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Welcome to Our New Members

We are busy receiving and collating member registrations, including a number of new members for 2026. Sorry there has been a delay with the invoicing of this years memberships subscriptions. Invoices will be sent out as soon as we receive news from HMRC.

SEAWORK SUBGROUP

Our Seawork 2026 Subgroup meetings return at the start of the new year. With every meeting occurring every last Tuesday of the month.





Welcome to 2026!

Welcome back! We hoped your Christmas was jolly and your new year was spent well. Santa also left us a little present under the tree – he gifted us an [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) account. So please go and give them a follow to spread our name around the maritime social globe. We would like to welcome back returning members and new members to the Workboat Association. We hope that this year doesn't disappoint. With Seawork only 6 months away planning is already in full swing.

Our membership renewal forms were emailed out at the start of the month – please make sure that you have submitted all the correct information. If you haven't received an email or you cannot access the form – please email h.johnson@workboatassociation.org and we'll aim to reply ASAP.

Master 500 Apprenticeship

Fleetwood Nautical Campus are beginning their first cohort of STCW II/3 Master 500gt Near Coastal CoC Apprentices on March 2nd 2026.

There is still time to register your interest to put a candidate on this ground breaking English Apprenticeship programme.

For more information contact Angus James:

Angus.James@blackpool.ac.uk

We hope that later in the year there will be more news of the apprenticeship also being run in the south of the country – watch this space.

MCA Updates

Now we have all of the MCA Updates available on one document. Each month these will become part of the newsletter, so you can find everything in one place.

Click [HERE](#) to access all of the MCA Updates for the month.

UK Emissions Trading Scheme Scope Expansion: Maritime – Main Authority Response

UK ETS Scope Expansion Overview webinar outlining decisions in the main: Maritime Authority response [Watch the recording here](#)

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Funding & Opportunities

Click [HERE](#) to read all of the latest funding and opportunities.

Workboat Warriors

Every other Friday we have a new feature on our social media channels. Workboat Warriors highlights the vessels that's You use everyday. If your interested email Harry for more information.

Workgroup Corner

The workgroup chairs met at the start of January to plan this year's schedule of dates, topics and speakers: based on the feedback at the AGM. They have an exciting agenda for the year with some new spin off events for members planned. The first Training and Safety sessions are already booked and we can now confirm arrangements for the first Technical workgroup of the year, see below in this newsletter. Keep an eye out for mails, messages and posts.

The sub groups have also been working hard in the background. The Seawork sub group has had its first gathering. The WA Pavillion is almost full and the itinerary for the week of Seawork is coming together nicely. Do join on the last tuesday of next month if you want to know what's happening.

The CTV subgroup are changing up the schedule this year and will instead be hosting a one day event in London in the Autumn. More details and how to register to follow.

We will have more updates on the Daughter Craft and Swifttrack Users subgroups, Unmanned Barges, Aquaculture and Towage Subgroups next month.

News From Our Stakeholders

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Get To Know



RICH EGGLETON

Managing Director of Marine Plant Hire

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WA AGM Report

The AGM report is now available to read on our website. You can also read the report [HERE](#)

WA AGM Room Upgrade Winner

Congratulations to our room upgrade winner – to find out who it is Click [HERE](#) to find out

Stephenson Harwood Crew Transfer Vessel Day.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more on the Stephenson Harwood CTV Day.