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Keeping a Safe Navigational Watch

Following a number of recent collisions involving fishing vessels the Marine Accident Investigation Branch has published a report reminding fishing vessel crews of the importance of keeping a Safe Navigational Watch.

The following advice is good and relevant to anyone keeping a safe navigational watch on any type of vessel.

1. A vessel that is seen can be avoided. A vessel that isn't seen is an accident waiting to happen. Wheelhouse watchkeepers need to be well rested, alert and use all means available to keep a proper lookout.
2. The wheelhouse is the best place to keep a navigational watch. Situations quickly change, and leaving the wheelhouse unattended is fraught with danger. Other jobs can wait or can be done by somebody else.

Further information is available in [MAIB flyer](#) and [MGN 313 \(F\) Keeping a Safe Navigational Watch on a Fishing Vessels](#).