

# NINA NO INJURIES NO ACCIDENTS AT WORK

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



## NINA GOES IN THE TANK

Master Wilbert Dunki Jacobs organized a serious injury drill in an enclosed space on the Colbart.

### PROBLEM 1: HOW DO YOU GET IN THE TANK WITH BREATHING APPARATUS ON YOUR BACK?

"In the H2S training you wear breathing apparatus for a while. It's as simple as that. We just had to get through the manhole. It turned out there was only one way to get through. Practice makes perfect!"



### PROBLEM 2: HOW DO YOU GET AN INJURED PERSON OUT OF THE TANK?

"The manholes are on the side of our tanks. That proved to be a difficult maneuver because only one of the stretchers we had on board would fit through - and even then, only if we turned it 90 degrees!"



### ASSESSMENT

"I've been working here since 1995 and this is the first time that I myself have been in the tank wearing breathing apparatus. That just shows you what NINA can do! The drill gave me confidence in our own abilities. It is reassuring for the crew to know that their colleagues can get them out if they have to. So I call on all colleagues to do this as well. We learned important lessons."

## HOW DO WE KEEP UP THE PACE?



Jan van der Kwast, Captain of the Taurus

How are things going with NINA? Some things we do automatically and have become apart of life: we wear our PPE, talk about dangerous incidents, and now we complain to each other - without noticing - if a design isn't user-friendly.

But what happens if there is little time for NINA outside the ship? If there isn't much focus on NINA from the office either? Or if the enthusiasm is limited because of local circumstances? How do you maintain standards then? Fortunately, NINA gives us enough resources, such as the

prestart meetings, to discuss the subject freely. This keeps the NINA feeling alive on our vessel as well. In order to make this point to the outside world, I'm asking the local SHE-Q department to organize the toolbox meetings. But all the same... You can try to keep up a high NINA standard on board, but this still needs to be encouraged by the outside world. Otherwise it really doesn't amount to anything across the board. How can we prevent that from happening? Do we need 'NINA agents' or are there other solutions?

The NINA team was pleased to put this good question (and a familiar one to many) to project manager H.H.G. Been. You can read what he had to say in the next NINA blog.