

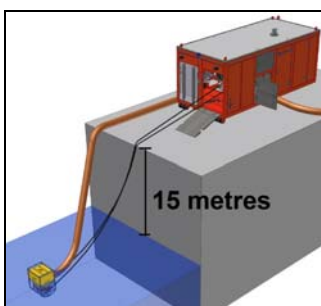
Close escape for freighter Fortunagracht when their hull was pierced by falling pipe



Water was flooding into the 137m freighter Fortunagracht after a 13 metre 6,400 kg steel pipe fell into the cargo hold while loading. The pipe pierced the hull and got stuck in the mud below. The ship started to list to port side.

The fire brigade of Antwerp, Belgium, came quickly to the rescue and placed 3 Hytrans high volume pumps on deck of Fortunagracht, including their new HydroSub 550 unit with inbuilt foam proportioner. With their high volume hydraulically driven submersible pumps the water was rapidly pumped out so the breach could be patched by the crew. A job well done by the crew and the fire brigade, without any injuries or pollution.

The new Hytrans HydroSub 550 pumps up to 15,000 l/min at 12 bar, enough to empty a backyard swimming pool within 3 minutes, and has a pump lift of up to 15 metres. Three persons can deploy this diesel powered unit within 15 minutes. The Antwerp fire brigade has successfully deployed Hytrans equipment for over 20 years.



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