Service letter from Palfinger Marine relating to davit types NPD 11300H and NPD 14800H

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IMCA has worked closely with Palfinger Marine and the operator of the vessel involved to bring this Service Letter to the attention of our members.

What happened?

A defect (see sketch 1 below) was found during the annual maintenance of a lifeboat davit on a vessel.

During scheduled maintenance it was discovered that one of the davit arm pivot pins had become detached from its retaining plate which allowed the pin to work its way out of its position.

Palfinger Marine has found out that alignment of the pivot points between deck and davit can become fundamental in case of deck misalignments which can have an effect on the aligned pivot point positions during regularly operation of the davit system.

Palfinger Marine is committed to safety of the products. All Palfinger Marine systems are approved and tested according to the latest relevant regulations. Functionality of the Palfinger products is ensured through correct production and certification, correct delivery and correct installation.

Palfinger Marine offers also the additional service of supervision aboard during installation to secure a correct installation if requested.

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Please refer to the Palfinger Marine Service Letter below.

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