

NINA NO INJURIES NO ACCIDENTS AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | JUNE 2016

HOW TO INTERPRET NINA



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"We have come a long way and a lot has changed in our way of working since the introduction of NINA. Everybody within the company knows what NINA stands for, but I often encounter a difference in interpretation of the program. For instance: when working with clients (especially during charters) and/or

subcontractors that have a lower safety standard than we have, NINA is sometimes presented to them as a safety standard or norm. Like a thermometer measuring their working methods: 'This is not NINA proof. Stop!'. This way NINA becomes a paper standard to hide behind, and I don't think this does the program justice.

I must admit I sometimes thought as well that this was the easiest approach to try and reach a higher level of safety awareness among third parties. But I have learned that plainly rejecting an action or working method without further explanation does not encourage people to think about how to do their job more safely. Instead, we should use NINA with all her tools to educate others and make them think and talk about how to execute the works in a safe manner.

It is my experience that when you put effort (and sometimes you need a lot!) into discussing safety issues with people and helping them with the subject, things do improve. And even though it might feel as if nothing changes, in the end you will see results. Remember how much energy it took us to reach the safety standard we are now used to?"

COMING SOON: NINA REFLECTION DAY

The Senior Management Team at Dredging & Inland Infra (D&I) plans to hold a NINA Reflection Day in early October. The aim of this day is to understand 1) how we experience NINA at all levels of the D&I division, and 2) what we could do to improve it, and how to go about it.

THEY'RE COMING TO YOU FOR THIS!

Senior managers and SHE-Q colleagues will visit various projects and ships this summer. Through interviews and group discussions they will try to find answers to the above questions. The findings will be presented and discussed during the NINA Reflection Day. On this basis, themes will be earmarked that deserve more attention. We will keep you informed in NINA At Work.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN AND ABLE TO INFLUENCE THIS PROCESS?

Send an e-mail: NINA@boskalis.com. And make sure that the Senior Management or SHE-Q comes along to your project or your ship!

