

Safety Alert

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Subject: Basket Snagged on Ships Structure

What Happened / Narrative

A vessel recently experienced an Incident whereby a basket snagged on the ships structure causing damage to the vessel and basket.

Whilst alongside the platform, a 25-foot cargo basket designed for tubulars was being backloaded at the stern of the vessel. The lift was initially lowered to the deck to steady it, as it was being lifted to be repositioned, the basket swung to Starboard into the restricted hose bay area and at the same time the vessel dipped in the waves causing the basket to snag on the protection bar around the hose bay. The basket suddenly came free and landed on an adjacent container causing minor damage. The basket also swung into the ship's handrails causing minor damage.

Vessels deck crew were in a safe location on the other side of the deck inside the safe haven.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

- The design of the protective rail did not prevent the basket from entering the protected area.
- Whilst the crane driver repositioned the basket after lowering it to deck, the vessel dropped due a wave causing the basket to leave the deck, swing to starboard causing it to snag under the protective rail.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Basket was safely landed and returned on shore.
- Vessel carried out a "Time Out for Safety" following the incident to identify any further potential snagging points.
- The vessel involved was restricted to loading full height cargo containers in the way of the hose bay areas mid ships and at the stern.
- Offshore and onshore pre-shipping checks to include potential snagging points so these can be protected or highlighted and discussed with vessel prior to loading.
- **All vessels should be aware of possible snagging hazards, particularly access doors, hose bay areas or other openings and where possible keep baskets, half heights or other cargo which is not full height away from these areas.**
- **It is recommended that vessels carry out a "Time Out for Safety" to review their deck for snagging hazards and any subsequent controls that need to be put in place.**

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Photographs / Supporting Information



Basket being lowered to deck



Basket snagged on protective rail



Basket swung under protective rail



Basket stacking pins snagged on inside of protective rail



Damage to vessel structure



Damage to adjacent baskets

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