

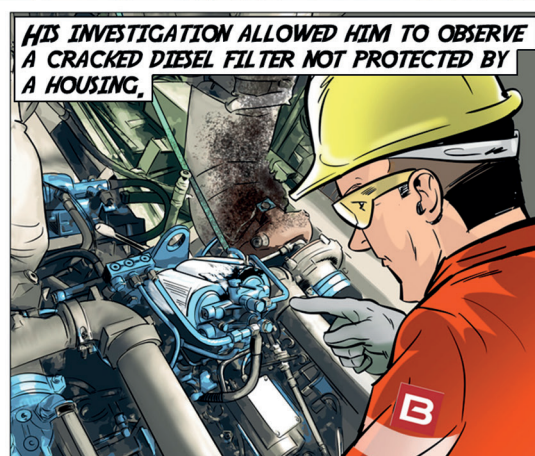
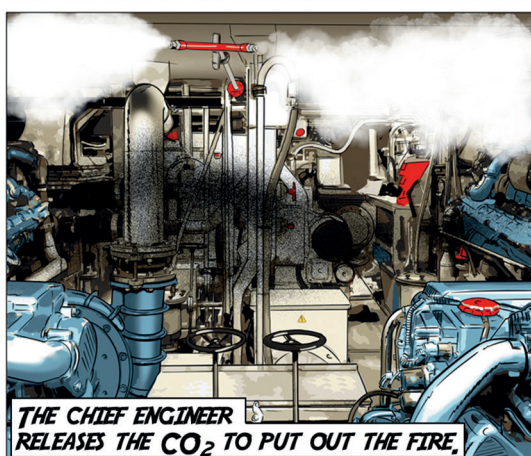
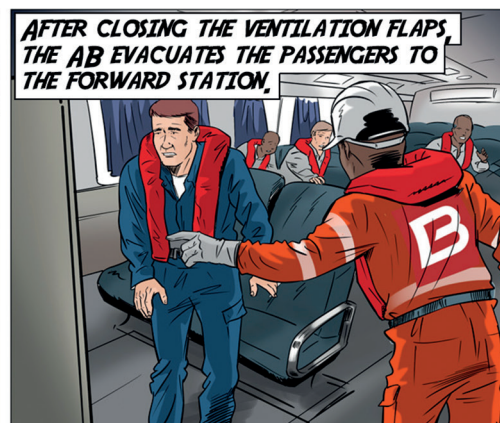
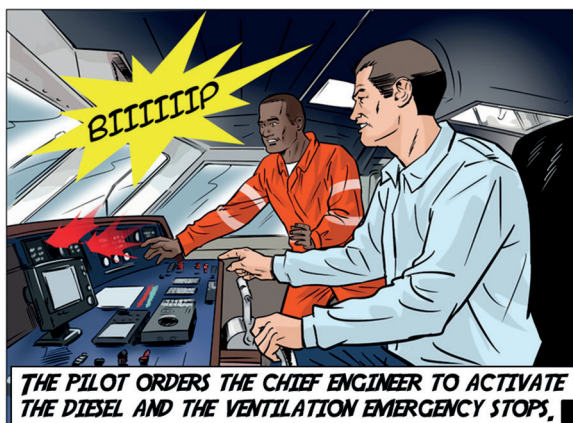
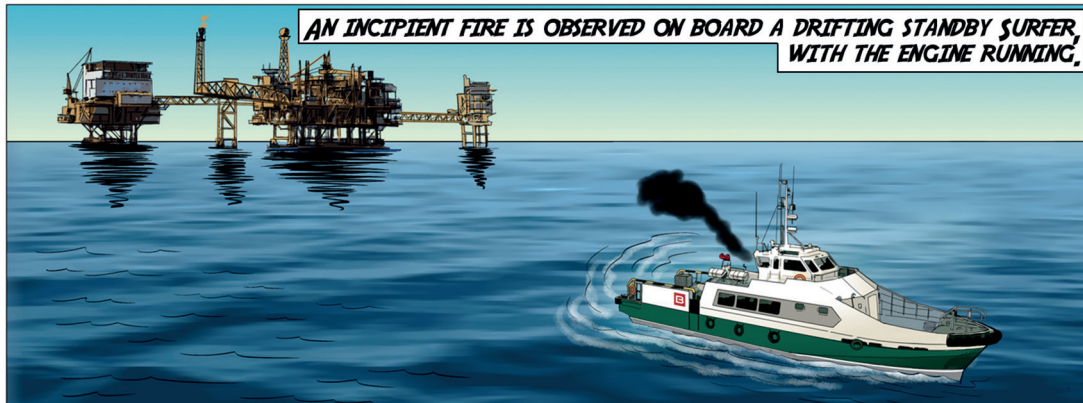


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THE FUEL FILTER PROTECTION: THE LAST BARRIER TO AVOID A FIRE

Similar events occurred on board various types of Surfers in various affiliates: Defective fuel filters having a leak under pressure creating a fire on the exhaust pipes lagging. In all cases the main cause is the lack of protection around the filters that could have prevented the fire to occur. **The aluminium fuel filter protection** is the last barrier to avoid a fire, think about it. Masters have the responsibility of all the persons on board their vessels. Not applying this company requirements could compromise life of the persons onboard. The event described hereunder occurred on board a Surfer 2600. After having performed a boat landing operation, the surfer Pilot is requested to stand-by outside the 500m. The vessel leave the boat landing with 3 PAX on board. When the stand-by position is reached, the Surfer Master stop the vessel and put the vessel propulsion in neutral. The vessel starts to drift.

THE SAFETY POST IS BASED ON REAL EVENTS - PLEASE PRINT, POST AND DISCUSS THIS ISSUE!



LIFE SAVING RULES

DO:

- Fire prevention: ensure the aluminium fuel filter protection device is ALWAYS in position.
- The fuel filter shall be tightened by hand ONLY, never use a tool.
- Drills: be prepared to the unexpected, perform drill on a weekly basis.

DON'T:

- Hesitate to apply the Stop Work Authority if the fuel filter protection is missing when joining the vessel. (#2)
- Forget you must report to the shore Management the event in order for them to take the appropriate preventative actions. (#12)
- Mount a fuel filter if it looks damaged (bumps, angles,...), the fuel oil pressure will brake it.

