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Item #1 - Read the Manufacturer's Instructions

It has come to our attention that some riggers may not be paying close attention to instructions issued by manufacturers—especially those issued by United Parachute Technologies pertaining to the correct method of sealing the Skyhook lanyard to the Lexan cover pieces (bridle).

The Skyhook II Addendum clearly states the lanyard is sealed with a single piece of red rigger seal thread (Cotton Safety Tie - 4.75 lbs). A number of rigs in the field have been discovered with two turns of red thread that does not meet the specifications for Safety Tie. It has taken more than 18 lbs. to break some of the Skyhooks sealed with this unspecified thread. This could lead to serious problems in a low-speed emergency.

All systems with a Skyhook deployment system installed should be inspected closely, at the earliest opportunity, for the correct sealing method and thread. If any doubts arise the thread should be replaced with a single turn of Cotton Safety Tie.

Item #2 – TB's in Hard Copy

In an effort to fall in line with the current “go-green” philosophy, the T&SC is attempting to cut down on the amount of paper used in many of our day-to-day transactions. Therefore, the publication of Technical Bulletins in hard copy will gradually be phased out.

Effective 01 April 2010 Technical Bulletins will only be available in electronic format. Until that time, riggers that wish to continue receiving Technical Bulletins in paper format must contact the CSPA office to inform them of their wishes. Those that do not contact the office will be removed from the mailing list and will need to access the CSPA website for the latest Technical Bulletins.

It is the opinion of the T&SC that those in positions of responsibility, i.e. Rigging Technicians, need to maintain contact with the industry with some regularity by scanning the various manufacturer's websites for current updates, upgrades, bulletins or other relevant information that may need to be identified so that they are able to service their clients in a safe manner. This can only be accomplished by having access to the information network offered with Internet access.

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