

# SAFETY TALK



## NINA GAINS GROUND

'For us, NINA is an essential step in raising safety awareness further and engaging with the Boskalis safety culture,' says Sander Korte, business unit manager Boskalis Offshore Subsea Services. 'In view of the nature of our work, we are used to extremely stringent safety standards here at Subsea. But what makes NINA special is the emphasis on safety awareness and the change of mentality. That really was a significant factor enabling us to win this contract for our client Maersk Oil.'

### PUZZLE

The work for Maersk kicked off in July. NINA was introduced on two of the largest Diving Support Vessels, with approximately eighty people on board. 'They are typical offshore vessels working 24 hours a day. So organizing and scheduling the introduction and the courses was a bit of a puzzle,' says Jan Willem Ottevanger, who supervised the introduction on behalf of the SHE-Q department. 'The crew is a very mixed bag, and a lot of them come in from the outside. On top of that, not everybody is on board at the same time. That's an organizational challenge in terms of getting everybody together and putting them through a course. It's not even straightforward getting



a trainer on and off the vessel; a chopper is sometimes the only option'.

### MOTIVATION

The SHE-Q department organized the facilities for the successful introduction of NINA to Subsea Services; the representatives from Maersk were directly involved and they followed the progress of the courses

with interest and enthusiasm. 'The courses definitely motivate people,' says Jan Willem. 'It is fascinating to see how Subsea Services put everything into practice in their own way. In terms of safety, Subsea Services already works to high standards, but they are mainly geared to compliance with the right procedures. Once again here, the added value of NINA is the introduction

## MAJOR RESCUE DRILL AT BOSKALIS HIRDES



One of the Boskalis Hirdes specialisms is detecting and removing ordnance. Despite extensive precautions, every assignment involves risks. Boskalis Hirdes tries to be as prepared as possible for unexpected conditions and it wanted to assess the efficacy of the safety precautions in practice. So a major disaster exercise took place recently in the German section of the Wadden Sea.

An accident was simulated in which a large bomb had exploded on board of a multicat, starting a fire and inflicting minor and major injuries to ten crew members. The rescue operation that followed involved a total of

sixty rescue staff and numerous organizations, as well as large amounts of rescue equipment such as auxiliary vessels and a helicopter. The aim of the exercise was to train with, and assess, the communications systems, to assess the coordination of the emergency services, and to identify possible improvements. The 'lessons learned' will be included in the Boskalis Hirdes safety plan.

The NINA program was introduced at Boskalis Offshore recently. Subsea Services introduced the NINA approach on a project for Maersk. Area West developed a campaign under the NINA flag with a practical toolbox for the prevention of the most common types of accident.

of open communications and talking to each other about safe conduct. Of course, that takes time, but we have certainly taken a big step forward.'

### SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

NINA transforms safety issues into practical programs. 'One of our objectives for this year was to reduce the risk of the most common accidents. Approximately 30% of the recent accidents in our area were the result of slips, trips or falls,' says Peter Klip, business unit manager Area West. 'At first sight, incidents like this don't look very dramatic but the consequences can be very painful and far-reaching for the victims. This type of incident is often a result of people being careless, not thinking, or not being careful. So our SHE-Q manager Michael Evertsz has developed an extensive campaign. It includes a practical toolbox with a large number of tips, posters, leaflets, presentations and other resources to draw people's attention to the issue.'

### EIGHT THEMES

The heart of the program consists of eight monthly themes related to *Slip, Trip & Fall* hazards. The themes are: *good housekeeping, obstructions clearly marked, good behavior, safe guarding, adequate lighting, appropriate footwear, non-slip surfaces and safe construction*. The corporate SHE-Q department gave its full support to the initiative.

'Alongside raising safety awareness, there is also a need for this sort of program in the NINA context,' enthuses SHE-Q Manager Wilfred Haaijer.

'The campaign deliberately follows the NINA philosophy by calling on people to work together and provide feedback. That's why all the posters and other publications carry the slogan *Powered by NINA*. We think this campaign is an excellent pilot project that the other areas can certainly use to their advantage.'

## HOW TO PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

OBSTRUCTIONS CLEARLY MARKED

GOOD BEHAVIOUR

SAFE GUARDING

ADEQUATE LIGHTING

APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

NON-SLIP SURFACES

SAFE CONSTRUCTION

Slips, Trips & Falls are the most common cause of injuries at work – accounting for as many as 30% of all accidents in Area West. These injuries are often caused by working in an untidy work place and the lack of awareness. Taking an extra 5 minutes to assess the site for hazards now can save a whole load of pain and injury later. Together we want to reduce the number of accidents caused by Slips, Trips & Falls in Area West. Please be aware, show us your commitment, take action, give and accept feedback. Together we take care!

The campaign is available in four languages: Dutch, English, Spanish and Portuguese.

> Do you want to know more? Check out [www.boskalis-nina.com](http://www.boskalis-nina.com)

**01** EDT PROTEA  
The EDT Protea is one of the Diving Support Vessels on which NINA training was introduced.

**02** RESCUE DRILL  
Action photo taken during the large-scale drill at Boskalis Hirdes.