

AMSA: Free-fall lifeboat safety

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The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has published Marine Notice 15/2015 regarding two recent incidents involving the inadvertent or accidental release of free-fall lifeboats.

The investigations conducted by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TIAC) have highlighted ongoing safety issues related to free-fall lifeboats and identified maintenance issues that may be of interest to members.

Members may wish to review the following similar incidents (search words: lifeboat):

- Lifeboat drill – near casualty
- Inadvertent lowering of lifeboat
- Failure of lifeboat release hook mechanism

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