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Reference: Health Safety and Environment at New building and Repair Shipyards OCIMF

1. While a ship is under refit or repair in a shipyard the period is considered as high-risk requiring ships staff to be extra vigilant and to take additional safety precautions. The high concentrated work load involving a lot of activity of shipyard workers and a lot of hazardous work i.e. hot work results in the ship taking on an unfamiliar status. The ship and its crew are thus exposed to unexpected and unfamiliar risks and hazards.
2. The precautions are to be followed with particular emphasis on the following:
 - a. The safety of the ship and its crew remains the responsibility of the Master notwithstanding that the repair work is carried out and managed by shipyard personnel.
 - b. The ship must be maintained in a “Gas Free Condition” with enclosed spaces maintained in a “Safe for Entry Condition”.
 - c. Hot Work and Enclosed Space Entry procedures are to be strictly observed.
 - d. Particular attention must be given to good housekeeping. Oil soaked rags and wood shavings etc. **must be removed** from the ship as soon as possible. Combustible material **must be removed** from all hot work locations and areas where sparks may fall.
 - e. The fire main **must be kept pressurised** for immediate use at all times.
 - f. Acts of unsafe work must be stopped and immediately reported to the Master and the shipyard representative.
 - g. A list of emergency telephone numbers must be established as soon as possible and posted at several locations around the ship and at every gangway.
 - h. A Safety and Progress Meeting **must be held daily** and must include:
 - i) The attending Fleet Manager.
 - ii) Master and Chief Engineer Officer.
 - iii) Ship's Safety Officer.
 - iv) Yards Repair Superintendent; and
 - v) Key shipyard trade foremen.
 - i. Ships staff must conduct their own fire patrols and safety inspections on a frequent basis. Particular attention must be given to the period immediately before work commences or after work has ceased.
 - j. Security must be tightened, ship's stores and tools etc being locked away until required for use.