

A number of smaller vessels around New Zealand fish using jigging operations. Squid are the main target species when jigging. There are a number of unique hazards associated with this type of fishing.

### Key Hazards

1. Cables to lights and jigging machines are often exposed. To keep your vessel safe:
  - Keep cables off the deck
  - Inspect daily for damage to the insulation and termination points
  - Wrap cables in waterproof covering as much as possible to keep dry
  - Don't short out protective devices
2. Watch for by-catch. Sharks, Seals, and Baracuta may end up on the trays because they were chasing the squid.



**Failure of jigger control relays can cause the weights to throw over rollers and onto the deck. These should be checked regularly.**

3. Squid hazards.
  - Squid have a nasty bite!
  - If squid tentacles touch you they can cause a septic rashes
  - Watch out for ink squirts!
4. Be careful when setting and retrieving the sea anchor. The ropes can get stretched and break. Shackles may part due to stretching.
5. Hooks are continuously moving. Watch for hooks as they emerge from the water.
6. The bright lights used to attract fish glare off white painted items so crew should beware of this and wear tinted eye-wear if working near these lights.