

## Division for Investigation of Maritime Accidents - Denmark

### Occupational accident on ESVAGT GAMMA on 15 February 2008

#### Summary

After being a shore for maintenance ESVAGT GAMMA's MOB-boat returned to the ship and placed in its foundation by another crane than the one normally operating the boat. Later the same day a ship's assistance was asked to lash/secure the boat. While working in the boat it overbalanced and fell to the deck.



#### Conclusions

It is the opinion of the Division for Investigation of Maritime Accidents that the causes to the occupational accident were:

- That the crane wire was not fastened to the lifting arrangement of the MOB-boat.
- That the ship's assistant had not been given sufficient instruction in lashing/securing the boat.
- That the construction of the foundation of the MOB-boat was inexpedient.

#### Initiatives

- On the evening of the accident the master gathered the crew and informed about the accident.
- A Work Risk Assessment has been elaborated and implemented for work in the MOB-boat when it rest in its foundation.
- ESVAGT A/S is changing the foundation of the MOB-boat to ensure the stability of the boat when the lifting wire is not fastened.
- ESVAGT A/S has been examining all other ships in its fleet to prevent similar accidents.
- ESVAGT A/S has informed all ships about mandatory use of personal safeguarding when working in MOB-boats if they are placed more than then 2 meters above deck.

## **Recommendations**

The Division for Investigation of Maritime Accidents has recommended that Seahealth Denmark issues a warning to all ships that carry arrangements of a similar type as the one on ESVAGT GAMMA.

The report is available in Danish.

The report can be found in the Danish section of the homepage of the Danish Maritime Authority at the following link:

<http://soefart.inforce.dk/graphics/Synkron-Library/Sofartsstyrelsen/Publikationer/OKE/redegoerelser/2008/ESVAGT%20GAMMA%20-%20150208.pdf>