

Assignment

Kraatz Marine & Offshore was contacted by the vessel “MV Laurika Rickmers” owners appointed agent to assist with the removal of a container that come loose from the spreader and fell in the hold of the vessel.

The call came through after hours and the rigging team was mobilized immediately.

After the initial inspection plans were formulated by Kraatz Marine & Offshore and agree upon with the agent, vessel crew, stevedores and Nampont

Risk and challenges

The following risks and challenges had to be considered:

- Position and acute angle of the container.
- Contents of damaged container & other containers.
- Minimizing damage to cell guides and vessel hold.
- Sailing time of vessel



Figure 1 - A tough task

Getting the job done

After taking all the risks and challenges into consideration, a highly skilled team of Kraatz executed the assignment successfully within tight deadlines.

Risk assessment was carried out and procedures put in place to eliminate or mitigate risk to personnel, equipment and environment.

The container was secured in position to eliminate accidental movement.



Figure 2 - Work in progress

Manufacture and fit dogs/hold backs to prevent slippage of slings. Hook up slings and secure to shore side crane and take load on crane.



Figure 3 - Another safe landing

Proceed with cutting damaged cell guides to free container. Lift container from hold and place on quay side. Repair all damaged cell guide.

Key learning's

With proper team work and involving all key stakeholders, tough assignments can be delivered within tight deadlines and no injuries to personnel or damage to equipment.