



<b>Incident:</b> Fall through open galley hatch	<b>Location:</b> Premier Universal Marina	<b>Date:</b> August 2022
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**Summary of incident:**

Skipper was on deck and put left foot through open deck hatch, not realising that the hatch was open. Skipper suffered bruising and grazing to ribs on left side of his torso. Suspected sprain to right ankle which he rolled on during the fall.

**What lead to the incident?**

Skipper was talking to a WO and didn't see the open hatch.

**Was it avoidable?**

Yes.

**Key lessons learned:**

Deck awareness could have prevented it. It was the first day of the STV and so routine of checking and making safe open hatches was yet to be established

**Key recommendations:**

Establish safety routine as soon as the Afterguard step on for the prevention of falls in harbour.

Ensure the dangers of open hatches is included in safety briefing for AG and crew.

**Follow on actions:**

The skipper elevated his ankle with ice for 30 mins and he took pain killers

Safety routine was established for the remainder of the voyage