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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## *Lifeboat Accidentally Lowered To Water*

A GIS employees working on a client offshore platform accidentally lowered a lifeboat to the water by attaching their SRL to the wrong anchor point. The employee properly tested the anchor point prior to attaching it to themselves which caused the release of the brake and prevented would could have been a serious incident if not tested.

### **Incident Overview**

While preparing to remove scaffolding on a Lifeboat davit maintenance cage, a member of GIS projects confused the release handle for the lifeboat brake lever with a tie off point for fall protection. While testing the release handle for tie off point suitability the brake lever disengaged allowing the lifeboat to launch to the water. Control room and Marine Supervisor were immediately notified, and the lifeboat was retrieved and secured without damage

### **Actions**

- Immediately held a stand down with OIM and GIS, about anchor point tie-off points for SRL
- Ensure JSEA outlines anchor points

### **Recommendations moving forward**

D-Ring Handle to be painted red and labeled

### **How does this relate to me?**

- Working at heights – Our team members work at heights often. Knowing where secure anchor points are prior to starting the job is one of the key points in assuring you will be safe if a fall occurs. Many times, we can find ourselves unsure of the best means to secure our fall protection. When there are questions that arise, it's always best to ask prior to doing. Ask you supervisor, facility representative or stop the job and ask the client if they have a preferred anchor prior to attaching.
- Paperwork – Our documentation is a key element in identifying existing hazards in the work area. Although we have created a library of “partially” pre-written JSEAs to assist with time management, it is very important to ensure that we “wet ink” the proper details of the job every time. This enables input of the entire crew and outlines detailed site-specific observances where we will be working. Just identifying that we need fall protection because we will be working at heights isn't enough every time. Identifying anchor points and how we will attach to those anchor points by performing a walk down would have prevented this incident. Make sure everyone involved with the task is comfortable with every aspect of the job prior to starting work.

If you should have any questions regarding this process, please contact the HSE department.

***Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.***

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