

VESSEL OPERATIONS PROCEDURES

WORKING ALOFT ON BRIDGE TOPS OR MASTS

1. These areas are exposed and wind conditions can often make work much more difficult than expected. Wear warm clothing which does not restrict your movement and which keeps out the wind.
2. Use a safety harness, especially if both hands are needed to secure equipment. Hard hats should be worn and securely strapped.
3. Do not try to climb masts or ladders while carrying equipment such as transmitter/receivers or antenna tuning units. Use a separate lanyard or hauling line, or get someone else to hand equipment up to you.
4. Be careful not to drop tools or other items. They can damage other equipment and injure or even kill anyone standing or working below. Use a short lanyard to secure them to your belt or to the mast. Whenever possible, use a tool pouch for all tools.
5. Do not stand under someone working aloft unless absolutely essential. Be aware of activity overhead. **DO NOT CLIMB ALOFT UNATTENDED.**
6. Radar scanners should be disabled and HF transmitters should be made safe. Be sure that someone knows you are working aloft and/or put a notice on the radar or radio transmitter. Switch off and, whenever possible, immobilize system by removing main fuses.
7. Wear clothing which will not flap about or become entangled in rigging. Overalls are better than an anorak.
8. If working inside units in which high voltages are generated, make sure it is impossible for someone to switch on the power accidentally. Remove main fuses.
9. Ensure that if Marisat is fitted, it is not being operated, and further **will not** be operated until you have finished working in its vicinity. Marisat has a powerful highly directional microwave beam.

