

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The failure of the kinter link was gradual, ie, it had been cracked for a period of time, as indicated by the old rust along the wall of the failure. Under the given conditions, the crack grew until failure occurred. This is also borne out by the fact that the link failed at only 250 kips, whereas past mooring line failures occurred at much higher tensions.
2. A special sheared drillpipe overshot/mill should be available for any future operations associated with a drillship and heavy weather.