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Welcome to your next issue of Training on Board, packed with workout ideas and health tips for seafarers!



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5 FITNESS MYTHS

Make sure you don't do yourself harm or waste time following bad advice... Here are five fitness myths and what the facts really are:

MYTH 1

"Crunches are the best way to burn belly fat"

REALITY: The best way is through combining cardio with ab-strengthening exercises and a healthy diet

MYTH 2

"All you need is cardio and weights"

REALITY: Exercise has 5 dimensions: strength, speed, agility, endurance and flexibility

MYTH 3

"No pain, no gain!"

REALITY: You should feel a slight discomfort, but you should not feel so sore that it affects your day

MYTH 4

"Stretching will always prevent injuries"

REALITY: Sometimes stretching cold muscles will actually harm them. Always warm up muscles at the start.

MYTH 5

"Lots of protein & less carbs = lean muscle"

REALITY: Carbs give you energy during a workout. You need them to keep you going. Most adults get enough protein in a normal diet. There's no need to add more.



TOP TIP!

No weights to lift on board?

Try using filled water or soda bottles instead. Start with a smaller 500ml bottle and work your way up to 1 litre.

NOTE TO SEAFARERS: Take care when exercising and work within your limits. If you're unsure, please seek medical advice before attempting any of the exercises in this newsletter.

CHECK OUT CROSSFIT

CrossFit is a high-intensity strength and conditioning program which uses functional movements and varied workouts to help people lose weight, build muscle and live healthier lives. It's a great daily workout to try on board if you're limited by time and space, so here's how it works...

CROSSFIT DEVELOPS 10 PHYSICAL SKILLS:

- Cardiovascular/respiratory endurance
- 2. Stamina
- 3. Strength
- 4. Flexibility
- 5. Power
- 6. Speed
- 7. Agility
- 8. Balance
- 9. Coordination
- 10. Accuracy



'WOD'

After a 15-minute warm-up, CrossFit follows a Workout of the Day (or 'WOD')— a certain number of reps of particular exercises as quickly as possible or a set time limit to do as many of a certain exercise as possible (followed by cooling down and stretching)...

EXAMPLE CROSSFIT WORKOUT

Circuit: 10 mins, as many rounds as possible

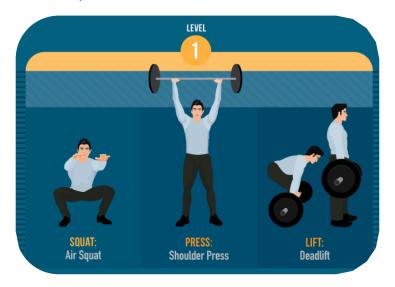
- 1. Burpee—1 set, 10 reps
- 2. **Bodyweight squat**—1 set, 20 reps
 - 3. **Sit-up**—1 set, 30 reps



There are 3 basic movements to learn in CrossFit, and each has 3 levels of difficulty:

- 1. Squats
- 2. Presses
- 3. Lifts

For example, here's Level 1:



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