A b s t r a c t

It is described an apparatus (1) for cutting a line extending from a floating vessel having a deck, the apparatus comprising:

- two guide pins (2a, 2b) configured to move between a retracted position and an extended position, wherein a distance between the guide pins (2a, 2b), in an extended position, is spanned by a spacer (4), the spacer (4) forming a reaction surface (5);

- a cutting device (6) mounted between the two guide pins (2a, 2b), the cutting device (6) being configured to move between a retracted position and an extended position;

wherein the cutting device (6) is arranged to cut the line against the reaction surface (5) without holding the line prior to cutting such that the line may be cut directly and independently of the orientation of the line.

(Fig. 1)