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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

WA CTV Day

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Workboat Association CTV Day, in collaboration with G Plus. Taking place at **The Energy Institute, London on 17th September 2026**

This specialised event will centre on: CTV Safety, Operational Efficiencies, and Industry Best Practices.

Click [HERE](#) to Register



IceFish Update for Supporters.

IceFish is now under 9 weeks away and the 2026 event will once again offer invaluable business, networking and learning opportunities. As part of your supporter agreement you kindly agreed to promote IceFish. I now attach our latest mailer and would be grateful if you could share this across your network. We also have some great discounts for purchasing delegate places at the conferences and purchasing IceFish entry badges.

Our long running 100% Fish for Profit conference is now co-located at IceFish together with a new one-day Aquaculture Conference. There are limited delegate places available for the two conferences. Your members can book now on the conferences [website](#). Obtain a 15% Supporter discount by using the codes FFP15 for the 100% Fish for Profit conference, AQU15 for the Aquaculture conference and IFCC15 for the combined conferences.

Visitor registration is now open on the IceFish website. Everyone attending IceFish will require an entry badge. To take advantage of your supporter discount your network and colleagues will need to pre-register [HERE](#) and enter the discount code: IF26WOR01

Your support and promotion are appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming you to IceFish in September.

Workboat Association

Special Recognition Award

Congratulations, Andy Ayre on a remarkable achievement! The JPMA judges felt that Andy deserved acknowledgment for his accomplishments, as an outstanding runner-up in this years competition. Prompting the creation of a special recognition award, Andy has worked tirelessly, against many challenges, to gain his engineering certificates necessary to support his role with Svitzer. Seen here receiving the award from his Training Providers, Hoylake Sea School.



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

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.

Keir Mather retained as UK Maritime Minister.

Keir Mather has been retained by the new Prime Minister as the UK's Maritime Minister, providing continuity for one of the country's most strategically important sectors. He will continue to lead work on ports, shipping, maritime decarbonisation and seafarer welfare, while overseeing policies to strengthen the UK's position as a global maritime nation. His continued role is expected to support delivery of the government's Maritime Growth Strategy, investment in ports and clean maritime technologies, and enhanced protections for seafarers.

Birthday Honours 2027 round is now open for nominations.

Please do consider whether you wish to make any nominations or know of someone who should within the maritime sector. The deadline for submitting the nominations is 11 September, but we strongly recommend considering earlier, as they can take some crafting and information gathering to put forward a successful submission.

All different reasons for nomination are welcome, but we are particularly interested in any 'firsts' that could be considered for an honour i.e. people who have been trailblazers e.g. first woman to do x. We are always interested in diverse nominations, and celebrating the diversity of the sector.

Attached is a guidance document, please do read through before you submit your nomination.

All nominations should be submitted through the form [HERE](#)

Get ready for new UK carbon emissions tax rules

From 1 January 2027, businesses importing goods into the UK from the aluminium, cement, fertiliser, hydrogen, and iron and steel sectors will need to keep records to comply with the new UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). CBAM aims to tackle carbon leakage, helping to achieve net zero by 2050.

To help businesses prepare, HMRC has published new guidance on [GOV.UK](#) which enables them to understand new record keeping obligations and to check whether they may need to register.

Further guidance will be published ahead of the introduction of the tax. To stay up to date, you can sign up to the CBAM mailing list by emailing cbampolicyteam@hmrc.gov.uk.

Please use our CBAM [communications resources](#) to help businesses raise awareness of CBAM across your network.

UK Seafarer Projections

This independent assessment was commissioned to provide an updated assessment of the UK's future requirement for trained seafarers to 2035 for both sea and shore-based maritime functions.

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Charting the future: MASS regulation update

A year ago, the spotlight from a lawyer's perspective from advising clients in the sector was on Uncrewed Surface Vessels (USVs) between 2–24m. Fast forward twelve months, and the market has surged ahead—notably driven by global conflicts and rapid technological progress. Today, our clients are actively engaged with USVs ranging from 14m to nearly 40m, signalling a dramatic shift in both ambition and capability.

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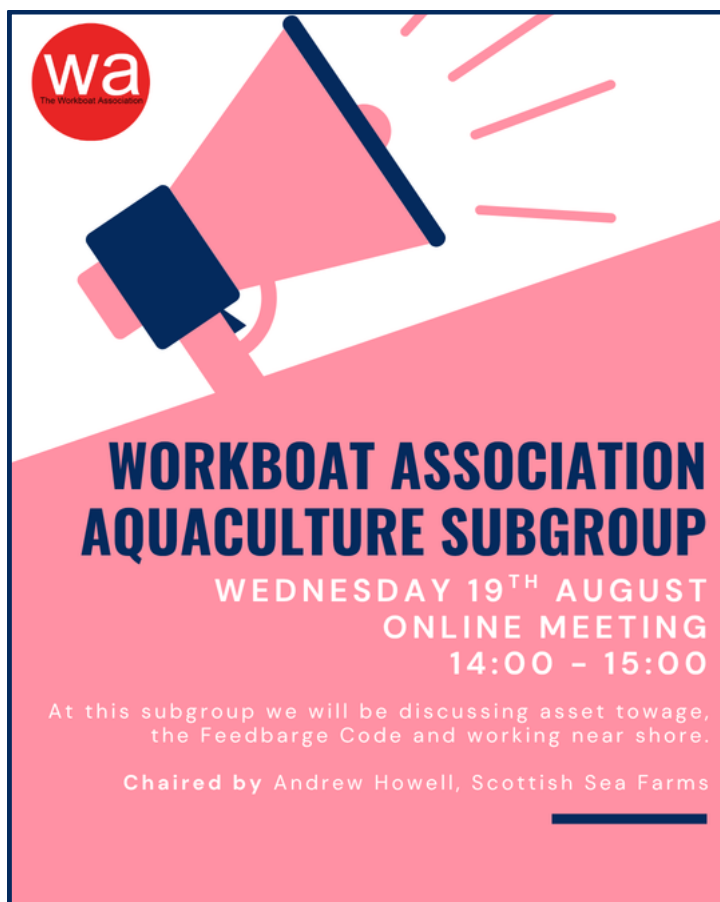
Security for Costs: Consequences of Non Compliance

Disputes had arisen under a time charterparty. The [vessel] Owners claimed US\$1,952,549.63 for unpaid hire and other sums. The Charterers defended the claim and then advanced a substantial counterclaim of US\$3,749,500 relating to the Owners' arrest of another vessel and other matters. The tribunal ordered them [Charterer] to provide the modest sum of £20,000 as security for costs for the counterclaim and similar securities for the two related references in which the tribunal had been appointed.

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Worgroup Corner

Following Seawork and meetings with the 'big 3', we are drafting minutes and progressing with action items. Our focus now shifts to planning the Autumn and AGM workgroup and subgroups. The Safety Workgroup will collaborate with IOSH in September, while the CTV subgroup has an engaging full-day event at the Energy Institute that month. Pilot Vessels and Daughter Craft subgroups will also meet after summer. All members are welcome to participate in these groups, with updates available on WA on Demand.



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