



WA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

One of the panels at Get Set for Workboat 2050 in Rotterdam.



Save The Date
WA AGM 2026

 **Hilton Majestic, Harrogate**
 **17th - 18th November**





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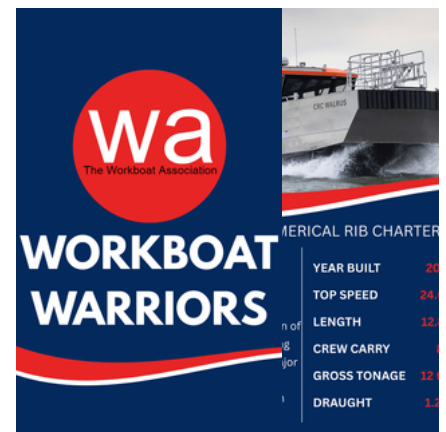
Welcome to Our New Members

BMT Group
NOVA Shipyard
Prior Power Solutions
Diverse Marine
Rigby Marine

MTL Maritime
Clarus Networks
Amwins Global Risks Group
So Professional Health & Safety
Peterhead Port Authority

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.



SEAWORK SUBGROUP

Our Seawork 2026 Subgroup meetings are occuring every last Tuesday of the month.



March Round Up

March has been non stop with news coming out from us. We confirmed the Dates and Venue for this years AGM. Following valuable feedback from our members, we have **decided to change** the venue **from Oulton Hall to the Hilton Majestic in Harrogate**. We're grateful for the input received and are confident this location will provide a great setting for the event. We also confirmed the **Summer Golf Event at the Warwickshire - Sponsored by Volva Penta and Golden Arrow**. If you haven't signed up for it - you can by clicking the link [HERE](#). But do it quick before all the spaces are full.

Emails were also sent out last week with the registration link for our Seawork Dinner at The Grand in Southampton on Wednesday 10th June, with Pre-Dinner Drinks starting at 7pm, for Dinner at 7.30pm. **The Expected cost will be around £55pp**. The night includes; a networking drinks reception, 3 course meal, the presentation of the John Percival Memorial Award and Entertainment. For the time being, we are limiting registrations to **6 per company**. To register for the dinner click [HERE](#).

A promotional poster for the ITS 2026 Gothenburg conference. The top section features the ITS 2026 logo with a ship icon, the text 'In association with CATERPILLAR', and details: 'The 28th International Tug & Salvage Convention, Exhibition & Awards' and '19-21 May 2026 | Gothenburg, Sweden'. The bottom section is blue with the WA logo and text: 'Supporting organisation', 'Register here!', and a red button that says 'GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON CONFERENCE PASSES'.

Funding & Opportunities

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

MCA Updates & Guidance

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

Click [HERE](#) to read

WhatsApp Community

If you would like to join the WA's WhatsApp community please send an email to Lys - l.johnson@workboatassociation.org including your mobile number.

Rob Loder appointed as Chief Inspector of MAIB

The UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has appointed Rob Loder as the new Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents, succeeding Andrew Moll OBE after his retirement following 21 years of service. Loder brings extensive maritime experience, having worked as an engineer officer on various vessels before moving into fleet management, ship repair, and project management. Since joining the MAIB in 2020, he progressed through roles including inspector, principal inspector, and deputy chief inspector. In his new position, he aims to maintain the MAIB's strong reputation for independent investigations and continue improving safety across the maritime industry.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



News From Our Stakeholders

- Click [HERE](#) for the PSS Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the MSA Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the IMCA Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the IIMS News Bulletin
- Click [HERE](#) for the Seafarers' Charity Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for SMI Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for CHIRP Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for the Nautical Institute
- Click [HERE](#) for MAIB News Bulletin
- Click [HERE](#) for UKDE Export Faculty

Sync up your Calendars

Don't forget to get your calendars synced up for all of our latest events and workgroup meetings.

Click [HERE](#) To View and Sync your Calendar.

Workgroup Corner

On the 27th, we held our first Technical Workgroup of the year, graciously hosted by Nederlandse Loodwezen. The group had the opportunity to tour the facilities and engage in a lively discussion focusing on the history, ambitions and current make-up of the organisation's bespoke fleet.

This month, we've also been diligently preparing for Seawork as well. The Training Workgroup will convene on Monday, June 8th, at the ABP offices (dock gate 4), continuing its focus on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Crew. On the 10th, we plan to hold the Safety Workgroup aboard vessels out on the pontoons for a hands-on activity related to our 2026 safety campaign 'mooring and line under tension'. Additionally, the Technical Workgroup will meet on Thursday in the conference rooms opposite our Pavilion for a meet the buyers session in collaboration with SMI.

The subgroups are also active. Recently, you should have received the Safety Rails poster, which is available for download [HERE](#). The Pilot Vessels subgroup will meet at the end of April to close out the discussion on suspension seating, and begin the new topic of 'MOB recovery', while the Daughter Craft team is in the midst of planning their next meeting.

We are **excited to announce** that we will be **hosting a one-day CTV event at the Energy Institute on September 17th**. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and network with fellow members and speakers.

NEW Tugs and Towage! We've received a request to **establish a new subgroup**, and we are always pleased to accommodate such requests—we are here to support you. More details will be shared as they become available.