

# Hot tub safe lifting guidance

Following a number of high profile incidents involving the lifting and placing of hot tubs, the CPA was approached by the British & Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association (BISHTA) to co-develop guidance for the safe lifting of hot tubs, exercise spas and one piece pools.

The need for guidance follows an incident in North Wales where a hot tub, being lifted over a house, was dropped after a tag line became snared on the building. In this case there were no injuries, but lifting incidents involving hot tubs are not uncommon and usually involve a dropped load or crane overturn. As many incidents involve loader cranes, ALLMI is also participating in the project. The three associations - CPA, BISHTA and ALLMI - are in the process of developing a set of safe lifting standards for this type of load and intend to host a joint online seminar to launch the guidance.

In the case of CPA crane members, the principles and requirements of safe lift planning are well understood and implemented, but specific factors relating to hot tubs may be less well known. For example, pipework for new hot tubs often contains residual water from testing, adding to the weight to be lifted. The same applies to covers and other accessories such as steps etc... not always included in manufacturer's data.

A large percentage of tubs are delivered to domestic customers who do not have the requisite knowledge to plan or control the lift and therefore the guidance makes clear that domestic customers should only be offered a contract lift and not a crane hire agreement.



## Strategic Forum Plant Safety Group aerial lift guidance

The Strategic Forum Plant Safety Group and IPAF are working on new guidance material for aerial work platforms, include secondary guarding, EN280 Part 2 - Suspended Loads, and using platforms as an overhead anchor point.

IPAF is chairing the Secondary Guarding and EN280 projects whilst the CPA is chairing the overhead anchor point project requested by the steelwork sector where steel is unloaded from a trailer bed in an open area, with no suitable anchoring points for personal fall arrest equipment, so elevated boom lift platforms are often used as temporary anchor points.



## Dan Griffin R.I.P

In January we received the sad news that former CPA chairman and president Dan Griffin had died following a serious illness. He joined the CPA Council in 1991 and, having signed up to various sub committees, was heavily involved in modernising the way the CPA operated. In the years that followed, he was very supportive of the association and attended most of its events, rarely missing a Council meeting. He was also a director of the Rail Plant Association.

Dan was also chairman of the London Plant Association for many years, organising its annual dinner dance and monthly meetings. Although his business only provided non-operated equipment, he had a passion for larger kit, especially cranes. He and old friend Don Baldry maintained a shared interest and made a trip to see the largest crane in the UK at Earls Court in 2017.

He took up sailing in his 50s and qualified as an offshore yacht master whilst circumnavigating Great Britain. The family often sailed in the Mediterranean, but his real love was "cold, wet and windy". He always enjoyed days out, especially Ascot which was a favourite.

Dan was a lifetime member of the Lighthouse Club and helped organise events in London.

No mention of him could be complete without Chelsea Football Club, wife Wendy said: "Even when ill, he said that if spectators had been allowed, he would have managed to get to Stamford Bridge. He was a supporter when I met him over 40 years ago and he was still a season ticket holder when he died."

Colin Wood - who along with Bill Law joined Council on the same day - summed up the feelings of those who knew him: "He will be remembered, more than anything else, for his warmth and humour. Many Council members commented on his welcoming approach when they joined. He was brilliant company and a great raconteur, and you never left Dan's company without a smile on your face."

We shall all miss his sense of humour and friendship, and we send our sympathies to his wife Wendy, and children John and Kate. The CPA has made a donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, to support its work and mark the contribution that Dan made to CPA.