

## **Accident Report – 27/03/2026**

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**Location:** Kalymnos, Jurassic Park sector

GPS coordinates: (37.0069405 / 26.9471478)

Route: *St Savas* – 18 m, bolted in 2002 by T. Michaelides and A. Theodoropoulos (according to the Kalymnos guidebook)

### **Present during the inspection on 28/03/2026:**

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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### **Description of the accident (as reported by Martin):**

The victim climbed the route.

He threaded his rope through the anchor.

He then started descending while cleaning the route (removing the quickdraws).

Suddenly, the victim fell due to anchor failure.

Because of the amount of rope between him and the anchor, he experienced a long fall and hit an intermediate ledge.

His belayer lowered him to the ground.

The victim was conscious.

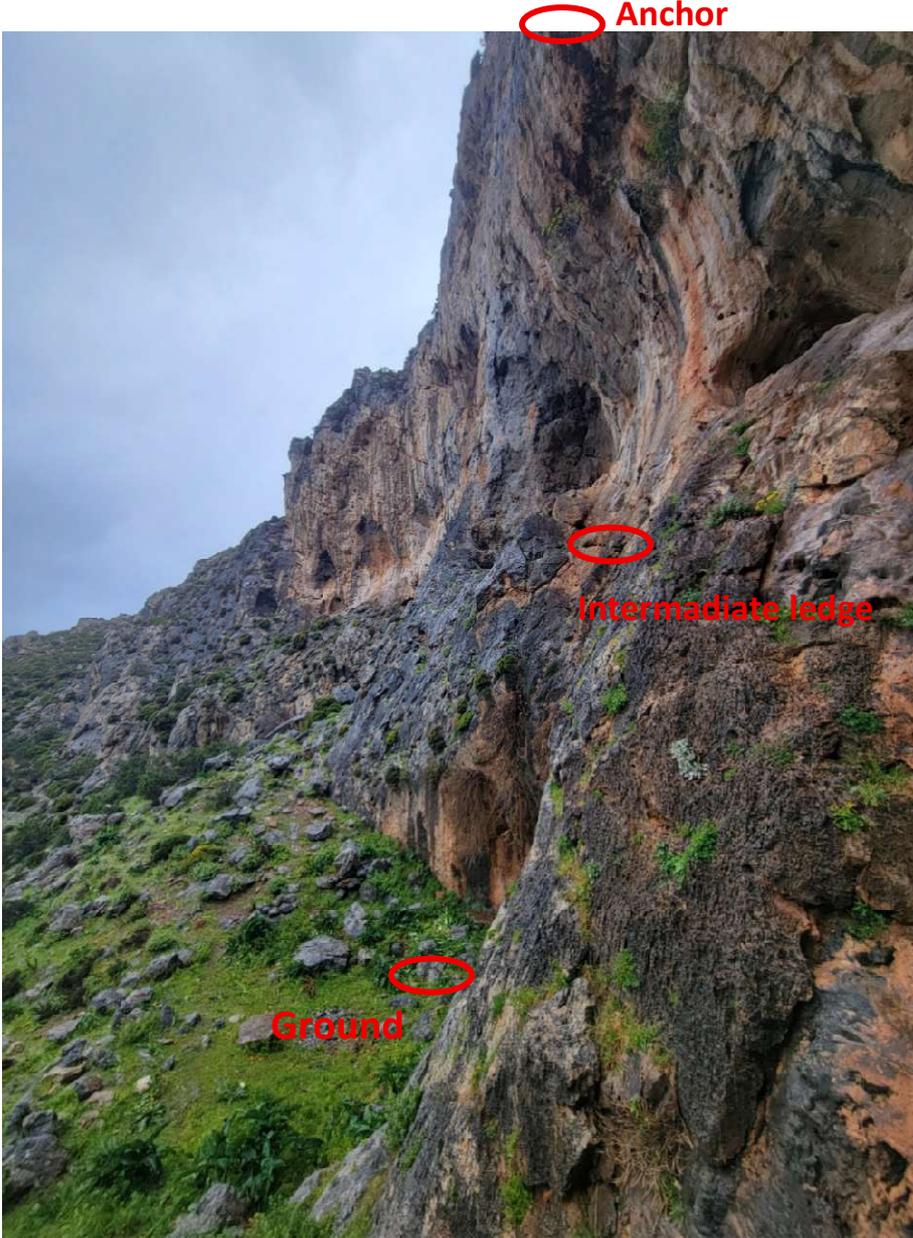
Emergency services (112) were called.

Three rescuers, from Kalymnos rescue team, reached the scene on foot.

A helicopter was dispatched but, after attempting three different drop zones, was unable to assist.

The victim later died from his injuries.

Illustration :



**Method of inspection:**

I aid-climbed the route to the left of *St Savas*, named *Houftasaurus*, in order to reach the line of *St Savas* and inspect it from above.

I then descended along the *St Savas* line to carry out a closer inspection.

**Observations :**

Material in the route : Petzl d10

Anchors :



**General view**



**Anchor lower bolt**



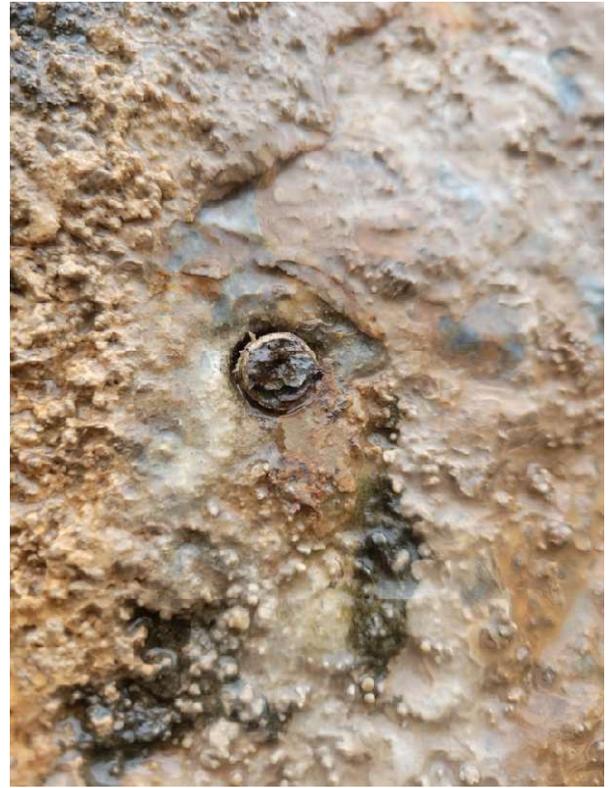
**Anchor upper bolt**



**Bolt below the anchor**



**Bolt N° 2 (below the anchor)**



**Bolt No. 3 (below the anchor):**

The element was found broken, similar to the anchor. At this stage, witnesses are unable to determine whether this condition existed prior to the accident or resulted from it.

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**Actions carried out:**

- Inspection of the route
- Drafting of this report
- Warning signage installed at the base of the route

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**Actions to be undertaken:**

- Recover the anchor for potential analysis

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**Recommended actions:**

- Identify and list all routes from the same installation period
- Inform users about the associated risks
- Implement a rebolting plan for the affected routes

- Assess the implications of such risks for rebolters and deploy appropriate methods. If necessary, provide training to ensure a proper understanding of the mechanical forces involved

*(For example: adding one or two temporary protection points, equalizing anchors over three or four points during rebolting operations, and applying appropriate aid climbing techniques to avoid pulley effects.)*

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ADDON V2

Photos of the anchor and of the third bolt below the anchor, supporting the hypothesis of an additional bolt failure during the fall

