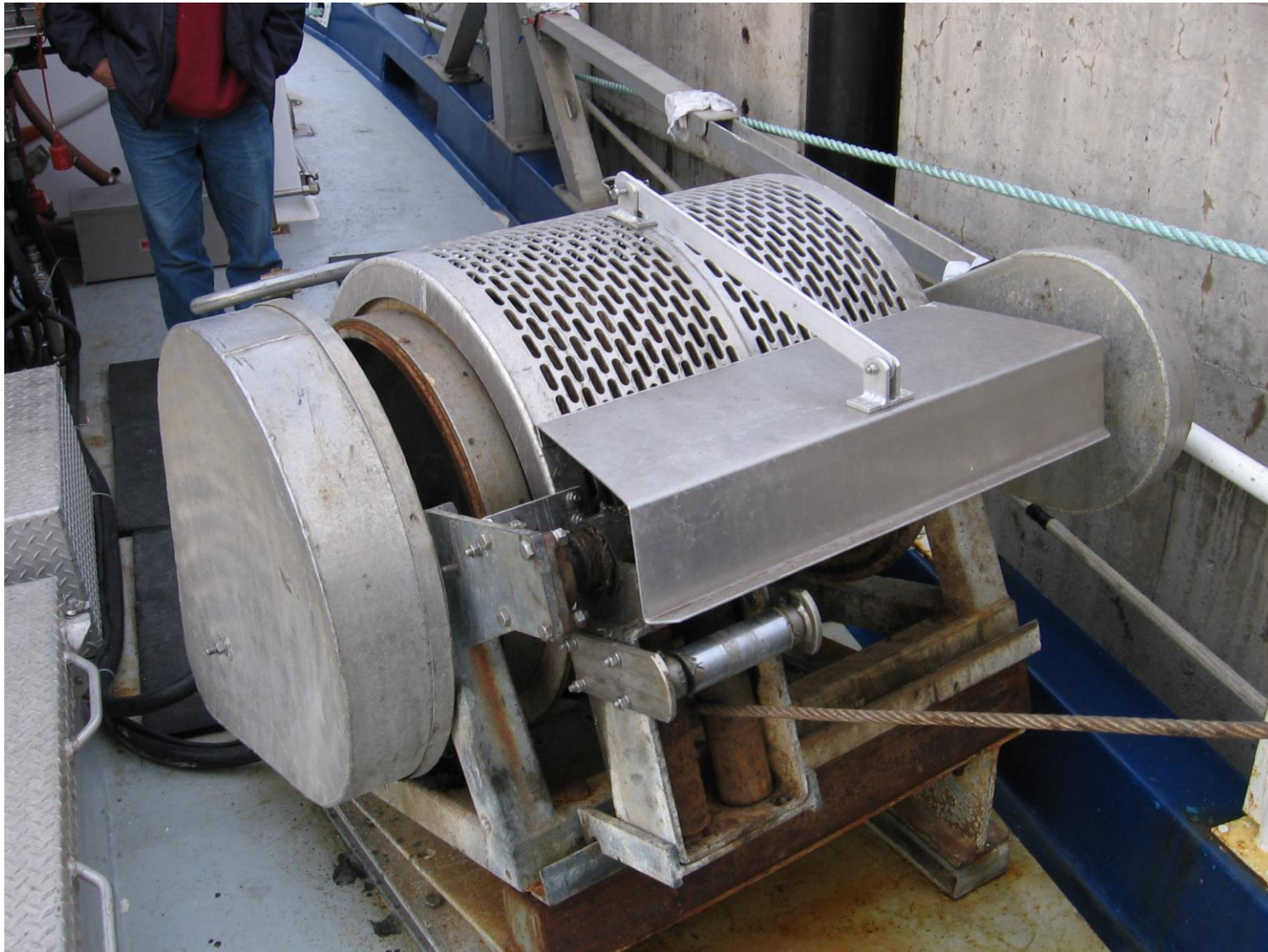


<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/northeastern-winch-safety-improvementproject/educational-media/>

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Questions

Do you find it useful to protect winches?

1- Yes

2- No

Questions

Is it easy to protect them?

- 1- Easy
- 2- Relatively easy
- 3- Very difficult
- 4- Impossible

Prevention measures

(Scallops boat)

- Gear protection
- Distance measures
- Stop button
- Method of working

2018

In 2018:

- Continuation of the visits of the shrimpers.
- Intervention on crabbers for falls overboard.
- Intervention on scallops boat for winches.
- Interventions following accidents

Questions ?