

SAFETY ALERT

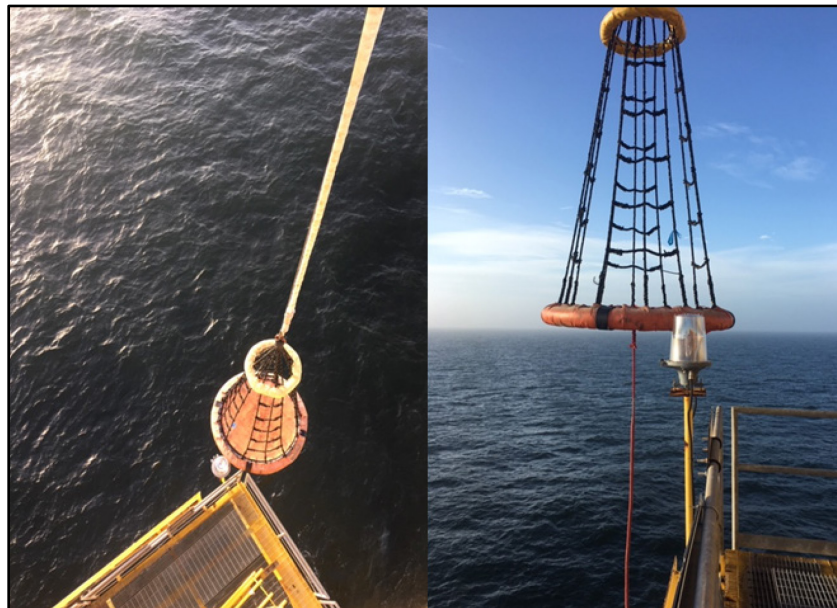


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Personnel Transfer Injuries Escalate Over 1-Year Period

From April 2019 to April 2020, BSEE recorded 11 incidents where injuries have occurred during personnel transfer operations – five involved personnel transfer baskets and six involved swing ropes. An additional six near-miss incidents and two man-overboard incidents were also recorded, including when a contract operator slipped while using a swing rope and fell into the water, and when a deck hand was struck by a personnel basket and fell into the water.



Reenactment of a personnel basket striking a navigational light

Therefore, BSEE recommends that operators and contractors consider the following:

- Supplement emergency response and man overboard training with life-like drills with all operator personnel, contractors and M/V crew members to ensure competency when responding to injuries and man overboard incidents;
- Ensure that all crew members know that personnel transfers should not occur when weather or other conditions are dangerous;
- Conduct training on stop work authority to shut down any dangerous operation; and,
- Ensure all personnel remain fit for duty after receiving initial training and certification on swing ropes and personnel baskets.

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