

Completed PE Summary: Man overboard accident on *Svitzer Victory*

Vessel name:	<i>Svitzer Victory</i>
Type:	Azimuth stern drive tug
IMO number:	9193020
Manager:	Svitzer Marine Limited
Ship Owner:	Svitzer Eastlands Limited
Port of Registry:	London
Flag:	UK
Classification Society:	Lloyd's Register
Built:	2000
Construction:	Steel
Length overall:	33.7m
Gross tonnage:	495
Date & Time:	1800 on 14 June 2019
Location of incident:	Eastern Jetty, Humber River
Incident Type:	Man overboard incident
Persons onboard:	3
Injuries/fatalities:	Minor bruising
Damage/pollution:	None

Synopsis

At around 1800 on 14 June 2019, a shore employee from Svitzer Marine's Immingham Dock office fell into the water through the gap between two tugs. Two shore employees, a marine superintendent who had recently joined the company and an Operations Assistant employed with Svitzer for over 10 years, had gone onboard *Svitzer Victory* to witness a manoverboard drill. On completion of the drill, the tug came alongside *Svitzer Kathleen*, which was moored at the Eastern Jetty on Humber River and the Operations Assistant, while trying to step across the gap between the two tugs, fell into the water. Fortunately, he was successfully rescued by the crew in a very short time.

Action taken

As a result of the MAIB's preliminary assessment, **Svitzer A/S** was recommended to:

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- tug access and egress are conducted in a safe and controlled manner.
- new employees are not permitted to go on board tugs without a proper safety induction.

Svitzer A/S has accepted the recommendation with a proposed implementation date of 30 November 2019.