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DISCUSSIONNON SCHEDULED EVENTSRUNNING ANCHORS

Upon the recommendation from Global Marine (Houston), a "Short Hook-up" of 300'-500' of wire out was selected for the R. F. Bauer as the optimum length. This was to minimize transition failures between the 1800' of chain and 300'-500' of wire. The R.F.Bauer approached the location, which was marked with a Geomex bouy spread and positioning was done with transponders and satellite passes, at 0400 hours on 4 June 1985, and dropped No. 8 Anchor as the ships anchor. The workboats were then prepared to run anchors by receiving anchors and buoys from the rig.

Anchor No. 1 was the first to be run @ 0950 hours on 4th June, 1985.

After No. 8 was recovered numbers 5, 4, and 8, were subsequently run @ 1418 hrs, 1045 hrs, and 2148 hrs, respectively, before the mandatory Union 8-hour rest period was enforced.

The next 25-1/2 hours were spent W.O.W., before the boats could resume anchor handling. The following anchor Nos. 8, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 3 were run @ 0900, 1137, 1214, 1622, 2135, and 2345 hours, respectively. Anchors No. 8 and No. 4 were reset due to improper wire out once the ship was positioned. All anchors were subsequently piggy-backed by 0007 hours on 7th June 1985, except for Nos. 2 and 6.

Due to improper wire out figures, Anchors Nos. 8, 2, and 4 were reset and piggy-backed @ 1147, 1525, and 1540 hours, respectively, on 7th June 1985. No. 8 anchor was still set with the improper amount of wire out and the decision was made to spud the well and reset the anchor later. Maximum heading change @ 15° with anchor spread. (see attachment No 3)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon reviewing the anchoring procedures on the R.F. Bauer, some serious shortcomings were pointed out that were the result of poor understanding of the Captain. It is recommended that detail anchoring procedures be prepared by rig personnel to ensure a satisfactory procedure is followed.

An Amoco computer simulated anchoring program should be employed to recommend proper anchor chain/wire out measurements. This would alleviate dependence on Contractors to supply such data to Amoco.