



## 1. Quarterly Themes



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## Wellbeing and Work Environment

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## 2. Safety Alerts & Moments

### Alert - Empty banded COSHH storage container toppled in high winds

During high winds, a banded COSHH Storage Container being held at an onshore storage yard toppled over. As it fell it struck a concrete...

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### HSE – Radiograph duplication and falsification

This safety alert highlights that the non-destructive testing (NDT) process is vulnerable to tampering. HSE and other regulators have...

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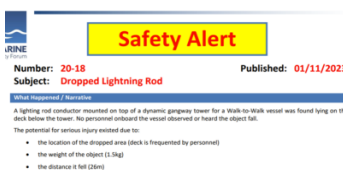


Figure 1: Radiographs of tube welds PWT39 and PWT59 are identical (images courtesy of NECT Services Ltd, independent third party reviewer)

### MSF – Dropped Lightning Rod

A lighting rod conductor mounted on top of a dynamic gangway tower for a Walk-to-Walk vessel was found lying on the deck below the tower...

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### MSF – Potential Dropped Object

4kg Shackle left on top of a backloaded mud skip. After removing the lashings from backloaded cargo to be ready for discharge in port, a...

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### IMCA – Fire in ROV Workshop

A crew member noticed smoke coming from the ROV workshop and reported a fire. To view this IMCA safety alert in full, click the 'Download...

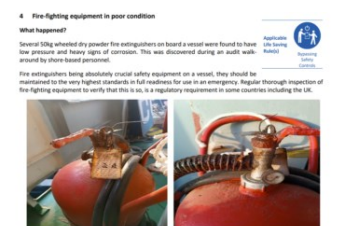
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### IMCA – Fire-fighting equipment in poor condition

Several 50kg wheeled dry powder fire extinguishers on board a vessel were found to have low pressure and heavy signs of corrosion. This was...

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### IMCA – Fire extinguisher fails during pressure testing

A member reports a recent incident involving the failure of a 5kg CO2 fire extinguisher during hydrostatic pressure testing. The...

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#### 3 Fire extinguisher fails during pressure testing

**What happened?**  
A member reports a recent incident involving the failure of a 5kg CO2 fire extinguisher during hydrostatic pressure testing. The extinguisher, rated to 200bar, was being tested to a pressure of 300bar. The incident occurred when the test pressure reached 296 bar. The extinguisher was 13 years old. No one was harmed.

#### What went right?

- The failure occurred under test conditions and no personnel were nearby to get injured.
- The hydrostatic test was a scheduled 5-year test carried out as per the company's planned maintenance programme.

#### What went wrong?

- The main body of the extinguisher failed. Our member noted the following points:
  - General Wear and Tear:** Over time, fire extinguishers are subjected to various environmental factors and conditions that can lead to wear and tear. This wear and tear may include corrosion, stress, or weakening of materials. Due to exposure to temperature fluctuations and external elements, it is essential to regularly inspect and maintain fire extinguishers to ensure their integrity.
  - Age of the Extinguisher:** The extinguisher in question was manufactured in July 2010, making it over a decade old at the time of the incident. As fire extinguishers age, their components, including pressure vessels and seals, can deteriorate. Over time, the



### IMCA – Serious LTI: Person struck in rigging accident

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#### 2 Serious LTI - Person struck in rigging accident

**What happened?**  
During the loading of subsea hatch covers onto a vessel, a member of the rigging crew was struck and badly injured by a 55 Te shackle connected to a crane wire and flow lifting sling, which formed part of the lifting arrangement used to lift the covers.

The hatch cover was safely landed on deck. However, during the lowering of the lift rigging to enable the crane to be disconnected, a slack leg of the lifting bridle, which would only come into use during subsequent subsea, came to rest on the top flat section of the hatch cover. Instructions were given by the bargehand to 'stand by' whilst the crew manoeuvred to free and lower the sling to deck. The volume on the rigging assembly's radio load pressure alarm sounded from the bargehand. The rigging assembly was not secured to the hatch cover and the rigging assembly fell from the bargehand. The rigging assembly fell and within 5 seconds of doing so the rigging assembly fell from the top of the cover and struck him. The rigging sustained multiple injuries, including a fractured and dislocated right clavicle, fractured spine in several places, broken ribs and bruising to the lung.



### IMCA – Near Miss: dropped object during lifeboat testing

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25/23 - October 2023

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#### Near miss: dropped object during lifeboat testing

#### What happened?

During launch testing of a lifeboat, a turnbuckle and shackle weighing 7kg fell 23m from the davit onto the boat, landing within a metre of a worker working on the falls of the lifeboat hatch. The worker was physically unharmed, but some cosmetic damage to the lifeboat.

#### What went wrong?

The investigation revealed the following:

- The metal wedges did not have a place to secure a lashing device.
- The metal clips did not have a place to secure a lashing device.
- None of the tools could be secured from dropping and there was no effective dropped object arrest system to catch anything that fell.
- The off-ice around the gangway was not fenced off and personnel could have walked underneath the drop zone.
- Simultaneous operations were ongoing in the area on deck around the gangway and the risk of someone accidentally walking into the drop zone could arise.

### MSF – Dropped Metal Wedge

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#### Safety Alert

Number: 23-17

Subject: Dropped Metal Wedge

Published: 28/10/2023

A pin was required to be pulled on a hinge system for the dynamic gangway system on a walk 2-walk vessel. As part of this task metal wedges were used to hold the pin in place. The pin was pulled and the pin was not going as expected due to space limitations, the effects of surface corrosion on the pins and the chosen method of pulling the pins. While pulling the pin out, the metal wedge or pin was dropped and fell between the gangway and the deck.

No personnel were underneath the gangway at the time. The height of the drop was approximately 12m.

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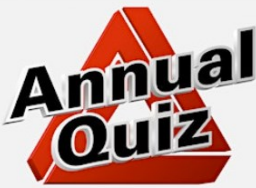
If you have seen an example of good practice or know of a safety incident the industry can learn from we want to hear from you. Your submission will be reviewed and anonymised before being published.

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### 3. Events

All events can be viewed and booked via the [EVENTS](#) section of the website

**03****December**

Step Change in Safety Annual Quiz

15:00–16:00  
Online Event

#### Countdown To Quiz Time!

Are you ready for some competitive fun?

Join the Step Change in Safety Virtual Annual Quiz and test your safety knowledge against energy worksites across the UK!

This online quiz will bring something different and fun to your Sunday Safety meetings.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**15:00 - 16:00 GMT**  
**Online, Zoom platform**

Form a team of at least one employee from a member company and prove who the safety gurus are!

**[Register now](#)** for FREE and start practising.

May the best team win!



## 4. Q4 Focal Point Engagement Session

The last Focal Point Engagement Session of 2023 took place 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Beach Ballroom and saw 70+ representatives attending.

The days agenda:

- Introduction: Craig Wiggins Executive Director
- Keynote Speech: The Value & Construct of Leadership (Integrity HSE)
- Focal Point Panel Session Q&A
- Tabletop session: How to improve Focal Point Engagement
- Meet the Wellbeing group
- Lunch and networking

Slides and supporting material from the session can be viewed in the [Focal Point Network Teams site](#).

### 2024 Focal Point Engagement Sessions

The dates and venues of the 2024 Focal Point Sessions are yet to be confirmed. Should you wish to contribute or add an agenda item to any of these sessions, please drop your suggestion in the Focal Point Teams Chat or contact:

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