

Safety Alert

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Subject: Rescue Craft Fuel Isolation Valves

What Happened / Narrative

During a boat transfer using the vessels Daughter Craft, both engines stopped whilst the craft was in transit. the crew conducted an initial investigation and found that the fuel valves were in the closed position, the valves were opened, and a single engine started, the Daughter Craft managed to complete the transfer and return safely to the mother vessel.

The vessel had recently undergone her Port call and her Daughter Craft had been subjected to a full inspection by contractors, who it is believed as part of their maintenance had isolated the fuel valves.

Why Did it Happen / Cause

- The engines stopped due to fuel starvation.
- Vessel owner / Vessel crew failed to oversee the work carried out by the contractor and check that the equipment had been left fully serviceable and operational.

Corrective Actions Taken / Recommendations

- Contractors Permits to Work must not be signed off as completed until the worksite and equipment have been verified as returned to original and safe condition. The vessel crew should always monitor and confirm that the contractor has left the worksite in a condition that is acceptable.
- Pre-use checklist should be amended to include fuel isolation valves – checked and in the on position.

Photographs / Supporting Information



Daughter craft fuel isolation valves showing in the open position.

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