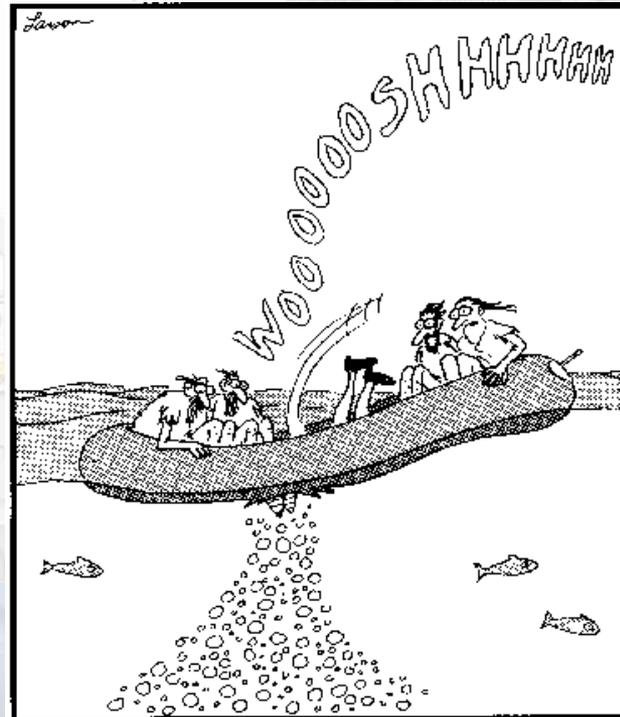




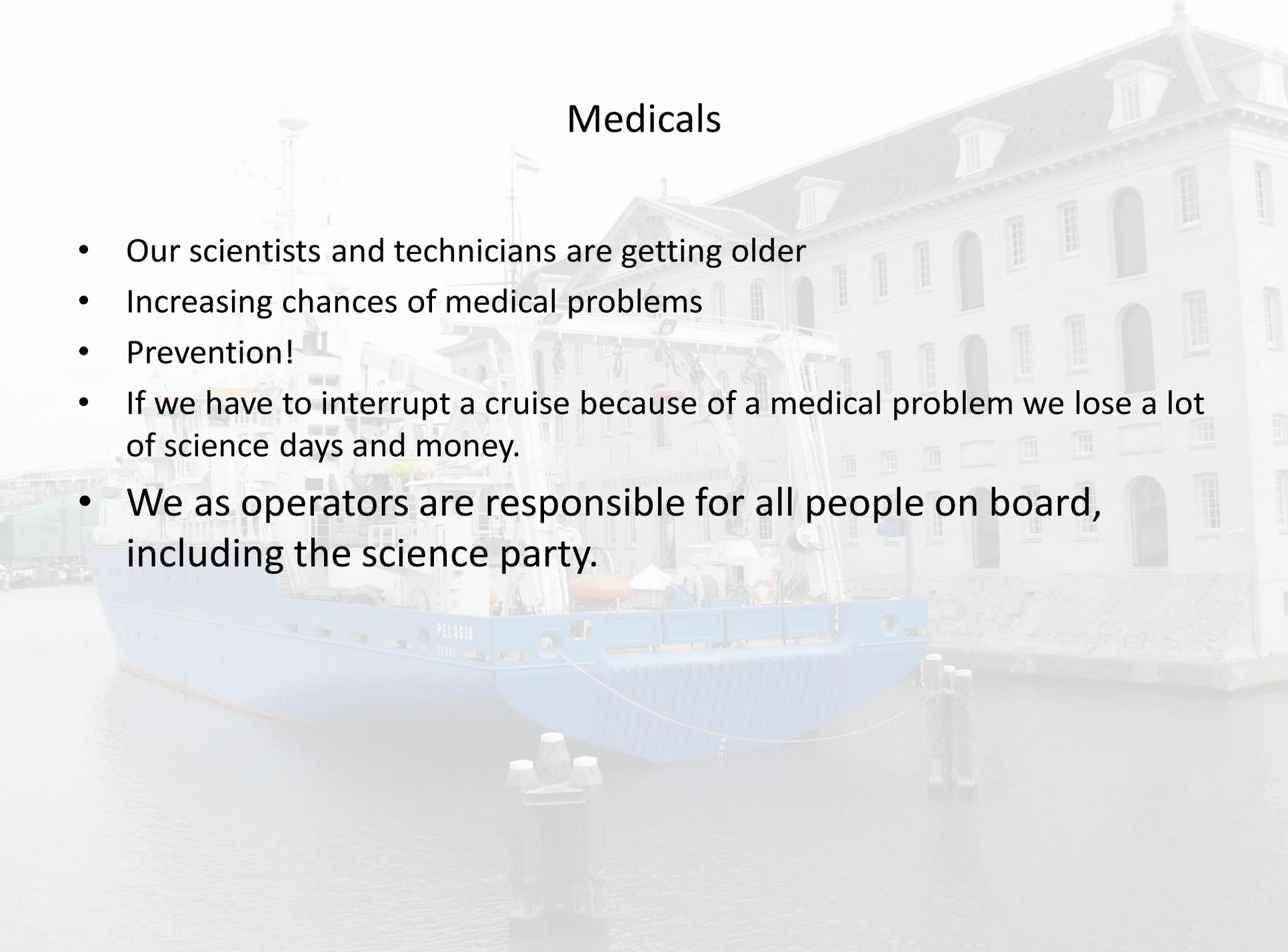
Safety training and medicals for scientists, why bother?



To the horror of the lifeboat's other members,
Madonna loses her balance and falls on her face.

Medicals

- Our scientists and technicians are getting older
- Increasing chances of medical problems
- Prevention!
- If we have to interrupt a cruise because of a medical problem we lose a lot of science days and money.
- We as operators are responsible for all people on board, including the science party.



Safety training

- Many scientists, technicians and students rarely go to sea
- The ship is an unfamiliar environment
- In case something happens, we don't want them to be a burden to the crew.
- The 'personal safety techniques' training our science party participates in is a 1 day course that gives them some experience of what it is like to put on a survival suit, to jump into the water from height wearing the suit and life vest and to climb into life rafts.
- Besides extremely useful, it is fun!
- On board Pelagia, every member of the science party needs a PST and medical. This also applies to scientists from other countries.

Additional reason: MLC 2006!

- MLC 2006 gives a set of rules and guidelines for the treatment of ship's crews, the interpretation is down to the local shipping laws.
- the effect of MLC 2006 depends very much on how your organisation sees scientists on board
- According to Dutch shipping law, every person on the ship belongs to the crew, unless the ship carries a passenger certificate.
- The Dutch government does not want to make any exceptions to these rules, meaning that a mechanic sent over by his company to make repairs on the ship would be subject to the same rules for training and medicals as the crew. Companies are going to court at this very moment to try to change this.
- We need your help! In many countries it is very difficult for scientists to get access to safety training.