

IMCA join Workships Contractors B.V at their inaugural Masters Command Conference for Crew Transfer Vessels 2015

18 Masters from the Windfarm Crew Transfer industry recently met at the inaugural Workships Contractors' Masters Command Conference 2015. The Masters, who all work for the recently acquired Offshore Wind Services, managed by Workships Contractors travelled from UK and Europe to attend the events held in Colchester Essex UK.

The events were split into 2 separate dates with 100% of current full time Masters attending. Each event compromised of 2 days; Day 1 a working forum, compiled of various safety and operational subject presentations including a guest presentation by IMCA. On day 2 of the event Offshore Wind Services funded a MCA recognised 1 day Stability Course for all Masters.

IMCA Chief Executive Chris Charman and Technical Advisors Mark Ford and Chris Baldwin joined day 1 of the event to present an insight into IMCA. The presentations covered many subjects including; IMCA's background and drivers, developing changes to the CMID MSIW 189 audit document and recent IMCA documentation and guideline publications.

Philip Woodcock, Operations Director at Workships Contractors took his experience learned from the IMCA Renewables Work Group to lead the National Workboat Association Safety Forum in 2014. The Safety Forum provides an opportunity for workboat operators and industry representatives to share important safety observations and lessons learned with each other. The Safety Forum is currently working on gathering health and safety statistics from the crew boat sector.



IMCA CEO Chris Charman presenting at the Workships CTV Masters Conference 2015

'Offshore Wind Services' has recently made the press through its acquisition by the Dutch Workboat and Shallow water experts 'Acta Marine Wind Services (AMWS)'. This acquisition sees the vessels of Offshore Wind Services join their current worldwide fleet of over 40 multi-purpose workboats, and the new-building 'Walk To Work' vessel *Acta Orion*. This allows AMWS to provide a wide range of support vessel services to the ever expanding Offshore Wind Industry. Workships Contractors has been retained to continue providing the high level of technical and crewing management services of the crew transfer vessels that the industry has come to expect.

Offshore Wind Services was established in 2012 following the acquisition of UK based CTV front runner OWPMS Ltd. Since that time representatives from Workships Contractors have made valuable contributions to the IMCA Renewables workgroup and publications, whilst regularly submitting important incident investigation information to the IMCA Safety Flash scheme.



Offshore West Hinder, 21m SouthCat crew transfer vessel built 2012 for Offshore Wind Services

Philip Woodcock & Kerrie Forster

Workships Contractors as managers on behalf of Acta Marine Wind Services



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