

## VANGUARD'S PRESS RELEASE

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### **BE HOOKED ON VANGUARD'S HOOKS!**

#### **Your safety is our priority**

Safety at sea is Vanguard's mission.

Studies done by established organizations such as the Marine Accident Investigation Board (MAIB), Oil Companies International Marine Forum, International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) and Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO) showed alarming statistics of marine accidents caused by lifeboats and their launching systems.

The severity of the issue is heightened when a combined study by OCIMF, INTERTANKO and SIGTTO revealed that equipment failures, primarily the hook assemblies and releasing gear, are responsible for the vast majority of accidents involving davit launched and totally enclosed lifeboats.

#### **Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook System**



It is crucial to have proper hook release systems in place to minimize marine accidents – accidents are mainly caused by failure to launch on-load hook release systems or premature opening of on-load hook release system.

Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook System complied and conformed to the latest guidelines and regulations from SOLAS and IMO.

SOLAS Convention made mandatory for all lifeboats and rescue boats to be fitted with on-load hook release systems in 1986 after Norway's worst offshore accidents killing 123 of the 212 persons on board due to failure to launch 3 out of the 4 lifeboats present; all 4 lifeboats used off-load hook release systems and 3 of which could not be released due to strains on the cables.

Unfortunately, on-load hook release systems are inherently designed as unstable and marine accidents became a pervasive problem within the industry.

Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook System is a dual-function hook – on-load and off-load, specifically designed to meet the latest IMO/MS 1327 guidelines.

Suited for Inflatable and Rigid Rescue Boats, it differentiates itself from the Quick Release Hooks available in the market with its ability to take up to 1.5 tons in weight as compared to the 1 tons capacity of current Quick Release Hooks.

Certified by Lloyd Register, Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook is an exciting new addition to the market that is anticipated by many because of the assurance it offered to the marine industry in terms of safety ensured.

Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook is readily available.

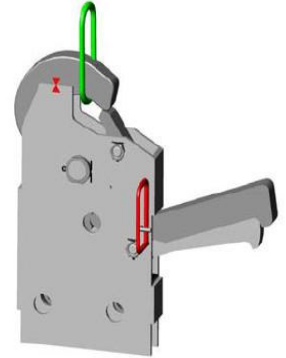
Servicing is required every five years and can be easily performed by all Vanguard's certified service agents.

### **Vanguard's 3.5 Stainless Steel Automatic Off-load Hook Release System**

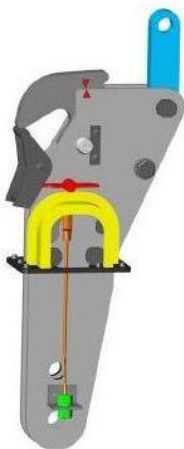
Specially created for Fast Rescue Crafts (FRCs) used as workboats, the Vanguard's 3.5 Stainless Steel Automatic Off-load Hook Release System is an automatic off-load hook release system, complying SOLAS and IMO latest guidelines and regulations, which functions by automatically disconnecting when the load comes off the hoist wire.

The benefits are many – but most importantly, it is serviceable by authorized service companies.

We differentiate ourselves not just by providing high quality products but also by innovation, apparent in the design of Vanguard's 3.5 Stainless Steel Hook Release System.



### **Vanguard's SH Series Hooks**



Specifically designed to meet the latest IMO/MS 1327 guidelines, Vanguard's SH Series Hooks feature Fall Preventive Devices (FPDs) that allows the recovery and lowering of boats with personnel inside with enhanced safety and familiarisation benefits.

Many ship owners are in midst of a fleet wide change of their current hook release system to the SH Series Hooks due to the added safety measure provided by the FPDs.

Adding to the attractiveness of the SH Series Hooks is the simple design that reduces service costs and turnaround time significantly; a highly valued advantage – cost effectiveness.

It is also easily retrofitted to most makes of lifeboats and with a global service network available, maintenance will be fuss free, bringing much convenience to users of the SH Series Hooks.

### **Get hooked on now!**

To find out more about Vanguard's 15kN Quick Release Hook System and Vanguard's 3.5 Stainless Steel Hook Release System, you can visit Vanguard's website: [www.vanguardlifeboat.com](http://www.vanguardlifeboat.com).

Alternatively, you can email us at [sales@vanguardlifeboat.com](mailto:sales@vanguardlifeboat.com) for more details.

We are at your service; always ready to serve to our best ability.

Get hooked on Vanguard's Hooks and services of excellent standard, to match our quality products!