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The WA Team with Maritime Professional of The Year 2026 and Former Chairman - Richard Brooks



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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

l.johnson@workboatassociation.org



Workboat Warriors

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.



Welcome to our New Members

Vessel4you

Cromarty Firth Marine Services

Andrew Jackson Solicitors LLP

Fireboy Xintex UK Operations Limited

What a Month June Was!

I don't think that is enough space on this newsletter to cover everything that we did during the month of June but we will give it a go.

Seawork was this month and it was a huge success, albeit a little wet. On the Monday, we had our training workgroup meeting, which was held at the ABP Ocean Gate Offices. It also finished with some networking in the pub around the corner. The official show started on the Tuesday—we had Get Set for Workboat 2050 in the morning, followed by our drinks reception on the pavilion sponsored by the Shipowners Club. Wednesday was a hectic day, as we had our MoD Supply Chain Lunch in partnership with British Marine, quickly followed by our Safety Workgroup Meeting, which had a practical session compiling risk assessments onboard some vessels as they continued to look at Lines Under Tension. Then it was a Seawork Dinner at The Grand—a great night for members to network with one another. Thank you to UK P&I Club for the sponsorship of the wine and Vessconn Maritime for the entertainment sponsorship. Finally, on Thursday, we had Careers Day. Thank you to Claire Guy for doing her Foil Boat Making Competition again this year. We also had the Technical Workgroups Meet the Buyers conference in partnership with SMI. Thank you to Beequip and Sea Flux for the sponsorship of the coffee and Marine Cranes for the sweet treats scattered around the stands.

Also at Seawork, we said goodbye to Richard Brooks, our Chairman for the last six years. To make Richard's last hurrah that little better, we asked you all to vote for him as the Maritime Professional of the Year 2026 at the Seawork awards. We are delighted that he won the award. As an extra thank you, we also awarded him some VIP tickets to go and watch some cricket at The Ageas Bowl in Southampton. We thought a break was thoroughly deserved after all of his hard work!

The John Percival Award was also awarded at the Seawork Dinner at The Grand. Congratulations to Hollie McGarry for winning. Click [HERE](#) to read our article on Hollie and her nomination for the award.

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

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 - l.johnson@workboatassociation.org including your mobile number.



SailGP Returns to Portsmouth!

With just 1 Month remaining until the Emirates Great Britain Sail Grand Prix | Portsmouth, taking place on 25–26 July 2026, we are delighted to mark the return of SailGP to the Solent. This prestigious event will see 13 international teams compete aboard state-of-the-art F50 catamarans, delivering thrilling close-to-shore racing in one of the most spectacular settings on the SailGP calendar. Reaching speeds in excess of 100 km/h, these high-performance vessels showcase the very best of elite sailing competition.

We're happy to offer the chance to win free tickets to Portsmouth, alongside a meet and greet with EGBR team athletes. Enter [HERE](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Portsmouth for this outstanding event

UKHO Feedback Needed

The UKHO is looking for feedback on its ENC-derived AutoChart product.

As part of this work, they are exploring changes to how paper charts are structured, updated, and made available, and we're keen to understand how this could affect your usage as mariners. Your feedback will directly inform how this product is developed and introduced.

Your perspective is really important – it will help ensure the UKHO make the right decisions as this project moves forward.

[UKHO Autochart Survey – Mariners](#)

We'd greatly appreciate your time and input.

Human Factors Conference

Click [HERE](#) to read more on the event brought to you by CHIRP and The Nautical Institute in collaboration with IMHFS

Maritime Safety Week

Maritime Safety Week is an important opportunity for the workboat sector to reaffirm its commitment to safe operations at sea and in port. It highlights the need for constant vigilance, effective communication, and regular training to ensure crews are prepared for the challenges of demanding marine environments. By taking time to review procedures, share lessons learned, and reinforce good practice, operators and seafarers can continue to strengthen the culture of safety that underpins the industry.

News From Our Stakeholders

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