

## **N e w s   R e l e a s e**

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### **Inland & Coastal highlights its Get Onboard Safely campaign at Port Skills & Safety Conference 2024**

Following a successful run at Seawork 2024, Pontoon and water access specialist Inland and Coastal Marina Systems continued to promote its Get Onboard Safely message at the Port, Skills and Safety Conference which took place at London's Stamford Bridge on 2 July.

Representing the UK's professional safety and skills membership organisation for ports, every year Port, Skills and Safety (PSS) hosts a conference where its members are invited to come together to discuss the key issues of safety and skills in ports.

This year, the annual conference included even more time to network and speak with exhibitors, with the afternoon session seeing the finalists of the inaugural PSS awards presenting on safety and skills initiatives which they have undertaken.

#### **Get Onboard Safely**

Keen to listen to the port and harbour professionals, Inland & Coastal was on hand at the conference to promote its Get Onboard Safely campaign and discuss its wide range of solutions on offer to help mitigate potential hazards.

With over 20 years' experience, Inland & Coastal understands the physical, environmental and commercial challenges for ports and harbours and believes that safe access is the key starting point to a well-run operation.

Many ports and harbours still operate using antiquated methods, such as vertical wall ladders, narrow access ways and poorly designed mooring connections, which can be a hotspot for hazardous slips, trips and falls. Over 34% of accidents resulting in lost productivity occur when getting on and off boats.\*

## **Port, Skills and Safety**

Inland & Coastal recently joined Port, Skills and Safety to better listen to and understand the needs of safety and operations professionals.

This association will enable greater collaboration and innovation on safer ways of working in and around pontoons, and as the ports industry's leading body for safety and skills, PSS are perfectly placed to help ensure it meets the highest safety standards in everything it does.

"We are keen to be collaborating with Port, Skills and Safety, whose vision and drive match our own dedication to safer access to boats and shared commitment to excellence," says Jon Challis, Head of Business Development at Inland and Coastal.

"We continually strive to ensure that every individual, whether working shore side on the pontoon or as part of the crew heading out to sea, can work safely with confidence and security."

"We welcome the initiative from our member, Inland and Coastal Marina Systems, to raise awareness of safer access to boats in ports," says Debbie Cavaldoro, CEO Port Skills and Safety Limited. "Their 'Get on Board Safely' campaign message was a prominent feature at our recent annual members' conference in London."

To find out more about Inland & Coastal's CTV and commercial workboat pontoon ranges and unique decking options visit <https://inlandandcoastal.com> or email [sales@inlandandcoastal.com](mailto:sales@inlandandcoastal.com)

To find out more about PSS visit [www.portskillsandsafety.co.uk/](http://www.portskillsandsafety.co.uk/). Alternatively, get in touch with them at [info@portskillsandsafety.co.uk](mailto:info@portskillsandsafety.co.uk)

\*Port Industry Incidents Statistics 2022

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#### **About Inland and Coastal Marina Systems**

- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems specialise in the design, manufacture and installation of marinas.
- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems is the official UK SeaBin supplier.
- Clients include local and regional Government, Port and Fishery Authorities, Marina Operators, Sports and Recreational Clubs, Development Consortiums, Consulting Engineers, Architects and Main Contractors.
- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems work internationally and have three offices; Banagher in Ireland, Lossiemouth in Scotland and Southampton, England.
- For more information on Inland and Coastal Marina Systems visit [www.inlandandcoastal.com](http://www.inlandandcoastal.com)
- 34% of lost time injuries reference: *Port Industry Incidents Statistics 2022*

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