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On the cover:

Three Liebherr All Terrain cranes - two LTM 1250s and an LTM 1100 from crane and heavy transport company Ulferts - installing the final equipment on the new 236 metre Spirit of Discovery in Emden, Germany before the hand over to Saga Cruises.



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Are we really serious about reducing accidents?

Those that follow our online news portal Vertikal.net may have seen a story recently concerning a large crawler crane overturn on a wind farm in South Dakota while travelling between turbine foundations. Photographs received from the scene indicate that the incident involved a 1,000 tonne crane tracking 'cross country' when it encountered some softer ground that allowed it to sink into the mud and overturn.

I have refrained from using the word 'accident' as incidents such as this are invariably caused by human error - either through lack of planning, lack of supervision or operator error - and are therefore not accidental.

Avoidable as this incident was - through the provision of proper site roads and hardstanding etc - I am more concerned about some of the 20 or so reader comments. In particular those posted by highly experienced crane people, including operators, aimed at a comment posted by a regular 'advocate of crane safety' who pointed out that employee safety is paramount, and asked why the crane had overturned and suggested some possible solutions to stop it happening again.

I was surprised by how harshly they berated him, given that he was simply trying to highlight the issue of overturns which occur all too often and are sometimes fatal. He has also spoken out against those crane companies or contractors whose main focus after such an incident appears to be to suppress information while focusing on wheedling out the 'whistle blower' and covering up such incidents rather than looking at what can be learnt by sharing that information with others in order to help eliminate such mistakes. Several comments highlighted details of the crane overturn further indicating how avoidable it was.

So why 'shoot the messenger' simply because he is an industry 'outsider' or for the manner in which he raises the issues as he tries to make people take notice and do something about it? Indeed many campaigns that have gone on to make a substantial contribution to change have started with a single voice questioning the establishment.

Does it matter if the person questioning the incident has never operated the equipment himself, or is not a seasoned expert on all of the machine's functions? Of course not, what matters is that those who own or operate the equipment make sure that it is done in a safe and controlled manner, without putting employees or members of the public at risk of death or injury.

So if it takes a non-operator to repeatedly produce long, repetitive letters and make comments which irritate old hands by highlighting a real problem - which we all say we want to eradicate - I for one am all for it.

Mark Darwin

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