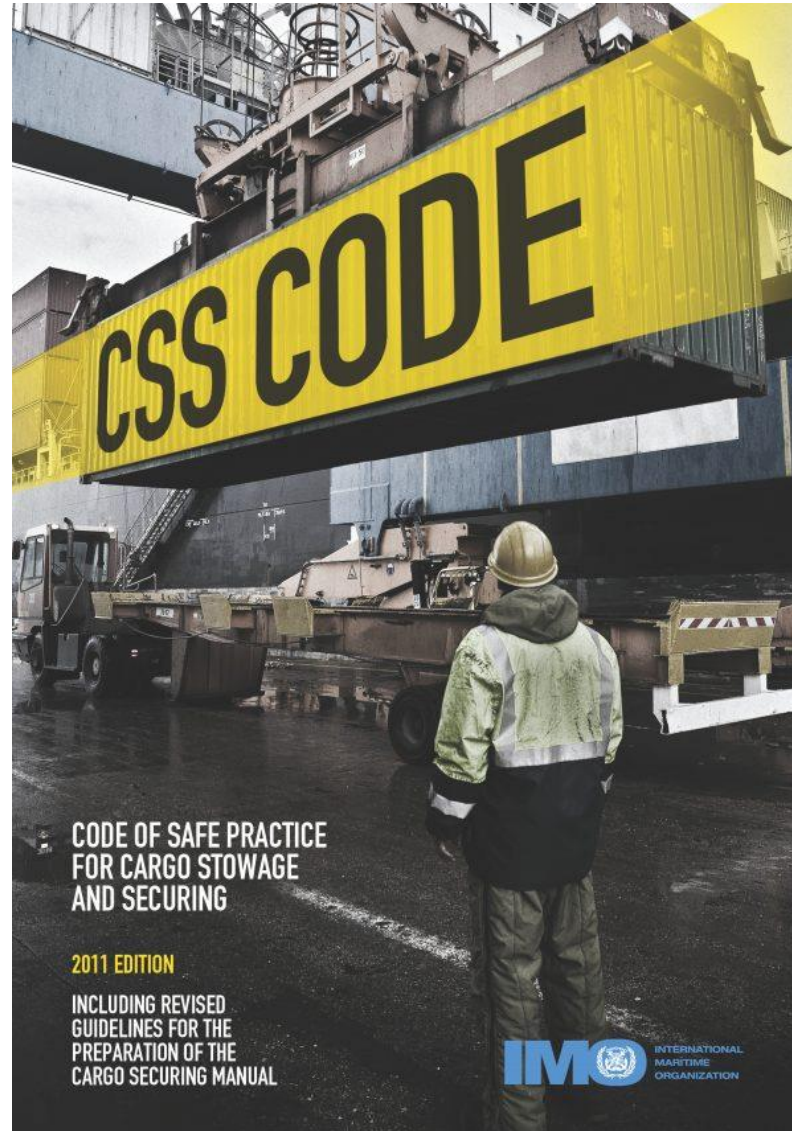


Weather Dependent Lashing after the amended IMO - CSS code (MSC.1/Circ.1623)



Genesis & Evolution

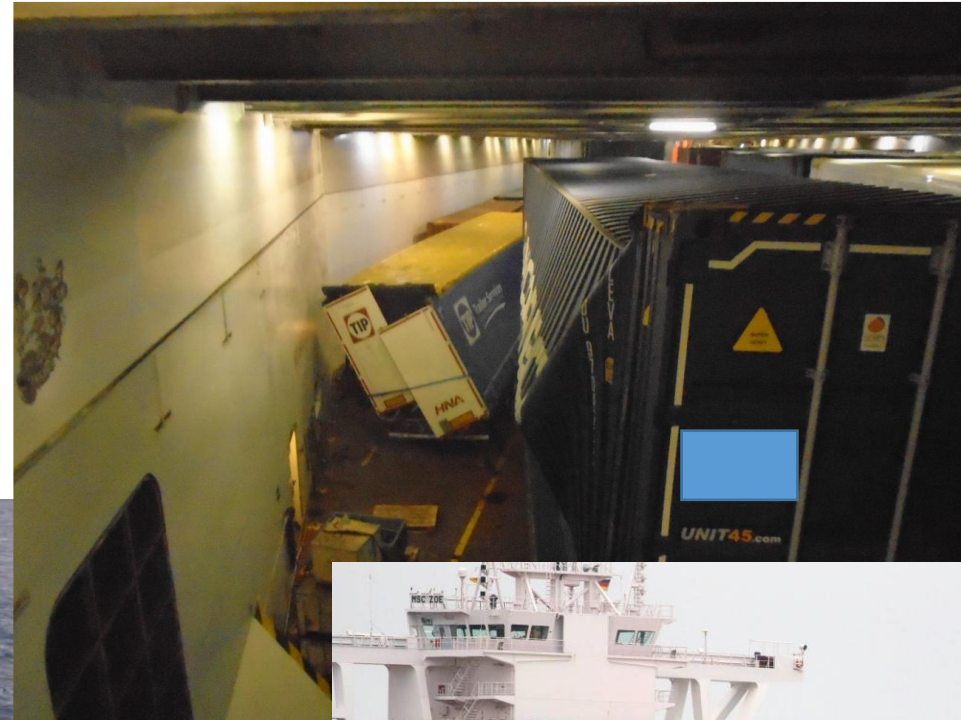
(with a special thanks to Professor Captain Hermann Kaps)

- The CSS code is the international accepted “lashing bible” for cargo vessels
- An IMO guideline, implemented by almost all member states
- The basis for Cargo Securing Manuals and cargo lashing principles for ALL vessel (except container & wet/dry bulk vessels) CSM’s are STATUTORY DOCUMENTS!
- First issued in the 1990’s, with a number of amendments since then
- A calculation method for the “balance of forces”: environmental induced vessel motions / forces versus cargo lashing capacities

Transverse acceleration a_y in m/s^2											Longitudinal acceleration a_x in m/s^2
on deck, high	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.4		3.8
on deck, low	6.5	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.7		2.9
'tween-deck	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.2		2.0
lower hold	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.9		1.5
Vertical acceleration a_z in m/s^2											
7.6 6.2 5.0 4.3 4.3 5.0 6.2 7.6 9.2											

- Basic acceleration matrix for UNRESTRICTED trades (read: Winter North Atlantic) , valid for a ship of 100 meter length, 15 knots speed and a few other conditions....
- Corrections to be made for different parameters of length, speed, GM, etc.
- This matrix is the result of years of discussions, bright minds and a lot of common sense!

The balance of forces !



Amendment to the CSS code (2020)

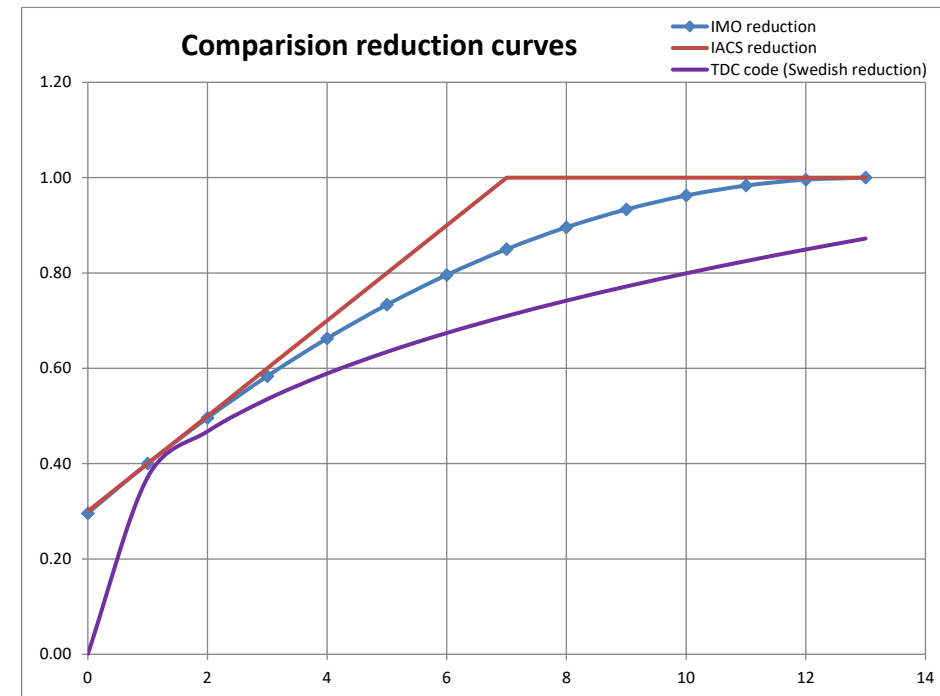
A Unified Interpretation of the Guidelines

(Published by IMO in December 2020 as MSC.1/Circ.1623)

- A complete re-write of Annex 13 (Methods to assess the efficiency of securing arrangements for semi-standardized and non-standardized cargo)
- Specifically including Weather Dependent Lashing operations to reduce the IMO accelerations. Input for the reduction factor is Hs (Significant wave height) in the trading area
- The CSS code now also applies to heavy cargoes and towed transports (heavy cargoes and tows were excluded before)
- A new Appendix 4 to addresses RoRo operations (Friction + performance factor)
- IMO has requested all member states to implement these new guidelines

How can IMO accelerations be reduced during WDL operations (3 + 1 methods)

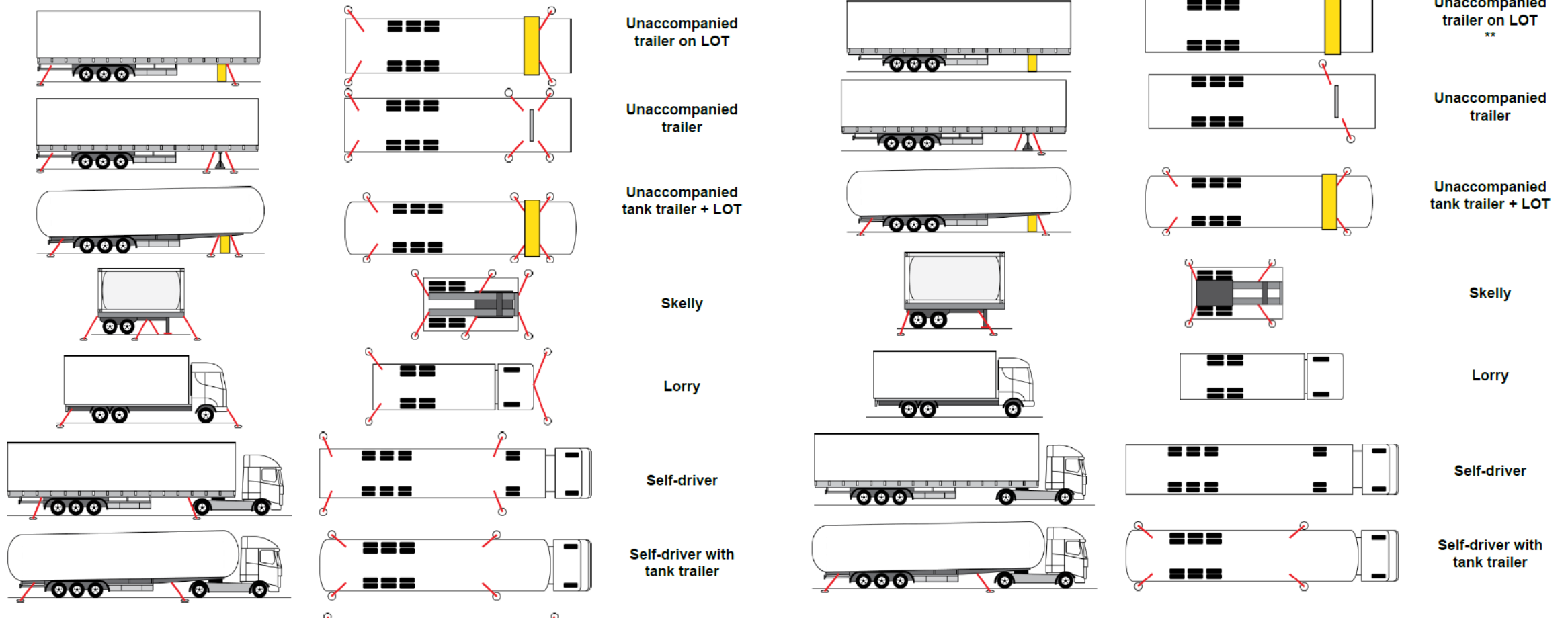
- 20 year return Hs on the trade route
- Forecasted Hs for voyages < 72 hours
- (this is the preferred method for short-sea)
- Seafastening design for a max Hs
- (This legalizes vessel routing!)
- Full scale monitoring results in irregular seas
- (This is the Siri Marine approach for RoRo / RoPax)
- Whenever WDL operations are carried out:
 - Weather conditions must be monitored
 - Vessel motions must be monitored & recorded



A “level playing field” for the RoRo / RoPax industry

- After 15 or more years of discussions, finally a unified interpretation of the CSS guidelines
- Applicable world-wide with only the significant wave height in the trade area as input (Providing the implementation by your Flag-state of the MSC.1/Circ.1623 amendment to the CSS Code)
- Clear instructions how a reduction to the IMO accelerations must be applied
- A more realistic matrix of friction coefficients (For the RoRo / RoPax only!) Increased to 0.45 for air-rubber tyres on a dry steel surface)
- And a “performance factor” specifically for RoRo / RoPax vessels

What can it do for you?

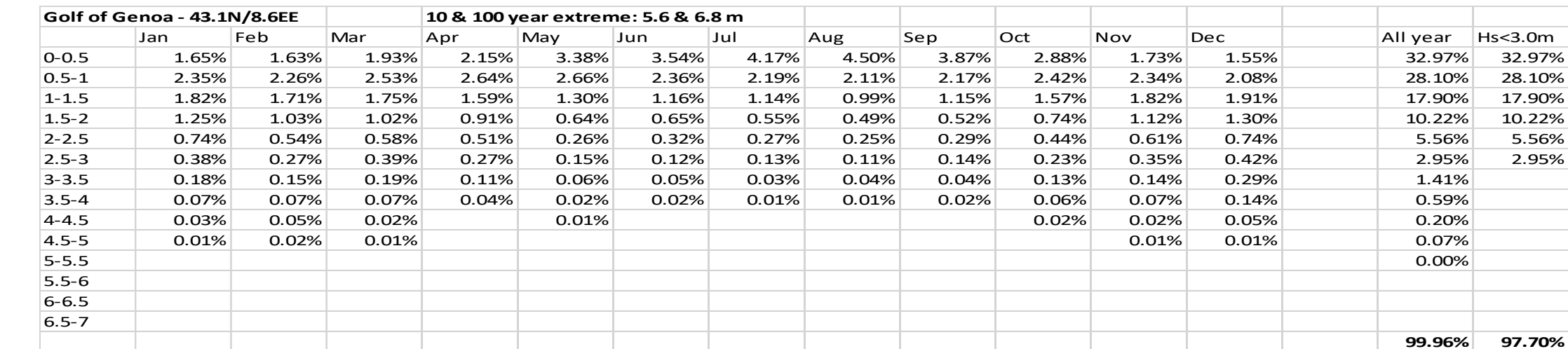


Heavy Lashing for Hs > 3,0 / 3,5 meter

Light Lashing for Hs < 3,0 / 3,5 meter

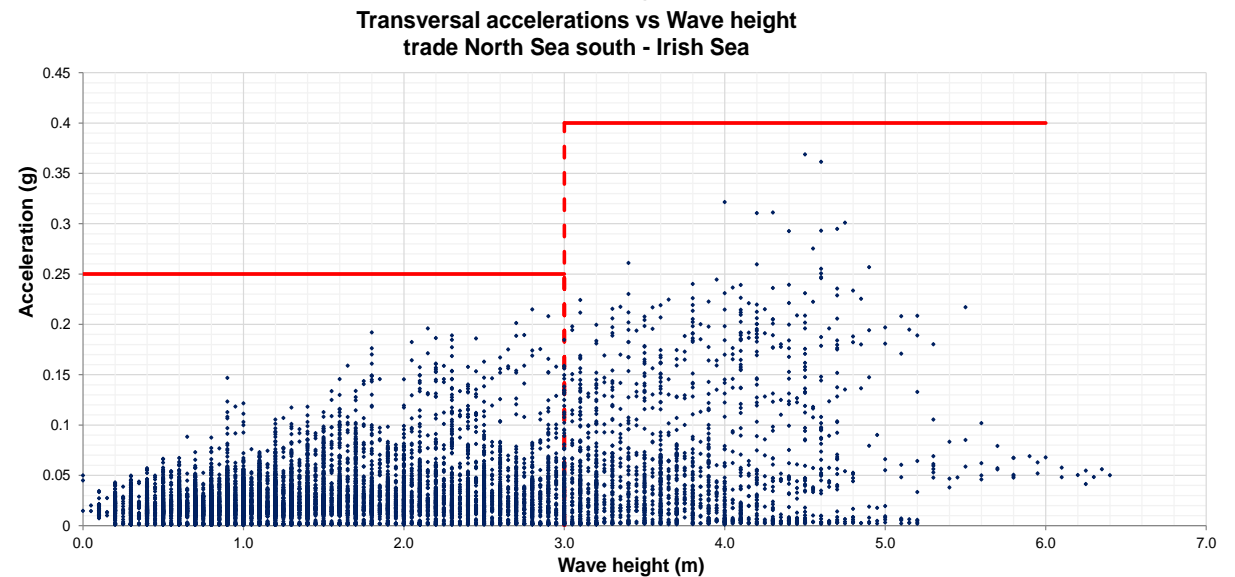
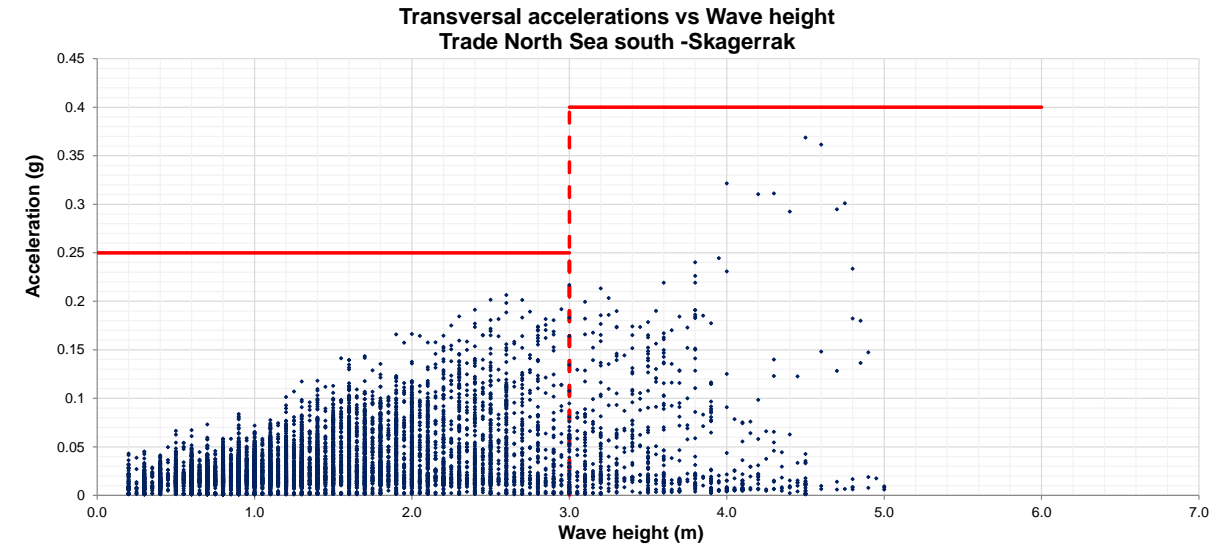
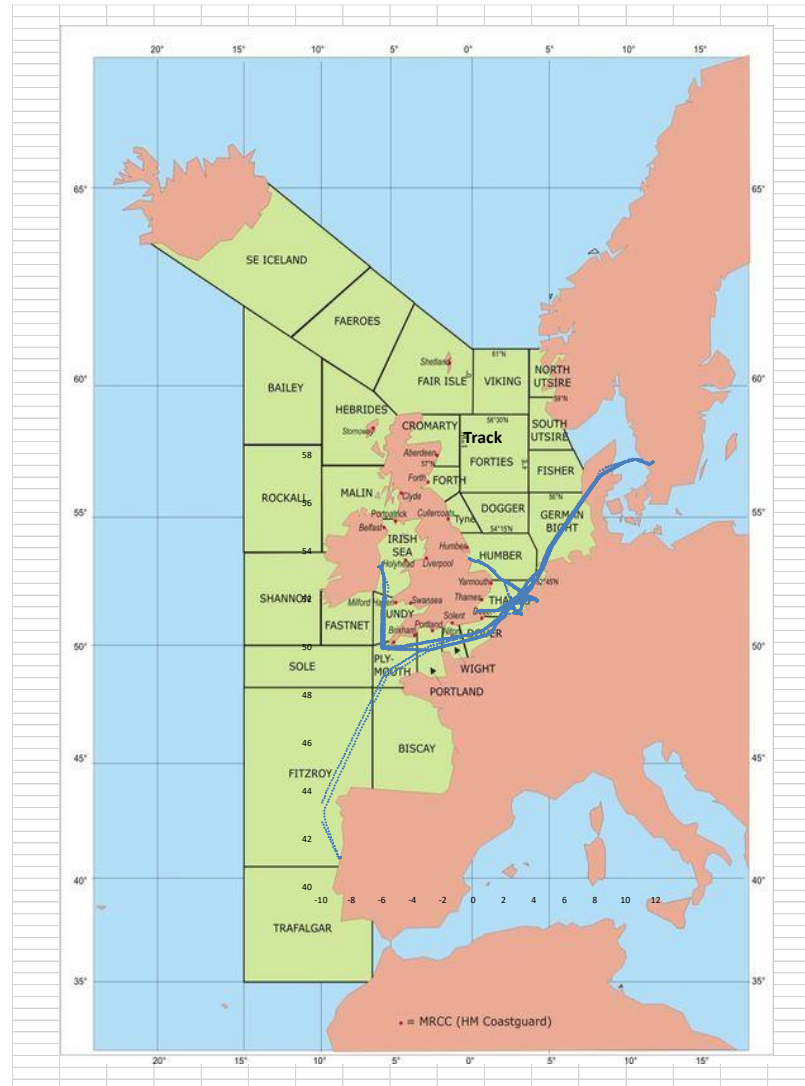
How do you define the limiting wave height for LIGHT lashing?

- The objective has been to allow 0 lashings for self-drivers and 2 lashings only for trailers on traditional trestles
- Full scale measurements over the past 18 years on > 90 RoRo / RoPax vessels have shown that a limiting wave height of approx. 3.0 meter H_s causes vessel motions that allow for LIGHT lashing application (2.5 for very small RoRo vessels, 3.5 for the larger RoRo/RoPax vessels)
- Recorded motions / accelerations are used in the calculations and provide sufficient safety margins
- Long term statistics show that $H_s < 3.0$ meter occurs in > 95% in Southern North Sea, Irish Sea, Italian coastal waters, Balearic Sea
- The Central North Sea & Skagerrak score > 90%; Bay of Biscay scores around 80%, but this is greatly influenced by the winter months
- The percentages shown are all-year numbers
- To the best of my knowledge, cargo incidents have NOT occurred when LIGHT lashing was practised!



Full scale monitoring results

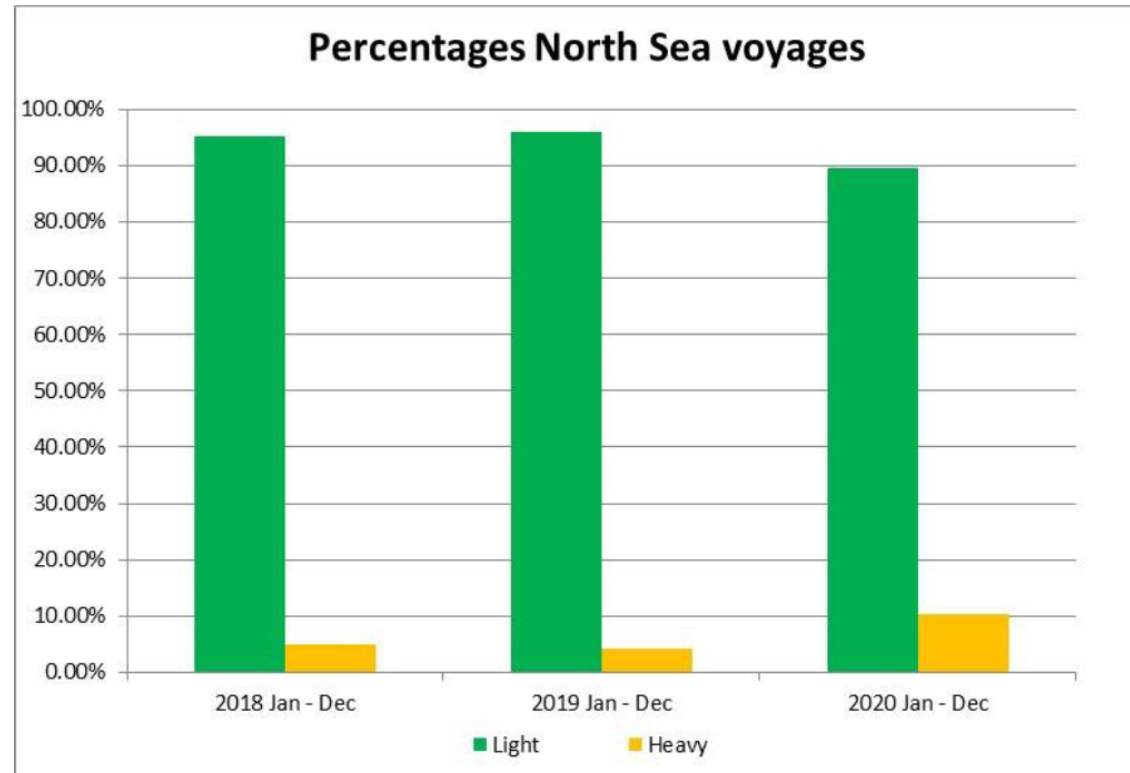
Note: full-scale monitoring results in acceleration forces that are approx. 40% lower than the reduction formula in the amended Annex 13 for Hs 3.0 m.



LIGHT vs HEAVY lashing

Class of vessel:	Name vessel:	Period:	% Light lashing:	% Heavy Lashing:	Voyages Light	Voyages Heavy
		2018 Jan - Dec	95.17%	4.83%	276	14
		2019 Jan - Dec	95.92%	4.08%	235	10
		2020 Jan - Dec	89.58%	10.42%	275	32

Figure 1. Percentages Southern North Sea trade.



Your advantages

(The very obvious and the not-so obvious!)

(Does WDL contribute to sustainability in the maritime industry?)

- Significant reduction in external lashing costs / stevedores
- Significant work-load reduction for your crews
- Reduction in turn-around time in port
- On-time departure > close the ramp immediately after the last self-driver is on board
- On-time departure > Fuel consumption / CO2 reduction
- On-time departure > happy clients
- No waiting time for self-drivers on arrival
- Reduction in equipment maintenance / replacement
- Sustainability is more than fuel & CO2 reduction alone

What can we do for you?

- Involved in vessel motion monitoring and cargo safety since 2003. Launching Client in 2003: P&O Ferries on their North Sea routes
- A wealth of in-depth knowledge in WDL operations
- A huge data-base of vessel motions & weather data
- Provision of monitoring equipment & services
- Consultancy during start-up and implementation, optimize WDL operations, reporting
- More than 90 RoRo / RoPax vessels worldwide have Siri systems & services on board
- Assistance or writing of WDL documentation & approvals
- Training & instructions to on-shore and on-board staff
- Dedicated staff in a small transparent organisation

Siri Light application

- Developed and designed for WDL operations
- In full compliance with the amended CSS code
- Simple installation & simple display
- Alarm functionality (traffic light)
- Remote access & support via Siri webportal
- Logging functionality
 - For voyage reporting
 - For incident investigations



SIRI LIGHT
MOTION MONITORING & ALARM SYSTEM



Work in progress

- Web application
 - Vessel routing and statistical or forecasted weather on the routes
 - Provision of reduction factors for the planned routes / trades
 - Provision of the reduced acceleration matrix
 - Calculation of seafastening / lashing of cargoes
- Until launched, all of the above can be provided by the Siri Marine staff on request
- By the way: based on the same technology and born from our practical knowledge, a new Siri TRIM optimization system has been developed

Implementation

- WDL sensor systems do NOT replace common sense and good seamanship
- Sensor systems, weather forecasting services, etc. are only tools to the Master to enable him/her to make the right decisions at the right time
- A word of caution:
 - Plan the implementation of WDL operations carefully
 - Get the on-board staff “on-board”. Changes are often seen as threats
 - Start slowly, get feed-back, listen to concerns and react to questions

Thank you for your attention!

Questions? We have a stand in the exhibition area.

And this presentation plus all amended Annex 13 information can be emailed to you on request.

