

PRESS RELEASE

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE IADC SAFETY AWARD 2025 NOW OPEN!

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The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is pleased to announce that call for submissions is open for the annual IADC Safety Award. This Award celebrates the innovative approaches dredging companies take to ensure the highest level of safety in their operations. These safety measures can take the form of technical advances, cultural reinforcements or preventative actions. Two awards will be given: one to a dredging organisation and a second to a supply chain organisation active in the dredging or offshore industry.

The awards are open to contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of goods and services, with categories dedicated to exceptional safety performance in projects, products, vessels, teams, or from individual employees. Submissions for both categories must be entered by **31 May 2025**.

Safety is a paramount concern within the dredging industry. The IADC Safety Award aims to encourage the development of safety skills on the job and reward individuals and companies demonstrating diligence in safety awareness in the performance of their professions.

"As IADC, we recognise that safety is not only the responsibility of the dredging contractors themselves, but that suppliers and sub-contractors play an vital role in increasing overall safety by offering innovative solutions through the latest technical developments," says René Kolman, Secretary General of IADC. "The IADC Safety Award seeks to stimulate workplace safety ideas, encourage the development of safety skills, and reward those contributing to a safer working environment. The awards will be presented to the individuals or companies who demonstrate exceptional safety performance in their projects, products, vessels, teams, or employee categories."

WHY A SAFETY AWARD?

Safety is a continuous effort and a core value within the dredging industry. The IADC Safety Award aims to:

- stimulate ideas in the workplace;
- encourage the development of safety skills on the job and safety awareness;

- reward people and companies who make it possible to work safer; and
- reward those who demonstrate special diligence in safety awareness in performing their profession.

SAFETY IS KEY

Dredging operations inherently carry risks, making safety a top priority within the industry. IADC and its members are dedicated to safeguarding their employees and continually improving safety standards to ensure a safe and healthy work environment.

The Lost Time Injury (LTI) index, established over a decade ago, has played a crucial role in tracking accidents and incidents, leading to a steady decline in incidents among dredging contractors. To further safety goals, the IADC Safety Committee was formed in November 2013, providing a platform for sharing safety experiences and best practices. The annual IADC Safety Awards were subsequently established to recognise exceptional safety performance.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE IADC SAFETY AWARDS

The IADC Safety Awards are open to all companies active in dredging and related industries. Companies may submit multiple nominations, each requiring a separate registration form. Submissions must be supported by a detailed document outlining the accomplishments, including safety records, objectives reached, and other relevant information. Click [here](#) for further information or go to IADC's website: www.iadc-dredging.com.

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The winners of the IADC Safety Award 2025 will be presented by the IADC Board of Directors at the IADC Annual General Meeting in September 2025 in Stockholm, Sweden.

ABOUT IADC

The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. An industry that makes the world a safer, better and more sustainable place to live. And IADC is driven to help that industry move forward with a variety of activities and publications, all available on our website www.iadc-dredging.com.

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