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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 22-19

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: LIFEBOAT OPERATIONS AND MANNED FACILITIES INCIDENT

Date: 29 July 2019

During a drill on a floating offshore facility, a lifeboat and personnel fell about 75 feet (23 meters) to the water resulting in a loss of life. At the time, the crew was exercising the lifeboat following their regularly scheduled maintenance and training plan. The incident occurred when the lifeboat was level with the facility's loading deck and personnel were moving from the boat. The facility is in the Gulf of Mexico.

Following this incident, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) published the [Marine Safety Information Bulletin \(MSIB\) 19-04](#), *Lifeboat Operations on Manned Facilities*. An investigation into the causal factors continues.

It is recommended that all owners, operators, and masters immediately complete the following:

- Review the company's maintenance procedures for lifeboats and ensure they adhere to manufacture criteria for the model and make of lifeboats, davits, and other installed lifesaving equipment.
- Take a proactive approach to ensure your personnel are properly trained in the inspection, maintenance and use of their lifesaving equipment.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator's requirements for the servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances, and on-load release gear are in Marine Notice [2-011-37](#), *Life Boat Equipment Requirements, Maintenance, and Servicing*. Information about other life-saving appliances and equipment can be found in RMI Marine Notice [2-011-5](#), *Life-Saving Appliances and Equipment*.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.