



NINA AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | OCTOBER 2013

SHARING KNOWLEDGE ACROSS BOSKALIS



In the last blog, **Jan van der Kwast**, Captain of the *Taurus*, asked how we can maintain the NINA standard in daily practice. "Do we need NINA agents or are there other ways?" **Hans Been**, Project Manager in Morocco responds.

While a ship is a confined space with a fixed crew and routines, small and short-term projects have a disproportionately high number of staff from outside the Boskalis ranks. As a result, implementing

NINA from the outset to the same standard as on board Boskalis' units is not feasible; it takes time and effort.

In our project, too, the fleet is ahead of the onshore organization, which therefore receives the most attention, meaning the fleet barely gets any new impulses regarding NINA. We have to make do with what we have. And who should provide these impulses? While local SHE-Q people have the right theoretical background, they may lack practical experience and are less familiar with our administration systems. They need the captain's assistance in order to be able to prepare a toolbox. So you end up in a vicious circle.

NINA agents – or preferably NINA facilitators – could be a solution. One condition would be that they are specially trained for this purpose from a pool of Boskalis NINA personnel. This would prevent specific project knowledge and experience from seeping away, as it can be generated internally and shared across Boskalis. Such an extra impulse encourages everyone to work together – after all, that is the key – to create a safer work environment.

*The NINA team will present this suggestion to **Mark Sturuss**, SHE-Q Coordinator.*

NINA CATCHES ON

A remote-controlled crane hook: an innovation that is being used on the HH 47 when lifting in spud poles.

This job normally requires two cranes: one to hoist the man who attaches the hook to the pole and one to hoist spud pole. As this is cumbersome, other working methods are sought: for example, securing the hook's safety catch or using a long ladder. These methods involve risk; see Safety Newsflash No. 1-2012. Looking for a safe alternative, Andre Batterman (Plant Manager and TD Inspector) found the remote-control hook on the Internet. The effect? "Super", according to Andreas Hugo (Crane Operator) and Andreas Peper (Foreman).



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NINA AIMS HIGHER

In the coastal waters of the Irish Sea, Boskalis Offshore is participating in the installation of a windmill park. While preparing the windmill foundations, work was performed at a height and in the closed spaces of the foundations.

"As we are new in this business, I think it is important that we create an open culture with our sub-contractor, a specialist in this area", says Reinier de Haan, Manager. "If they do not report any dangerous situations, we cannot do anything to improve safety. During the NINA start-up meeting, we cited 'open communication' as a goal and I must say it is going better than expected. We are working together as partners."



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