

Abstract

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THE IMPACT OF FATIGUE IN MARITIME ACCIDENTS

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cause of these accidents, which the statistics found that contributes to a rate ranging from 75% to 96% of these accidents, also found through studies conducted in this regard that the most important human factors contribute to accidents is the problem of fatigue and exhaustion, Although it did not receive enough attention from international organizations and legislation powerful and necessary follow-up to reduce it, which in turn affects the safety of maritime transport of all, this can be fatigue and exhaustion due to either a lack of training (incompetence) inadequate crew member on ships . by looking at the number of maritime accidents and disasters that fatigue is a contributing factor, it needs to be mutual interest between international bodies and organizations along with the owners and operators of vessels, as well as all relevant parties to reduce the problem of fatigue and exhaustion, and try to propose solutions have an effective impact on reducing of fatigue and exhaustion, which affects the sailors and this we will discuss during this research.