### Purpose

To aid in the safe use of ropes on deck.

### Responsibilities

* Master – Ensure this procedure is carried out as written and to make any changes needed to this procedure to ensure the safety of the crew.
* Crew – Follow the procedure below at the direction of the vessel master.

### Procedure

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| **Step** | **Safe Use of Ropes** |
| **1.** | Inspect ropes for wear prior to each trip. |
| **2.** | Store ropes in such a way that reduces undue wear and tear. |
| **3.** | Before setting, make sure you have a plan for where the ropes will run and where you will stand. |
| **4.** | Clear the work area of non-essential personnel. |
| **5.** | Ensure you have a knife on hand in case of entanglement (always cut away from yourself). |
| **6.** | Ensure your boots have adequate grip. |
| **7.** | Wear gloves to prevent rope burn. |
| **8.** | Keep your feet planted in one place, where possible, to reduce risk of stepping into the ropes. |