



SAFETY ALERT No. 17-15

Marine Safety Forum 17-07 Forward Painter Quick Release

1. Introduction

- 1.1 New Safety Alert issued by the Marine Safety Forum.
- 1.2 The Bahamas Maritime Authority wishes to bring the information referenced in paragraph 2 to the attention of interested parties¹.

2. Marine Safety Alert 17-07

- 2.1 Safety Alert 17-07 is available for download from the Marine Safety Forum website at:

<http://www.marinesafetyforum.org/images/msf-safety-alert-17.07.pdf>

- 2.2 Marine Safety Alert 17-07 – published 03 July 2017, summarises the following:
- i. During recovery of Fast Rescue Craft (FRC) the forward painter quick release parted just as the FRC lifted from the water. The FRC then swung to starboard causing the stern to come into contact with the ship.
 - ii. The forward painter quick release mechanism style used does not have a time limit for use nor inspection criteria, and had been in operation for two years.
 - iii. The following corrective actions were carried out:
 - The quick release mechanism replaced immediately with a G-link type, eliminating the spring mechanism.
 - Planned maintenance system – 6 monthly visual inspection implemented.

¹ This Safety Alert is provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority with the aim of highlighting incidents, lessons learnt and to increase awareness, which may help avoid similar incidents occurring elsewhere. Any queries on the content of the information provided should be referred to the party providing the information.



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- Risk Assessment reviewed.
- All crew reminded to be conscious of dangers at all times – complacency is not an option.
- Crew reminded of the importance to brace themselves and hold on tightly when being lifted.
- Shared within fleet.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

Rev.0 (30 Aug 2017) – First issue