

Marine Safety Flash

A15-01 (15th February)



Snake Swivel Parted during Lifting Operations

Incident Overview

The starboard crane was hoisting a Marine Riser Tensioner (MRT) cable as part of a planned slip and cut operation.

The swivel on the 'snake' that was attached to the cable failed at a height of 28 meters allowing the MRT cable (weighs over 18Kg per meter) to fall to the deck.



Lewis Snake Swivel

Key Findings

- Work stopped, area was made safe and investigation is underway.
- An alert for local distribution with guidance to use alternative methods for lifting heavy cable where practicable was prepared.
- Users should confirm effective exclusion zones are in place and Lewis Swivel Snakes are checked for valid certification and visually inspected by a competent person prior to use.
- Once the investigation is complete, a further alert or bulletin will be issued if appropriate.



Lewis Snake



Lewis Snake swivel that parted

Recommendations

- Nil at this stage