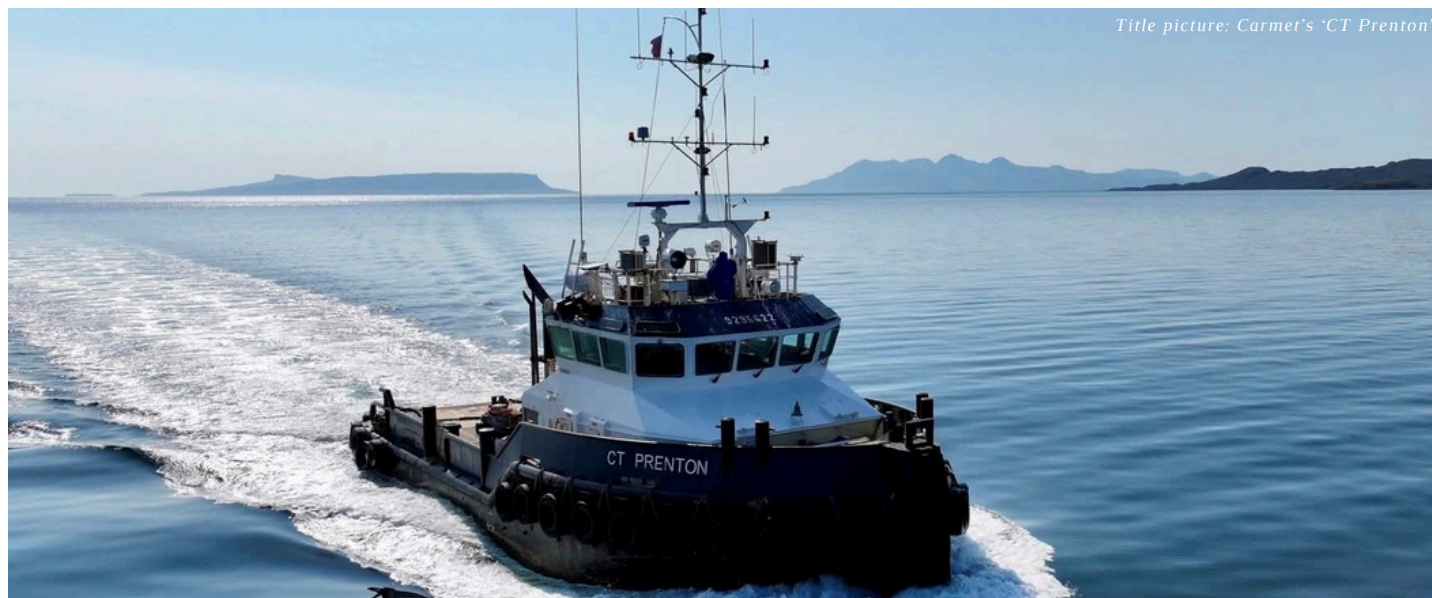


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The Workboat Association Newsletter

Thanks goes to this month's sponsor, UKP&I



Title picture: Carmet's 'CT Prenton'

Welcome to our new Members this year...

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Join our WhatsApp Community

Here you will find a general WA group where we post reminders, notices on behalf of members and links to important information. Also, chat groups for all our Workgroups and Subgroups.

Click the link to join the Community and take a look at joining the groups that you have interest in: [Workboat Association WhatsApp Community](#)

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Farewell and Thank you

As I prepare to step away from my marketing and communications role at The Workboat Association, I want to take a moment to say goodbye and express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been part of my journey with The Workboat Association. Friday 29th August 2025 marks my final day with the organisation!

Working within this unique and dedicated community has been a true privilege. The passion, resilience, and innovation I've witnessed throughout the industry — and especially within this Association — have left a lasting impression. It's been a pleasure collaborating with so many of you, sharing knowledge, and celebrating successes together.

I'm proud of what we've achieved and excited to see what lies ahead for the Workboat Association as it continues to grow, evolve, and champion the sector. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my daughter and, of course, I'll still be working at Carmet.

I look forward to staying in touch and seeing many of you again. Wishing you all continued success and safe operations.

Danielle Metcalfe

Have you completed your AGM Registration?

Places are filling up fast, complete your registration to avoid disappointment!

So far we have:

- 15.4% of responders attending the Golf Networking Event.
- 48.1% attending the informal 2-course dinner on the Monday evening!
- 73.1% attending the Training Workgroup on the Tuesday morning.
- 96.2% attending AGM events, including the dinner.
- 54% attending the Technical Workgroup.
- 50% of partners attending the 'High-tea'.

We also have one sponsor slot remaining so if you'd like to get involved, email L.johnson@workboatassociation.org.

Securing Maritime Operations with Cyber Security Fundamentals

The maritime industry, a cornerstone of global trade, is undergoing a digital transformation. With approximately 90% of global commerce transported by sea, the sector is increasingly reliant on interconnected systems to enhance efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, and remain competitive. However, this digital evolution brings with it a growing risk of cyber threats, making cyber security a critical priority for maritime organisations.

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

WA Workgroup Save the Date

Have you added the WA Workgroup dates to your diary?

- Safety Workgroup: 10.09.2025 @ 10am
- Technical Workgroup: 22.09.2025 @ 11am
- Training Workgroup: 24.09.2025 @ 1pm



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Agenda and Teams link to follow

Stakeholder Engagement Exercise (COSWP 2026 Edition)

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency would like your views on the draft proposals for the 2026 edition of the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers (COSWP). All amendments are [HERE](#) (Chapter 19) and [HERE](#) (Chapter 18) tracked changes visible, please see Annex 1 for a summary of these changes.

The stakeholder engagement exercise will last for a period of 8 weeks from 20th August 2025 and all comments should be provided, preferably by email, no later than Wednesday 15th October 2025. When submitting a response please use the form [HERE](#).

If you have any queries regarding this stakeholder engagement then please contact at seafarersafety@mcga.gov.uk.

Backing Your Business – New UK Small Business Plan Unveiled

The UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) are delivering on the Plan for Change with the most comprehensive package of support for small and medium sized businesses in a generation. The UK's 5.5 million SMEs are the beating heart of our growth mission and the backbone of our economy, and this landmark plan is aimed at unleashing their full potential.

SMEs make up 99.8% of the UK business population, contributing £2.8 trillion in turnover and providing 60% of all private sector jobs. But, in recent years too many small businesses have been held back from achieving growth and reaching their full potential.

DBT is taking decisive action to change this. With the most significant legislation in over 25 years, DBT is ending the scourge of late payments which costs the UK economy £11bn annually, and closes 38 businesses daily. With a massive £4bn finance boost, DBT is increasing access to finance for entrepreneurs to inspire the next generation of small business owners. DBT is working with banks to address the impact of 'personal guarantees' on small business owners to prevent them from putting their homes on the line.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Invitation to SafeTALK Training – International Suicide Prevention Day

In recognition of International Suicide Prevention Day on Wednesday, 10th September 2025, we're pleased to share an invitation to a free SafeTALK training session taking place in London. This half-day workshop is designed to help participants become more alert to suicide and learn how to connect those at risk with life-affirming support. Please find the flyer [HERE](#) with full details, including how to register.

News from our Stakeholders

- Click [HERE](#) for the PSS Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the IMCA Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the IIMS News Bulletin
- Click [HERE](#) for the Seafarers' Charity Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for CHIRP Maritime's Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the National Shipbuilding Office Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the weekly SMI Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the Marine Society Newsletter

Cardiff Careers Expo Exhibitor Invitation

Maritime UK Careers will be attending the CGI Careers Expo as an exhibitor on Wednesday 1st October 2025, at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. They are able to take a limited number of additional exhibitors. They attended another CGI careers event at the Etihad Stadium earlier this year which was attended by over 1600 students.

If any of our members would be interested in attending, contact Dave Collison at dcollison@maritimeuk.org. Places are a first come, first served.

SNC Survey

The UK Hydrographic Office has opened a short consultation on the use of their future Paper Chart service: to make sure that their offering is current and detailed in the right way, they want to shape developments to their paper chart service. At the heart of this is their commitment to support the paper chart user whilst a navigational need for paper charting remains. In order to do that they have to evolve the service to make sure it's sustainable for us to meet that need.

The questions in the survey will give them the information they need to understand what mariners are currently, and in the future, using paper charts for and how.

The survey is open until the 12th September, the link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SZ9V6D>.

Want to be Featured?

We're always looking to shine a spotlight on individuals and companies through our 'Get to Know' series. It's a great opportunity to share your story, showcase your work, and connect with a wider audience.

If you or your business has something unique to offer, or if you simply want to raise your profile, get in touch at communications@workboatassociation.org.

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