



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 17-12

HLB TALON II 4.0, TALON II 6.0 & TALON 9.0 Lifeboat On Load Release Systems

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert has been issued to highlight a change in the launching procedure for HLB Co. Ltd. TALON II 4.0, TALON II 6.0 and TALON 9.0 on load release hooks.
- 1.2. This Technical Alert should be read in conjunction with Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) [Technical Alert 16-38](#).

2. Changes to launch procedure for TALON II 4.0, TALON II 6.0, TALON 9.0

- 2.1. It has been brought to the BMA's attention that a change has been made to the release procedure for HLB's TALON II 4.0, TALON II 6.0 and TALON 9.0 on load release hooks, as described in Revision 10 of the "Operation and Maintenance Manual for Release Mechanism (Model: TALON II 4.0, TALON II 6.0, TALON 9.0)".
 - 2.2. Revision 9 of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, dated 05 November 2013, indicates that the locking devices (safety pins) are to remain in the fore and aft hooks until the boat is in the water in all conditions.
 - 2.3. Revision 10 of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, dated 23 September 2014, indicates that the locking devices (safety pins) are to remain in the fore and aft hooks until the boat is in the water only for training/drill/maintenance launching.
 - 2.4. The BMA has contacted HLB Co Ltd who have confirmed that Revision 10 is the correct version of the procedure to be used.
 - 2.5. Companies operating ships fitted with these on load release hooks should therefore ensure that the correct revision of the manufacturer's instructions is available on board.
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- 2.6. Revision 10 of the Operation and Maintenance manual can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).
- 2.7. An Operating Procedure placard for use in the lifeboat is available by clicking [here](#).
- 2.8. The Company should ensure that all persons involved in launching lifeboats are fully trained and familiar with the launching system.
- 2.9. SOLAS III/20.2 requires that "*before the ship leaves port and at all times during the voyage, all life-saving appliances shall be in working order and ready for immediate use*". The hook locking devices (safety pins) should therefore be removed before the ship leaves port and remain out whilst the ship is at sea, except during training/drills/maintenance.
- 2.10. The hook locking devices (safety pins) should be used for ALL training/drills/maintenance launches, as described in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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