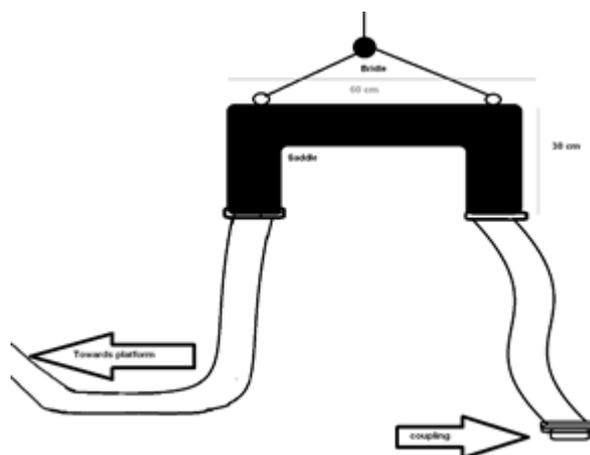


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Subject: Hose Handling Injury

The vessel was performing operations at the leeward side of the platform. The fuel hose was lowered by a bridle which is connected to the saddle fitted on the hose.



The hose coupling was hanging loose. One of the AB's handled the hose coupling and moved it away.

The other AB positioned the saddle on the ship's

side, between the 2 yellow pins, and started to secure the saddle to one of the pins using a rope.

When the ship moved due to the wind and swell, the saddle moved on the railing between the pins and the AB's finger was pinched between the saddle and the pin.



The hose was lowered with the hose coupling down first, which has to be moved away from the area by one of the AB's (manual handling). The saddle is lowered on the railing between 2 pins, but needs to be positioned by hand and secured by a rope by the other AB (manual handling).

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In the Guidelines for Offshore Marine Operations (GOMO) the following is found:

- “ 2. (...) the Crane Operator on the facility lowers the hose to the vessel, holding the hose against the ship’s side and at a height that allows the crew to catch and secure it to the vessel’s side rail, keeping the hose end clear of the crews' heads. (..)
- 3. Once secure, the hose end is lowered inboard of the rail and the crane hook disconnected”. In this case, hose end came down first.

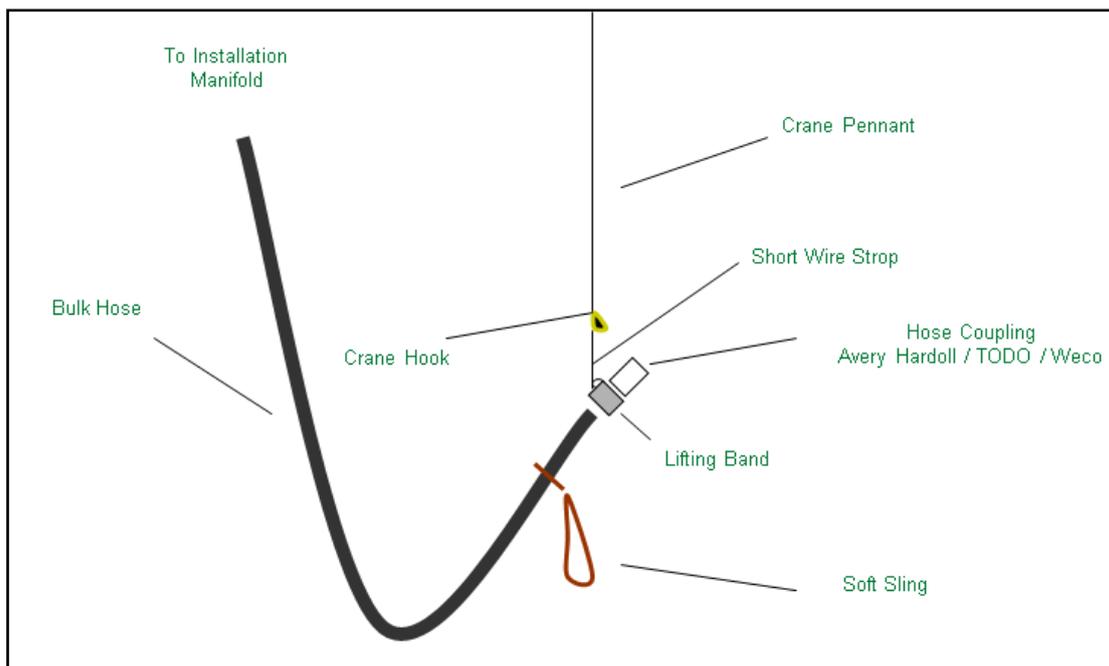
In the Company vessel specific Risk Assessment it was mentioned that: “Deck Crew should work together as a team (one hold the hose in place other secures it by a rope)” In this case, the AB was doing this alone.

### **Submitting Company Actions:**

Ensure that saddle and hose respectively are always handled separately (i.e. non simultaneously) and by 2 persons at the same time.

Place the saddle on better suited location rather than on the ship’s side. Adjust RA accordingly.

Advise to clients to prevent the use of additional weight (steel saddle) on a cargo hose. Promote use of sling on the hose for securing to the vessel.



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