



WA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

All of the Attendees of the WA, Volvo Penta & Golden Arrow Golf Event at The Warkwickshire.



We're exhibiting at



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9 **JUNE** Southampton
11 **TO 2026** United Kingdom

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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.



CAREERS DAY AT SEAWORK

For careers day we are looking for companies who can supply some merchandise new or old! Perhaps you've had a change of brand or have a box of "hats" from that one event you once took part in as a company? Now is the time to donate that old stock to the future seafarers and shore teams.

Please email l.johnson@workboatassociation.org if you have interest in any of the packages or if you have any merchandise to contribute.

WA, Volvo Penta, Golden Arrow Golf Event at The Warwickshire.

In the middle of the month we had our Golf Event at The Warwickshire. 26 of the best golfers the Maritime industry had to offer convened at a very wet golf course. Our **Winner** was **Gary Tillison from Vulkan**, who scored 40 Points. Jans Reier Arends, Seazip Offshore Services, won the longest drive. Whilst Gavin Ball, Vulkan, and James Lewis, Strategic Marine, won our closest to pins competition. Thank you to Volvo Penta And Golden Arrow for sponsoring the event.



Maritime Professional of the Year Award at Seawork

We're delighted to share that our outgoing Chairman, Richard Brooks, has been nominated for the Maritime Professional of the Year Award at Seawork! Richard has made an incredible contribution to the maritime industry, and this recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Click [HERE](#) to see the post and more importantly Vote for Richard



Funding & Opportunities

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

WhatsApp Community

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

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

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

There is now a handy document to help as well. Click [HERE](#) to view so you can be inundated with all things WA.



Guidelines for Offshore Marine Operations – New Revisions Published

The following chapters and appendices have been revised and are now published on the GOMO website for download:

- Chapter 1 “Introduction & Front Matter”
- Appendix 1-B “Document Stewardship, Management, & Hierarchy of Authority”
- Chapter 5 “Certification, Training, Competency & Manning”
- Appendix 10-F “Back-loading of Wet Bulk Cargoes & Carriage on Offshore Support Vessels”

To access new revisions go to www.gomo.info to download where there is also a copy of the complete GOMO document reflecting the recent revisions.

Hot News from the Land of Ice and Fire.

Workboat Association member’s discount for exhibiting at IceFish is now a sizzling 10% until 3 August 2026.

IceFish is the must-attend exhibition for commercial fishing and Aquaculture industries. It attracts an international audience with Iceland as a valuable focal point for all the latest in the fisheries, value added and processing industries, as well as the rapidly developing aquaculture sector.

Members also receive preferential conference delegate rates on IceFish Conferences, the new Aquaculture conference and 100% Fish for Profit, both being held at the IceFish venue, (15% discount on delegate bookings, not valid with any other offer).

IceFish takes place in Kópavogur, just outside Reykjavik from 22–24 September 2026

For more information on booking your exhibition stand contact sales@icefish.is. For conference bookings contact eminshull@mercatormedia.com

Conflict Driven Disruption & Force Majeure: Key English Law Points in Relation to Vessel Charter Parties

As geopolitical conflict continues to disrupt global trade routes and supply chains, “force majeure” clauses are moving from legal boilerplate to boardroom priority. Kerrie Forster, WA CEO, explores how war-related disruptions — from transport bottlenecks to supplier failures — are forcing companies to reassess contractual obligations, operational resilience, and risk exposure. The key message: in today’s environment, businesses can no longer treat force majeure as a last-resort legal defense; it must become part of proactive strategic planning, backed by clear documentation, mitigation efforts, and scenario-based risk analysis.

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
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- Click [HERE](#) for Marine Society's Newsletter

Workgroup Corner

Ongoing Progress of Work and Subgroups

The various workgroups and subgroups are maintaining their impressive momentum. The Training, Safety, and Technical Workgroups are set to participate in Seawork.

The Daughter Craft group convened this week and is making significant strides on their good practice guide.

Pilot Vessels will meet in early June to continue their discussions regarding MOB and vessel seating. The Aquaculture subgroup held its inaugural meeting in May and will reconvene in August. Stay tuned for details about the CTV event happening in London this September. Remember, anyone is welcome to join any or all of these groups.

The Aquaculture Feedbarga Code is nearing completion before publication, and the Aquaculture subgroup had its first meeting this month.

A new Good Practice Guide on the towage of Aquaculture assets is currently under development.

Get To Know

CLAIRE GUY

Senior Lecturer at Warsash Maritime School

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WA Regatta 2027

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

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