



Near Miss!



Date: January 20, 2021

Activity: Knife in the Sink!

What Happened:

A new galleyhand was cleaning the work table for the Steward. As he cleaned the work table, he put the French knife in the sink and continued cleaning the work table with a galley towel.

The Steward, being helpful, went to the sink to wash the utensils. He reached into the sink and pulled out the knife. He was fortunate to have grabbed it by the handle and recognize immediately what it was.

Why it Happened:

- Steward failed to wash the knife himself after finishing his task
- Inexperienced employee took over cleaning the work area
- Lack of training
- Poorly communicated knife handling standards

Typical Hazards:

- Lacerations
- Puncture wounds

Corrective Actions:

An immediate training was held with the new hand; Steward took ownership of the problem.

A safety meeting was held that evening with all hands, the standard was re-communicated:

- whoever uses a knife is the one who washes it.
- NEVER put a knife in a sink.

