

Marine Safety Flash

A13-02 (15th February)

Dropped Objects



Incident Overview

A Platform Supply Vessel (PSV) was receiving back loaded containers from an offshore platform. A garbage skip was in the process of being transferred when 3 grating clamps fell to the deck of the PSV. The clamps had been resting in the lower framing on the end of the skip (see photo below).

Fortunately, as per Company requirements the deck was clear of personnel during this operation and the dropped objects did not result in injury.

Key Findings

- Cargo sitting for a period on a deck of the platform was used as a means for resting tools.
- Prior to the lift being sent to the PSV, it was not thoroughly inspected by a competent person to ensure no potential for dropped objects.

Recommendations

- (1) Items which are requiring to be transported by any means are NOT to be used to rest tools or equipment on.
- (2) A competent person to thoroughly inspect every lift PRIOR to lifting to ensure no potential dropped objects exist.
- (3) Communications between facility and PSV to ensure prior to any cargo operations that all equipment has been checked for potential dropped objects. This includes cargo being discharged from the PSV.

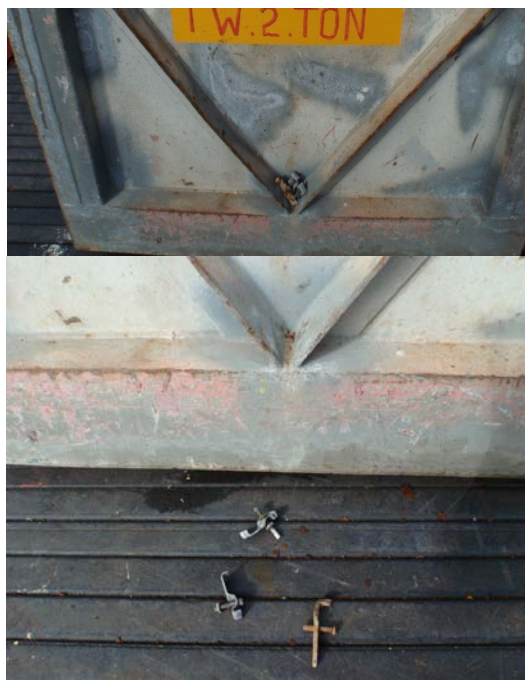


Figure 1 & 2: Clamps positioned before (re-enactment) and after the execution of lift.