

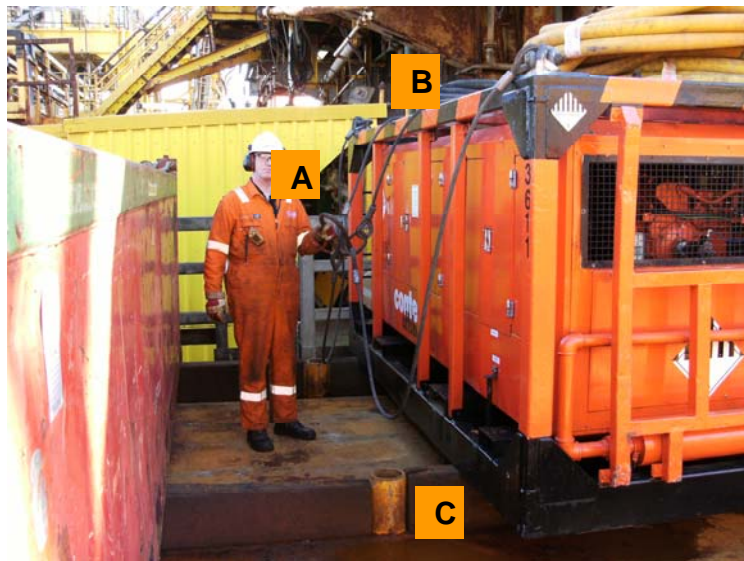
Marine Safety Forum – Safety Flash 09/10

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Subject: Near Miss during Cargo Operations

Summary:

The vessel was alongside the platform engaged in routine cargo operations. This operation was running smoothly with good communications, safe and efficient backloading / discharging. During this operation a compressor unit was required to be discharged. The AB's proceeded to move into the correct position while observing the crane pennant as it slewed towards the lift. However one AB noticed that the lifting set had moved position (A to B) to the top of the frame and therefore was not easily accessible. He proceeded to step onto the base frame (C) to free the master link; by doing so he lost sight of the pennant wire which suddenly came in close proximity to his upper body narrowly missing his head and shoulders.



Due to this new position of the master link the task had changed, the AB's were no longer dealing with a routine hook on procedure. It is extremely important that when a job changes a new risk assessment **MUST** take place; this may mean that **YOU** have to **STOP THE JOB**. Re-assess the hazards/risks put in control measures and then continue.

REMEMBER YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP THE JOB