FIBERGLASS CRACKING ON FAST RESCUE CRAFT

What happened?
During a visual inspection of the Fast Rescue Craft (FRC), some fiberglass cracking and anomalies were noted. The damaged FRC had recently been installed as a replacement for a previous FRC that was damaged during a hurricane. Representatives from the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) were on location during the installation, and no issues were observed at the time. Further, the FRC was not launched between the time it was installed and the time the damage was observed. There was no identifiable incident that would have resulted in damage to the FRC.

What went wrong?
FRC fiberglass cracking and anomalies.

Why did it happen?
After third-party evaluation, it was determined that the lifting hook assembly on the control console was unable to support the full weight of the FRC.

What areas were identified for improvement?
Ensure thorough inspection of OEM equipment prior to acceptance.