

## Positive: damage to Fast Rescue Craft davit wire rope caught before failure

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### What happened?

During routine checks, it was observed that the FRC davit wire rope had a visible fracture at the socket termination area. This condition posed a serious risk, as operating the FRC launching system with a damaged wire rope could result in the rope parting, causing the FRC to fall into the water and potentially leading to serious injury or damage.

Additionally, considering that this equipment is classified as a life-saving appliance, the defect was identified as a critical safety concern requiring immediate attention.

The rope was carefully inspected and appropriately repaired by the authorised service provider.



### Prevention is better than cure

- Ensure that life-saving equipment is thoroughly checked, not only during planned monthly maintenance but also before every use, with a focus on wire rope condition, socket areas, and load-bearing components.
- Reinforce awareness among crew regarding the importance of pre-use safety checks on FRC launching appliances.
- Highlight this and similar incidents during toolbox talks and safety meetings to prevent similar oversights.
- If you see something wrong or abnormal – don't ignore it, report it, and if appropriate, do something about it.

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