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Safety of fishermen in Iceland

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What has been achieved

- In last 50 years we have managed to go from 59 to 0 fatal accidents among fishermen.
- Safety training for 27 years.
- Improvements in equipments and regulations.
- Change of fishermen's attitude towards safety.

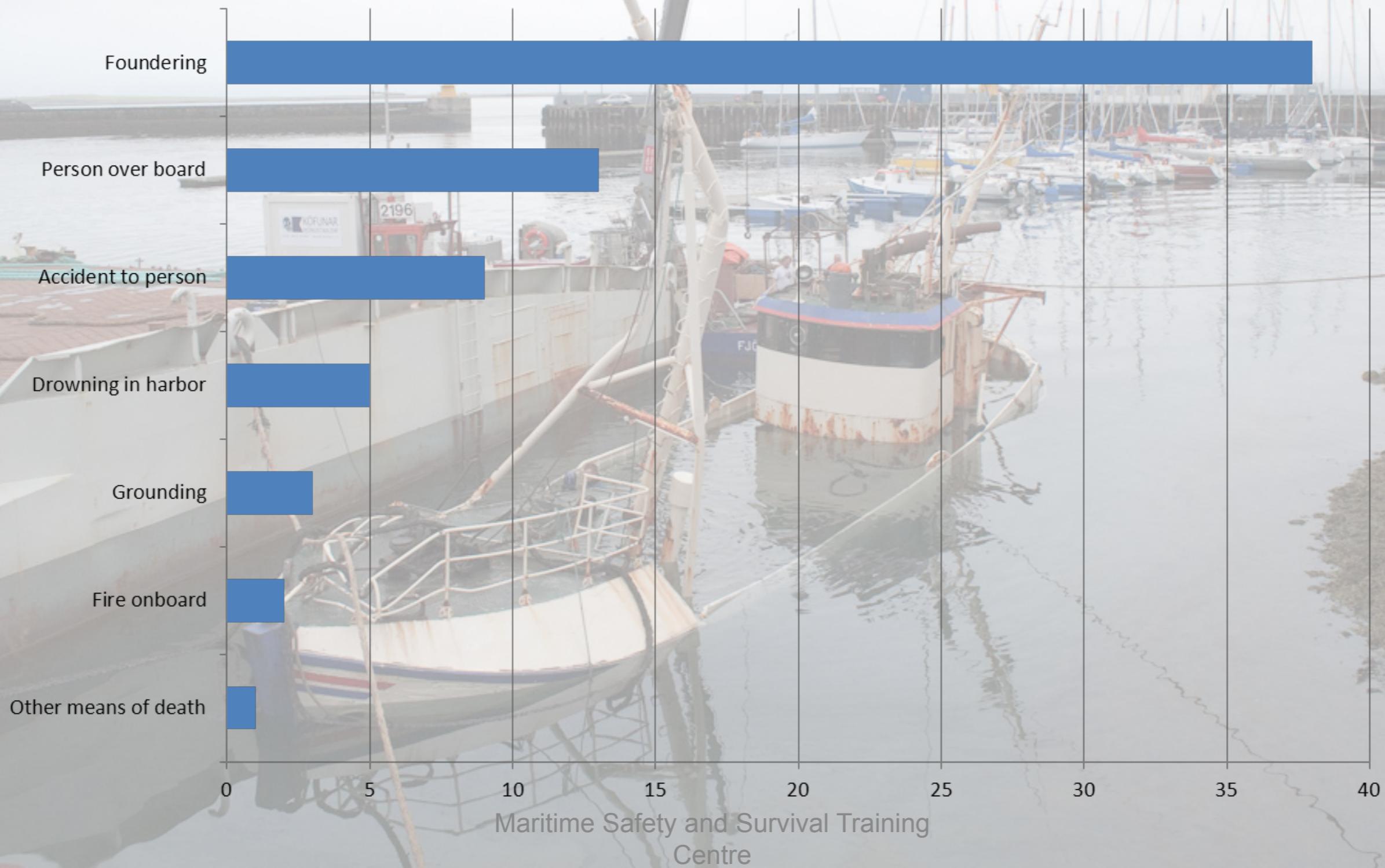


Fatality's pr. 1.000 fishermen



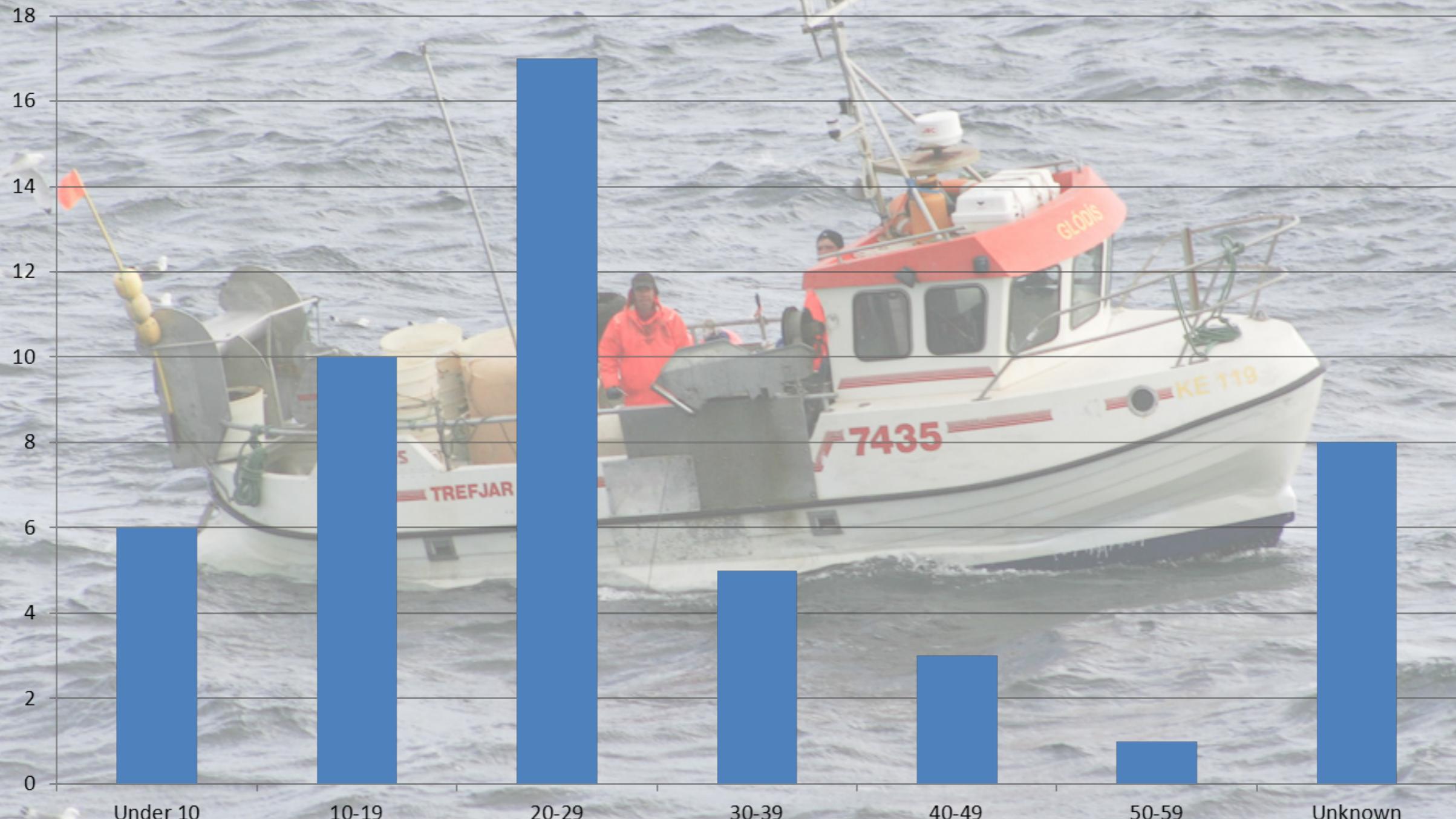


Cause of death





Age of fishing vessels



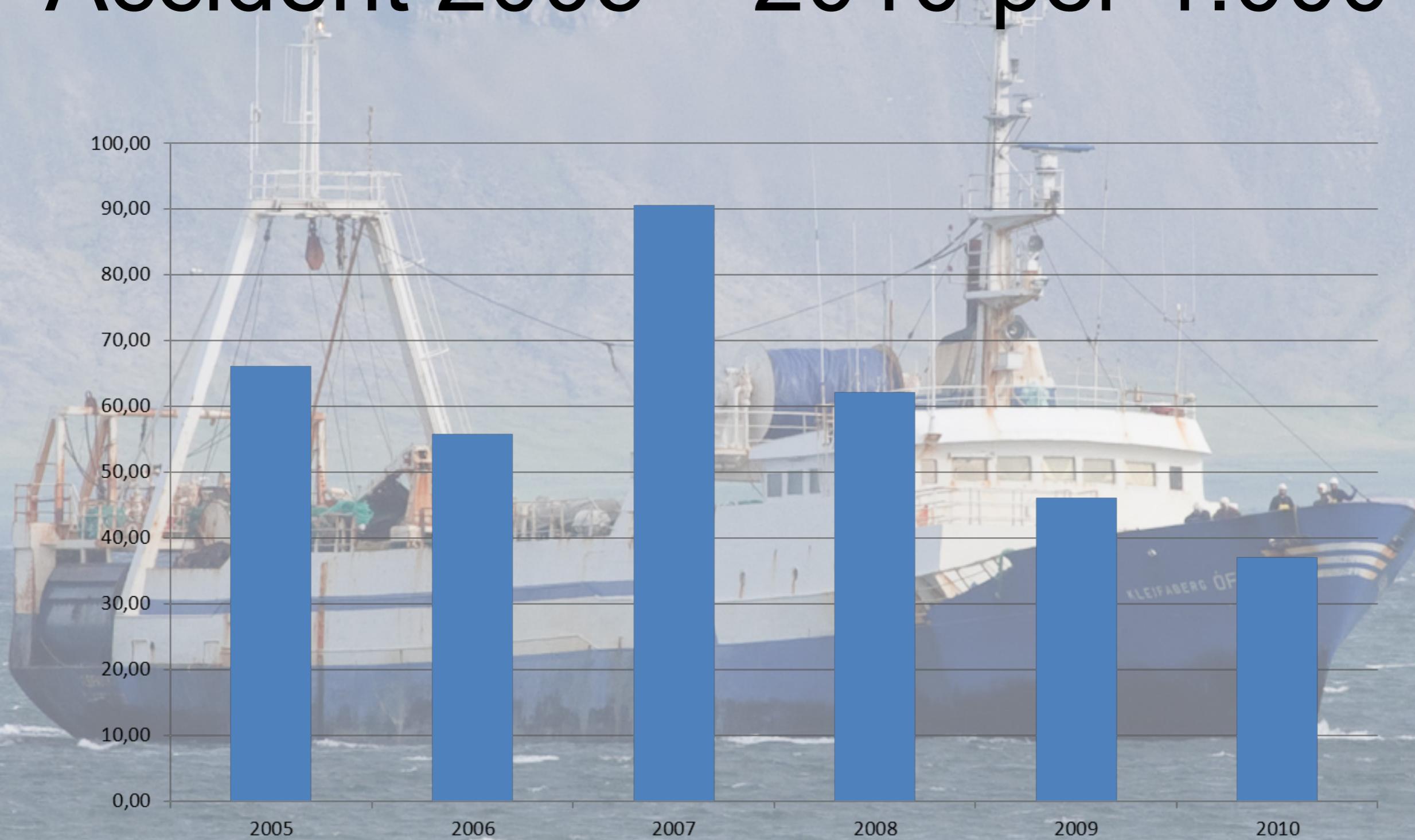


Sick leave compensation legislation

- A crewmember that will be unable to work due to sickness or injuries shall not miss any of his salary in any way as long as he can not work due to mentioned causes but not longer than two months.
- If he has been working on same ship or same operator for more than two years he shall have in addition basic salary for one extra month.

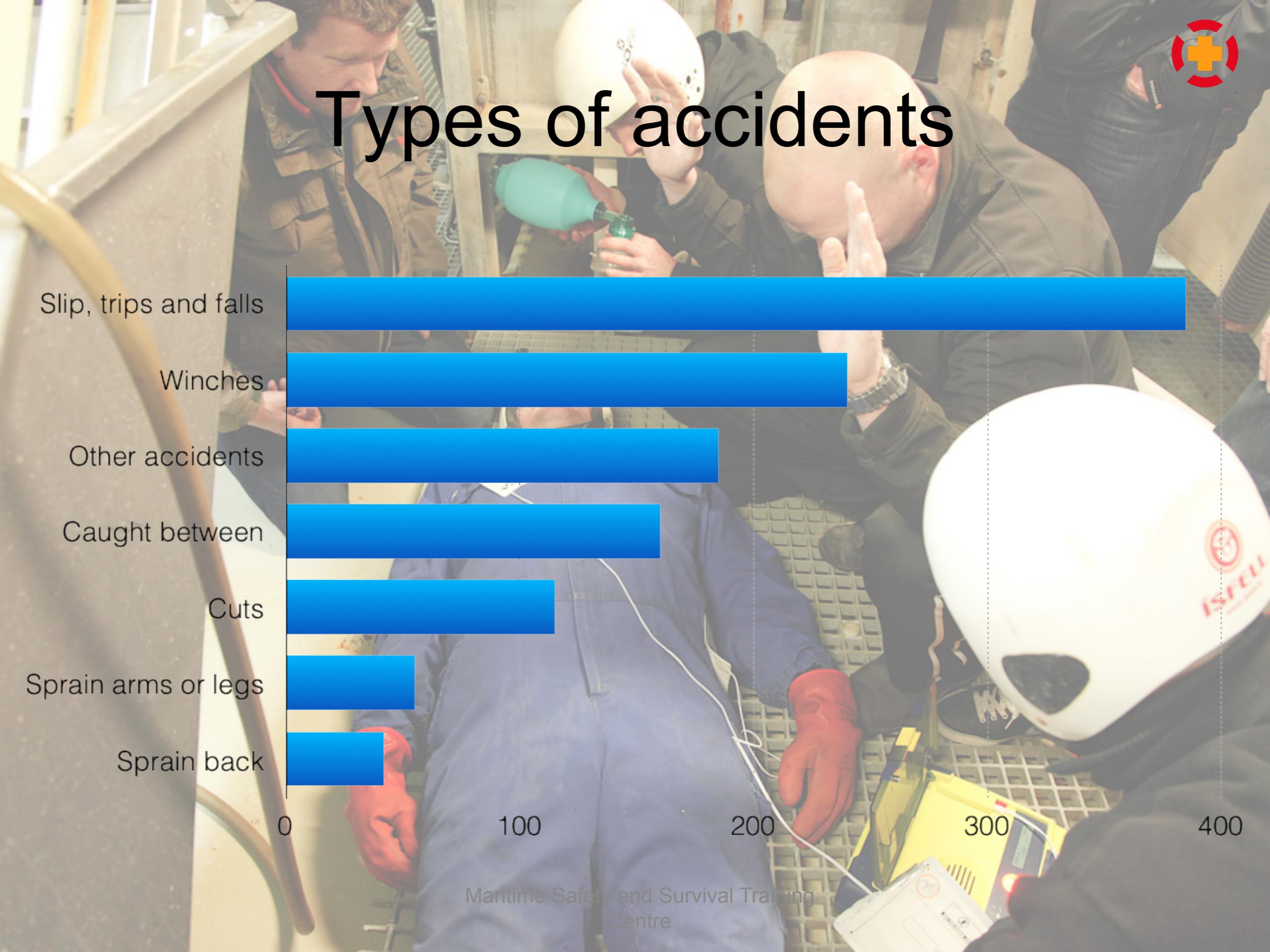


Accident 2005 – 2010 per 1.000



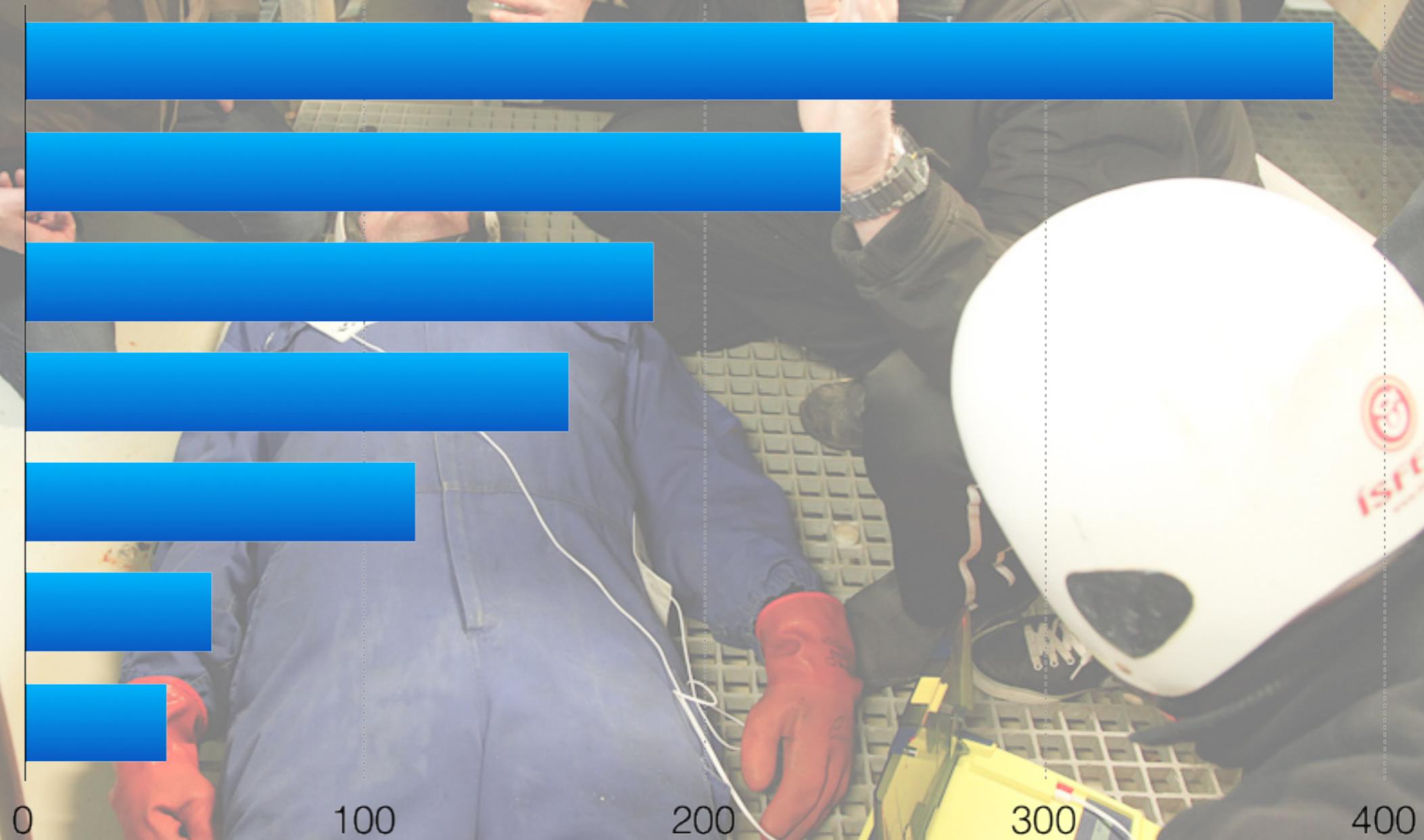


Types of accidents



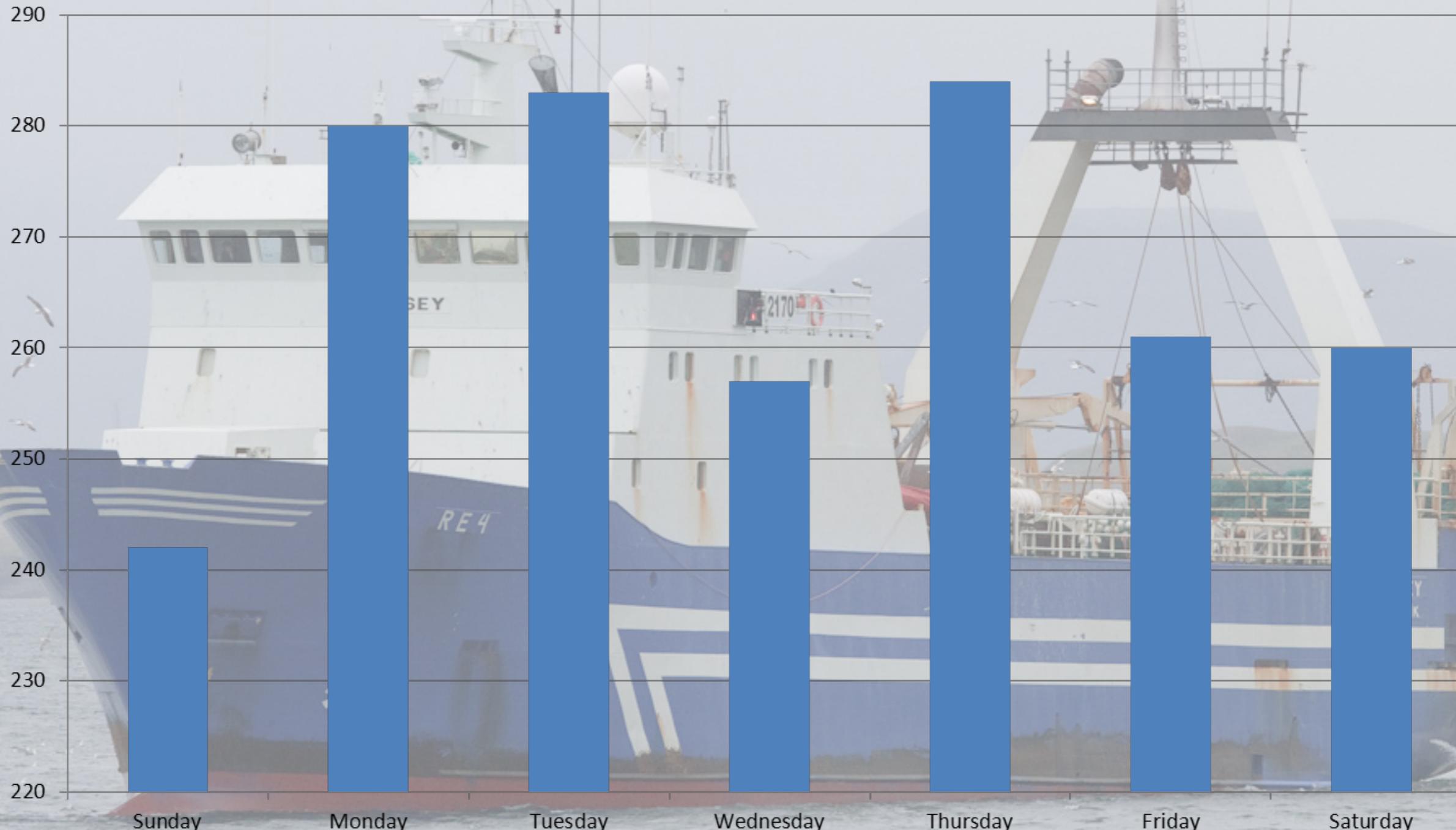
A background photograph shows several maritime workers in a ship's interior. One worker in the foreground is wearing a blue jumpsuit and red gloves, holding a clipboard. Another worker is visible in the background, wearing a white hard hat and safety vest, working near a piece of equipment. The environment looks industrial and wet.

- Slip, trips and falls
- Winches
- Other accidents
- Caught between
- Cuts
- Sprain arms or legs
- Sprain back



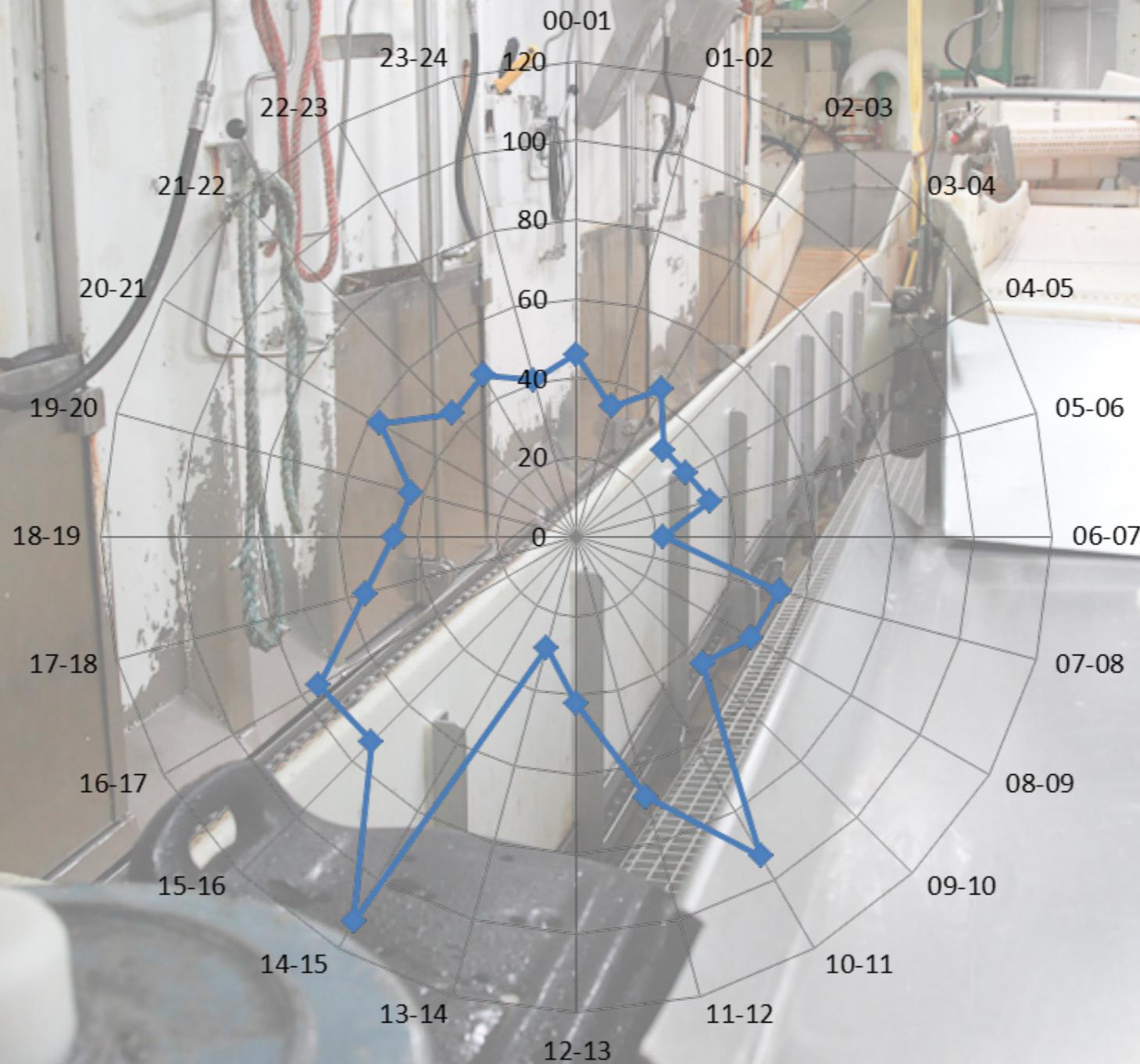


Week day of accident





Time of personal accidents





Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre



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MSSTC

- Established in 1985.
- Mobile training centre.
- Owned and operated by ICE-SAR.
- 40.000 participants.
- Supported by industry, unions and parliament.



Mandatory safety training in Iceland

Year	Course	Days
1994	Basic Safety training course > 20 GT	5 days
2001	Refresher training > 20 GT (5 years)	2 days
2010	Basic training < 20 GT	1 day
2010	Refresher training < 20 GT (5 years)	0,5 day



Safety improvements

- Immersion suites in all fishing vessel over 6 meters in length from 2012.
- Man Over Board rescue slings or net.



Finally

- Safety training has changed fishermen's attitude towards safety.
- Result could not have been so good without training legislation.
- Insurance companies and MSSTC are working together to implement risk assessment to reduce working accidents onboard fishing vessels.



- Thank you

