



A crane overturned and crushed a car on the Isle of Wight.

During operations to lift a yacht at a boatyard, the controls locked. The operator took actions to free the controls, including retracting the outriggers (whilst the jib was still extended). Whilst this freed the controls, it caused the crane to overbalance. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

An investigation by the HSE found that the controls were prone to locking up and the crane was overdue its annual examination.

The HSE:

- Issued a Prohibition Notice, which instructed the company not to use the crane until it had been brought up to standard.
- Issued an Improvement Notice relating to training and lifting plans.
- Prosecuted the company under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations and the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations.

At the hearing on 2nd March, Harold Hayles (Yarmouth IW) Ltd. Was fined ££000 (inc. costs). The court took into consideration the company's financial situation.



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