

Near-miss: Failure of load during lifting

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The Marine Safety Forum (MSF) published Safety Flash 12-28 regarding a near miss incident in which a 20 tonne subsurface buoy split in two and fell 30cm back onto the trailer from which it was being lifted.

There were no injuries or damage to the trailer. The only equipment damaged in the incident was the buoyancy itself.

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