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It's Not Oil & Gas Vs. Renewables – It is Safer Offshore Construction

Abstract

There is still a perception that the offshore wind industry is fundamentally different from offshore oil & gas and thus there are no lessons to be learned. In reality, the offshore wind industry bears close similarities to the offshore oil and gas boom in the North Sea of the 1970's, but has the advantage of learning the lessons of the past. The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) represents the contractors that carry out marine operations and installations, be it renewables, oil & gas, telecoms or dredging related. IMCA provides its members with a variety of guidelines on good practice, competence and knowledge, to improve efficiency and safety in marine operations. To facilitate work, membership includes other members of the supply chain, such as equipment manufacturers, consultancy, training providers and personnel agencies as well as clients and government agencies. This paper will discuss the benefits IMCA brings to the offshore wind industry through the specific example of a member company who operates crew transfer vessels.

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