

Degraded Status

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Abstract

All DP vessels are degraded to some extent all the time because of planned maintenance, testing, breakdown or repair. This can mean that they are not strictly in DP class 3. This may not mean that it is unsafe to continue working but it creates a new 'intact' situation that has to be managed.

The effect of degradation commercially and in terms of risk are matters that depend on the:

- view of the client and the contract
- level of initial redundancy
- weather conditions
- work being done
- water depth
- acceptable risk

This paper provides some typical degraded situations and asks what is acceptable and how consistent evaluation process should be achieved.

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