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AGM Registration opens for Boat Owning Members, tomorrow!

Registration for the next WA AGM, taking place on 18-19 November 2025, will be open for boat owning members tomorrow - keep your eyes peeled for the email! All members can register from 14th August. Accommodation is a first come, first served basis so complete your registration as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Norman Finlay Golf Trophy 2025 – A Memorable Two Days of Competition and Connection

Hosted and sponsored by OEG, the 2025 Norman Finlay Golf Trophy took place on Tuesday 22nd July at the beautiful Old Thorns Golf and Country Club.

Despite forecasts of thunderstorms and rain, the 25 participants were treated to superb weather and fantastic playing conditions.

After a competitive day on the course, we're delighted to announce this year's winners:

1st Place – Tim McKernan, Net Zero

2nd Place – Robin Jones, Independent Consultant

3rd Place – Andy Page, Chartwell Marine

Spot prizes:

Longest Drive – Lewis Wilson, Century Marine

Closest to the Pin in 1 – Nathan Cornwall, Manor Marine

Closest to the Pin in 2 – Mik Henriksen, MHO-Co

Following the first day's competition, players enjoyed a relaxed evening of networking, a lovely dinner, and prize giving. The event continued the next morning with a more casual team round of 18 holes.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, and a special shout out to the OEG team for their exceptional hosting. Congratulations again to Tim McKernan on lifting the trophy – and to all the participants for making this such an enjoyable and valuable event.

See you all again next year!



Workgroup & Subgroup News

The Training, Safety and Technical Workgroups all met at Seawork last month, using the time to highlight to stakeholders outside the membership what each group had been up to and showcasing their latest developments.

Training Workgroup: The group kicked off the week's activities at the ABP Head Offices in Southampton, a full room of attendees discussed the small commercial vessel skills and workforce challenges, new towage training and the digitalisation of the WA's training services.

Safety Workgroup: Following its 2025 safety campaign, the workgroup hosted an open session on finger and hand injuries. Supported by Traffic gloves, the discussion focused on protecting from injury, how the simplest of injuries can lead to significant trauma, and the latest advances in glove design.

Technical Workgroup: MCA Small Craft Codes, were the agenda of the public session on Thursday of Seawork. Andy Page hosted the MCA and CA's on the stage to discuss the implementation of the new Sport and Pleasure Code and the transition to Workboat Code edition 3. A lively debate pushed the session to its maximum time limitation and a healthy discussion was had by all involved.

The Safety Workgroup can be watched [HERE](#). and Technical Workgroup can be watched [HERE](#).

If you are a member and would like to attend any of our Workgroups or Subgroup, there is no registration necessary. Simply turn up (online or in person) and either listen in or play and active part. The sessions are run by members, for members - so if you have a topic that needs discussion, let us know.

Subgroups are also active (crossing many individual subjects/content) for:

- Aquaculture Feed Barges
- Crew Transfer Vessels
- Daughter Craft (Type 3 Tenders)
- Pilot Boats

Would you like to see another sub(ject) group? Let us know.

North Star Shipping Joins the Workboat Association becoming its 25th New Member of the Year

The Workboat Association is excited to welcome North Star Shipping as its 25th new member in 2025, marking a significant milestone in a year of growth, collaboration, and innovation across the industry.

North Star Shipping, one of the UK's oldest and most respected vessel operators, brings a wealth of experience and maritime heritage to the Association. Their decision to join reflects directly on the implementation of the Association's renewed strategy (5 year plan) announced at the end of 2024, particularly in light of the Association's new Daughter Craft (Type 3 Tender) Subgroup—a new focus-group born from member enthusiasm and industry need.

A Familiar Face Returns: North Star's involvement is spearheaded by Steve Myers, North Star's SOV Operations Director, who is no stranger to the Workboat Association. Steve has long been a stalwart member through previous employment and is widely recognised for his commitment to industry standards and collaboration. Since joining North Star Shipping, Steve's focus been towards larger shipping operations, but the launch of the Daughter Craft Subgroup reignited his engagement with the workboat community.

Steve has already been actively contributing to the subgroup, helping shape its direction and ensuring North Star's expertise is part of the conversation.

Kerrie Forster, CEO of the Workboat Association, expressed his positivity about North Star's membership:

"Seeing organisations such as North Star Shipping joining the Association due directly to the formulation our latest Subgroup is a fantastic indicator that we are continuing to remain relevant with our content and offering. The best part is, the Daughter Craft (Type 3 Tender) Subgroup was the idea of another enthusiastic member. This is the perfect example of industry collaboration and leadership. I am very proud of everything the membership are achieving together."

North Star Shipping's membership not only strengthens the Association's collective expertise but also highlights the power of member-led initiatives in shaping the future of the workboat sector. As the 25th new member this year, their arrival is a symbol of momentum and a celebration of shared purpose.

Welcome aboard, North Star Shipping!

Here's to continued innovation, collaboration, and excellence on the water.

Announcement of CMDC6 Competition Winners and Further Funding for Clean Maritime Hub

The Department for Transport recently announced the winners of the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition round six (CMD6), allocating £30m to 71 projects across the UK to conduct demonstrations, pre-deployment trials and feasibility studies in clean maritime solutions. The projects will run from September 2025 to March 2026.

They are also announcing a further £3.85m for the Clean Maritime Research Hub in 2025 to conduct further research and to install a novel liquid hydrogen facility at Durham University for maritime.

The Minister for Maritime is in the West Coast of Scotland for the announcement. He is meeting with Smart Green Shipping, a recipient of CMDC3 funding, who have successfully demonstrated their wingsail technology, FastRig.

A can read the press release [HERE](#).

You can see the list of winning projects on the CMDC webpage [HERE](#).

UK ETS maritime expansion webinar

Following on from our previous email about the Emissions Trading Scheme for vessels over 5000GT, the UK ETS Authority is holding a webinar to explain the interim response we have published to the 2024 consultation on expanding the UK ETS to the maritime sector. The Authority will present key points from the response, set out next steps, and take questions from stakeholders

Register for the webinar today, [HERE](#).

The webinar will be recorded and shared with attendees.

If you have any questions ahead of the webinar, please contact emissions.trading@energysecurity.gov.uk.

Emissions Trading (Energy Security)

The UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) Authority has published an interim response to the 2024 UK ETS Expansion to Maritime consultation. The response can be found [HERE](#).

Response details:

The response contains key details on the expansion to maritime. It includes:

- Our intention to launch the UK ETS Maritime regime on 1 July 2026.
- The scope, which will include UK domestic journeys and emissions while in UK ports for vessels of 5000 gross tonnage (GT) and above.
- Details on MRV requirements and who is responsible for complying with the scheme.

We are issuing this interim response to enable operators to prepare for the scheme. This is in recognition of stakeholder concerns in consultation responses that they would have insufficient time to understand their obligations and prepare.

To read more, click [HERE](#).

Survey for Defence and Advanced Manufacturing SMEs in the UK-EU Value Chain

Are you a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) in the defence or advanced manufacturing sectors with links to the UK-EU supply chain? Have your say by taking part in the Department for Business and Trade's (DBT) 10-minute survey.

Click [HERE](#) for more information or click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.

News from our Stakeholders

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- Click [HERE](#) for the Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter
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Grant from Trinity House boosts service at Seafarers Advice and Information Line (SAIL)

The Seafarers Advice and Information Line (SAIL) has been granted an extra £30k by leading maritime charity, Trinity House. The extra funds will be used to employ another part-time adviser to join the existing SAIL team in providing vital support to seafarers and their families. Trinity House joins three other major maritime charities, Seafarers Hospital Society, The Seafarers' Charity and Greenwich Hospital, in supporting SAIL.

Welcoming the extra funds, Emma Knight, CEO, Citizens Advice Greenwich, which runs SAIL, said: "We're incredibly grateful to Trinity House for this extra funding. It will enable us to help more seafarers and their families with issues such as debt, welfare benefits and housing. It will make a huge difference."

To read the full press release, click [HERE](#).

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