

IMCA is the international trade association representing offshore, marine and underwater engineering companies

It seeks to:

- strive for the highest possible standards with a balance of risk and cost in: health and safety; technology; quality and efficiency; environmental awareness and protection;
- achieve and sustain self-regulation in the industry;
- ease the free movement of equipment and personnel globally;
- achieve equitable contracting regimes;
- provide the framework for training, certification, competence and recruitment to support and sustain the industry globally;
- resolve industry issues; and
- promote co-operation across the industry.

Members include pipelay, heavy lift, diving, remotely operated vehicle, survey and offshore construction contractors, plus various contractors operating specialist marine equipment.

IMCA has two core activities in which all members participate:

- Competence & Training includes a comprehensive framework devoted to promoting safety by defining and encouraging training and competence in key safety-related positions.
- Safety, Environment & Legislation (SEL) includes monitoring national and international regulatory bodies, circulation of relevant information to members and advancement of industry positions where necessary

Members join in one or more technical divisions relevant to their own activities:

- Diving
- Marine
- Offshore Survey
- Remote Systems & ROV

IMCA works with a global focus, but also has regional sections covering the key offshore areas: Asia-Pacific, Central & North America, Europe & Africa, Middle East & India and South America.

IMCA has published substantial and comprehensive good practice guidance on marine operations based on its members' experience in a range of related areas. More details on specific activities are set out on these factsheets.

Why? A trade association belongs to its members. By being active in IMCA, you make sure your voice is heard and know that IMCA is addressing issues affecting you, the benefits of your experience are included when developing good practice guidance and that you are benefiting from the opportunities for sharing, learning and networking that membership provides.

Get Involved ... Spread the Word

◆ Why expanding IMCA membership is important:

- Self-regulation is a key goal for IMCA on behalf of the industry. The more companies that are in membership, the more successful this can be
- IMCA's voice grows stronger with increasing membership, as it represents an ever larger share of the industry
- Common goals are easier to achieve together

◆ What you can do to help:

- Tell others in your organisation, your clients, regulators and suppliers about IMCA, its work and guidance and the value you draw from them
- Use IMCA guidance and ask your sub-contractors to do the same
- Display your IMCA membership certificate (e.g. in your reception or boardroom areas at all of your locations) and use the IMCA logo on your own material – brochures, website, headed paper, etc.

Get Involved ... in the Work Programme

◆ Respond to consultations, read committee minutes

- IMCA can provide industry responses and representation, taking your opinions and expertise and amplifying them through the strength of speaking for 500+ member companies world-wide
- IMCA shapes its work programme based on current issues affecting members. If you provide responses, we will know more about your needs and reflect them in the future work programme can then reflect that
- Much of IMCA's guidance is based on the cumulative experience of and good practice put in place by its members. If you provide input, you can help shape the guidance to help your business

◆ Be an active member by taking part in the affairs of the Association (Constitution 4.7) for example taking part in surveys like the annual safety statistics exercise, submitting safety flashes, contributing to the work programme and sharing experiences.

- ◆ Contact the secretariat or committee representatives to raise any items you would like to be addressed
- ◆ Consider standing in committee and section elections and make sure you vote

Get Involved ... at Events

- ◆ IMCA events provide opportunities for discussing current issues facing the industry – your business will probably be facing the same challenges as others, so common solutions and approaches can be found
- ◆ IMCA events include information on the latest technological developments – keep up to date
- ◆ IMCA events bring together a wide range of personnel from around the global industry. They provide an excellent forum for networking and building business relationships.