

COBRA Bailout System: Top Handle Failure

Members' attention is brought to the recent Guidance Note issued by JFD relating to the failure of the top handle on a COBRA set while the set was being hoisted.

For convenience, the Guidance Note has been attached overleaf as an appendix to this document, but it can also be found online at: <https://www.jfdglobal.com/files/9516/7033/0745/DB500-PGN-22.pdf>.

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COBRA Guidance Note

Background

A client has reported that the top handle on a COBRA set failed while the set was being hoisted.



ISSUE

The top handle on a COBRA set failed while the COBRA set was being lifted or lowered on a pulley system.

The stitching was found to have failed at one eyebolt. The COBRA set dropped but the other eyebolt and the D-ring remained connected to the COBRA set.



SOLUTION

The exact circumstances around the lift remain unclear. Although the vessel in question had another occurrence of this, there are no other reports from users.

Users are reminded to check the condition of the handle and stitching before any lifting operation and to clip the lifting tackle into the D-ring as intended.

As a result of user feedback, JFD will shortly be reviewing the handle arrangement and will communicate any changes / improvements via a further guidance note.

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