

Uncertified lifting gear found in use

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A number of shackles and other lifting equipment were observed in use onboard a vessel with no certification or inspection reports available.

What happened?

Some equipment was colour-coded by the crew and deemed as being in good condition; other equipment was not included in the vessel lifting gear register, nor was it colour-coded.

Further investigation revealed that lifting equipment had been left onboard and not removed after the end of the previous project, on which client-supplied lifting equipment was used.

IOGP Life Saving Rules:



Bypassing safety controls



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What was the cause?

- Company lifting equipment inspection processes were not followed: *“Authorised competent person to conduct the lifting gear inspection process on an 6 monthly basis with further issue of inspection report.”*
- Client-supplied lifting gear was not removed from vessel, nor quarantined.
- This same equipment was not presented to the vessel lifting gear inspection onboard, conducted by the lifting inspection contractor.
- There was a lack of awareness of both relevant lifting equipment regulations and of local and corporate safety management system standards.

Actions taken

- An overall check of the lifting gear and relevant equipment was initiated and all identified non-compliant equipment was quarantined.
- Onboard discussion arranged for crew to better understand:
 - There should be no use of lifting equipment unless it has been thoroughly examined, tested and certified.
 - Colour coding of lifting gear or equipment should not be applied by crew without there being a relevant certificate or inspection report available.
- All lifting equipment available on board to be presented during testing and examination provided by competent authorised party.

Members may wish to refer to:

- IMCA HSS019 – [Guidelines for lifting operations](#)

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