

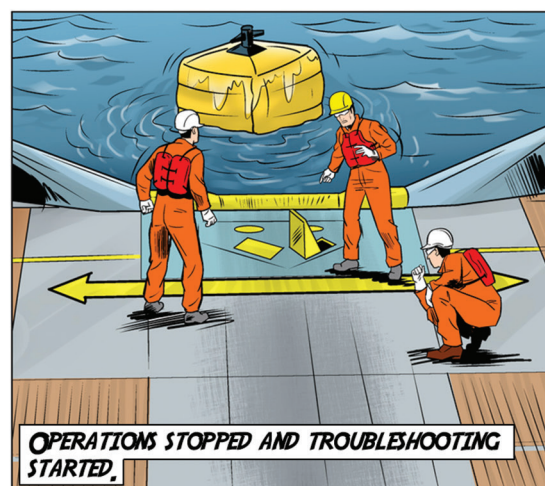
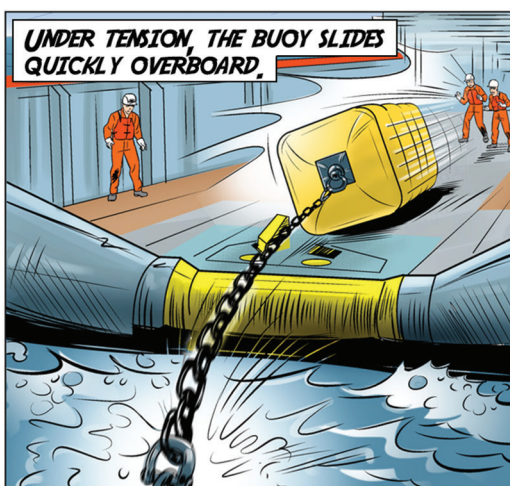
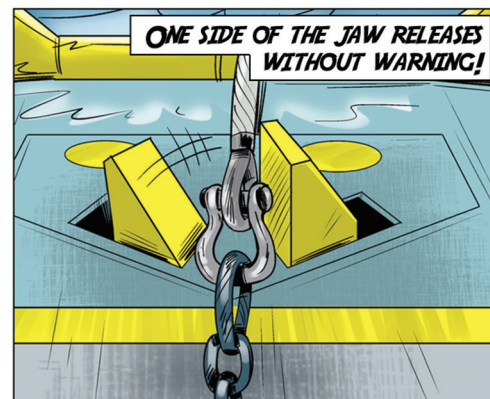
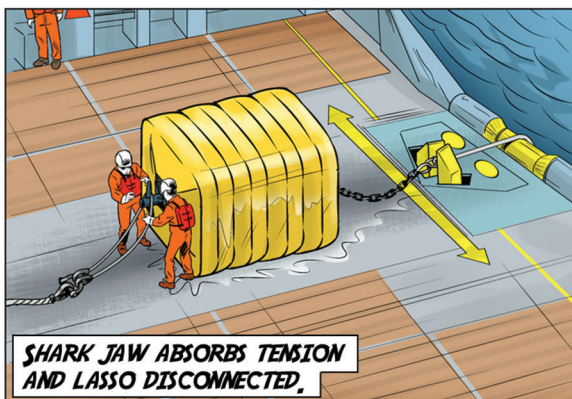
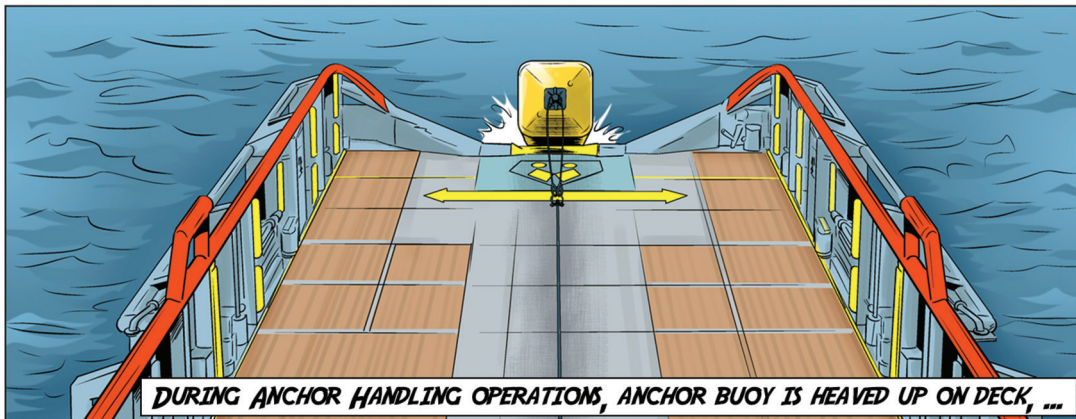


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## ALWAYS CHECK MECHANICAL DEVICES

Modern day anchor-handling and towing operations have become so much safer for crews since the introduction of shark jaw type stoppers across fleets. Thousands of operations are conducted in safety each year. However, a stopper is a mechanical device and as such, awareness must always be in place that it is not infallible. Recently, the stopper on an AHTS was observed to be lowering under tension. All crew were made aware and safety measures were deployed. The cause of the failure was mechanical and fleet wide mitigating actions are under way to ensure continued safe operations. This Safety Post is to remind all crews working with stoppers to ensure safe positioning and to never be overconfident with any mechanical device....

**THE SAFETY POST IS BASED ON REAL EVENTS - PLEASE PRINT, POST AND DISCUSS THIS ISSUE!**



## ALWAYS CHECK MECHANICAL DEVICES

### DO:

- Be prepared for the unexpected.
- Be aware of safe positions related to the stopper. Avoid being astern of a stopper under tension.
- Inform your Ops Manager if client procedures deviate from AHTS best practices - and stop work if any doubts or unsafe conditions arise.
- Ensure that specified maintenance is correctly conducted on stoppers.

### DON'T:

- Stand in any 'line of fire' or potential snap back zone.
- Be overconfident in mechanical equipment.
- Deviate from best practice or procedure during anchor handling or any use of stoppers.
- Fail to report any concerns over any anchor-handling equipment.