

PRESS RELEASE

CALL FOR ENTRIES: SUBMISSIONS FOR THE IADC SAFETY AWARD 2026 NOW OPEN

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The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is proud to announce that submissions are now open for the 2026 IADC Safety Award. Each year, this award highlights the innovative ways in which organisations across the dredging and offshore sectors strengthen safety in their operations—whether through technical innovations, cultural initiatives, or preventative measures.

In 2026, two awards will again be presented:

1. One for a dredging organisation
2. One for a supply-chain organisation active in the dredging industry

Contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers of goods or services are invited to submit safety initiatives demonstrating outstanding performance in projects, products, vessels, teams, or individual contributions. All entries must be submitted by **31 May 2026**.

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY

Safety remains a foundational value across the dredging industry. Through this award, IADC aims to inspire continued improvement, support greater safety awareness, and recognise the people and organisations driving safer working environments.

“As IADC, we recognise that safety is a shared responsibility,” says Arnold de Bruijn, Secretary General of IADC. “Dredging contractors, suppliers and subcontractors play an essential role by bringing forward new ideas and technical solutions that elevate overall safety. With the IADC Safety Award, we aim to stimulate innovation, promote safety skills, and honour those making a real difference in workplace safety.”

WHY THE SAFETY AWARD MATTERS

The IADC Safety Award seeks to:

- encourage the development of practical, innovative safety ideas;
- promote safety skills and awareness on the job;
- recognise individuals and companies enabling safer working practices; and
- highlight exceptional dedication to safety across the profession.



SAFETY AT THE CORE OF THE INDUSTRY

Dredging activities inherently involve complex and potentially hazardous operations, making safety a top priority. IADC and its members are committed to continuous improvement in safety standards to protect their workforce.

More than ten years ago, the Lost Time Injury (LTI) index was introduced as a shared benchmark, helping reduce incidents across the industry. To strengthen this commitment, the IADC Safety Committee was established in 2013, creating a dedicated platform for sharing knowledge, experience, and best practices. The annual Safety Award builds on this foundation by recognising outstanding contributions that advance safety across the sector.

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 2026 will be presented by the IADC Board of Directors at the IADC Annual General Meeting in October 2026 in Malta.

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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