



WA NEWSLETTER

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WA Dinner at Seawork 2025. Reminder: registrations for this year's dinner close in 2 weeks..



Save The Date
WA AGM 2026

 **Hilton Majestic, Harrogate**

 **17th - 18th November**





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Welcome to Our New Members

Carribbean DRV Holdings
North Navigational Services
XBoatlive.com

Workboat Wise
O.S Energy

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.



April Round Up

It has been a bustling week for the WA. The CEO, Kerrie Forster, attended and spoke at the Flag Forum in London, in addition to participating in the MSA Board meeting with incoming Chairman Chris Floyd. Earlier this month, we also attended the Get Set for Workboat 2050 event in Rotterdam and held the first technical workgroup meeting at the Dutch Maritime Pilots Cooperative. We have gathered the VTE Subgroup to begin our review of the VTE schemes.

Currently, we are meticulously planning for Seawork, including the MoD Supply Chain lunch, while final preparations are underway for The WA Golf Event at the Warwickshire. Additionally, we are in the midst of organising a CTV Day at the Institute of Energy on 17th September. Don't forget to register for the Seawork Dinner at The Grand in Southampton on Wednesday 10th June, to register for the dinner click [HERE](#).

A promotional graphic for the ITS 2026 Gothenburg conference. The top section is white with a blue border, featuring the ITS 2026 logo, the text 'The 28th International Tug & Salvage Convention, Exhibition & Awards', and the dates '19-21 May 2026 | Gothenburg, Sweden'. It also mentions 'In association with CATERPILLAR'. The bottom section is blue with a white border, featuring the WA logo, the text 'Supporting organisation', and a red button that says 'GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON CONFERENCE PASSES'.

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MCA Updates & Guidance

Now we have all of the MCA Updates & Guidance available on one document. Each month these will become a part 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.

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.

YDSA Certifying Authority Training Day

Save The Date - Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Important Topics Covered: WB3 and Sport or Pleasure updates, Safety Management Systems, Risk Assessments, Fire Extinguishers, Life Rafts And more. **Location:** Novotel Hotel Southampton, 1 West Quay Road, Southampton, SO15 1RA

Further details will follow shortly along with your booking form.

Nominations Open: Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service, recognising outstanding dedication, exemplary service, and inspirational individuals across the maritime sector. You can nominate anyone who is serving, or has served, in the Merchant Navy or Fishing Fleets of the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, or British Overseas Territories. We encourage nominations from all roles, ranks, and backgrounds to reflect the diversity of the industry.

Submit your nomination by 31 May 2026 via the online form that you can access [HERE](#)

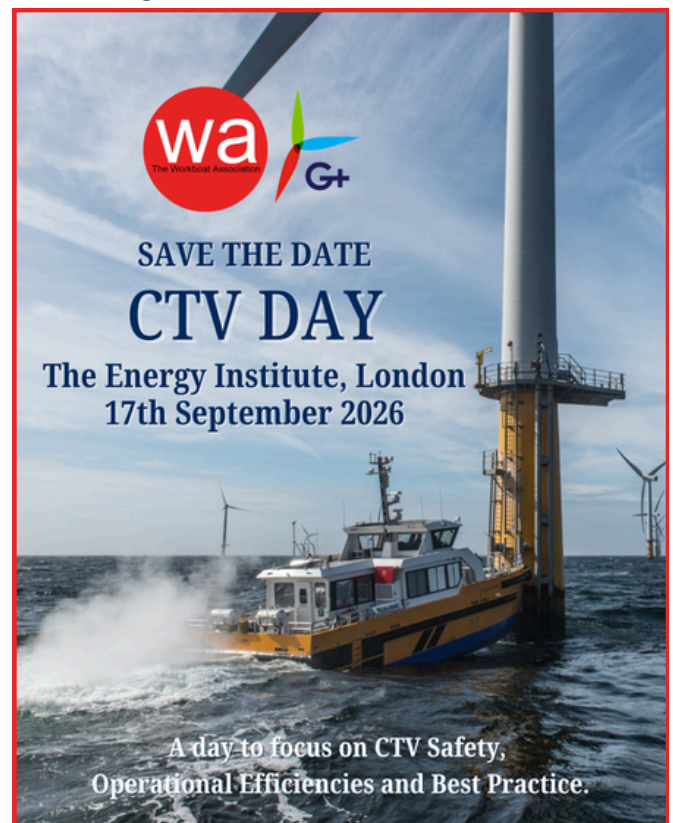
WA Partnership with Ice Fish 2026

We're excited to announce a new partnership! WA is proud to be partnering with the Ice Fish 2026 Show—bringing together innovation, community, and a shared passion for the industry. This collaboration marks an exciting step forward as we work together to create an even bigger and better experience for exhibitors and attendees alike. Stay tuned for more updates, exclusive features, and what you can expect from Ice Fish 2026. We can't wait to be part of it with you!



Save the Date CTV Day

Keep an eye out for all the information for the CTV Day we are planning at the end of the year.



What will you do when the fuel runs out?

WA CEO Kerrie Forster created the following article to help the industry prepare for abnormal services:

"This isn't about main engines grinding to a choking stop, stranded at sea, calling for a tow. But, about wholesale fuel supply – What will you do when the fuel runs out? The world isn't going to physically run out of diesel tomorrow, but some of us are starting to suffer fuel delivery challenges already..."

Read more [HERE](#)

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 News
- Click [HERE](#) for SMI Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for CHIRP Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for Marine Society's Newsletter
- Click [HERE](#) for Seawork Show News

Workgroup Corner

The WA team and chairs continue to work hard coordinating the workgroups and subgroups. The Pilot Vessels subgroup meets on the 5th May at 10am - we have a full agenda for this meeting with several presentations from guests and members around the new theme of MOB.

The Daughter Craft subgroup is on Thursday 7th at 2pm and will be focussing on establishing what documented Good Practice is already available for DC operations and where the gaps are and a presentation on DC regulations in the North Sea.

We have been asked to explore an Aquaculture subgroup so this specific group has a forum - we have a number of members working in this sector - they'll be meeting on the 20th at 2pm. Details will be sent out in the next few days.

Training, Safety and Technical Workgroups will all be meeting next at Seawork. Training will be on Monday 8th June at 6pm at the ABP Ocean Gate Offices. Safety will be on Wednesday 10th at 2pm - meeting at the WA flag on the pontoons. Technical will be meeting Thursday 11th at 11am in Conference Rooms - more details to follow.

Remember all members are welcome to attend any or all the workgroup and subgroups even if its not your area of expertise.

Get To Know

FAY REEVE

Seawork Exhibition Manager at Mercator Media.

Click [HERE](#) or on the photo to read



WA Regatta 2027

We are asking members to register there interest in a new networking event for 2027. If you are interested email

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