

## Near miss: Absence of safety pin in the anchor swivel shackle

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During planned modernisation of the stern anchor, it was discovered that the safety pin in the anchor's swivel shackle was absent.

### What happened?

Positive action – **Stop work authority** – was exercised by the vessel crew.

There was a thorough visual inspection before work started, which allowed recognition that the anchoring equipment was in an unsafe condition.





### **What were the causes?**

There was no regular planned maintenance scheduled for this piece of equipment.

The condition and availability of the anchor swivel safety pin was not part of the planned maintenance programme; thus, it had not been checked periodically.

### **What actions were taken? What lessons were learned?**

- A new safety pin was ordered and installed in the shackle within 12 hours.
- Conduct immediate additional full inspection and check condition of anchor swivel's shackle and availability of safety pin.
- Ensure that the planned maintenance system (PMS) requires regular planned maintenance of anchoring equipment, including a check that the safety pin is in place and in good condition.

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