



AT WORK

A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT EXAMPLES FROM THE EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF BOSKALIS | MARCH 2012

Each month, a colleague reports on his/her NINA activities. This time it's the turn of Jan van der Kwast, Captain of the Taurus II.

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HELPING HAND

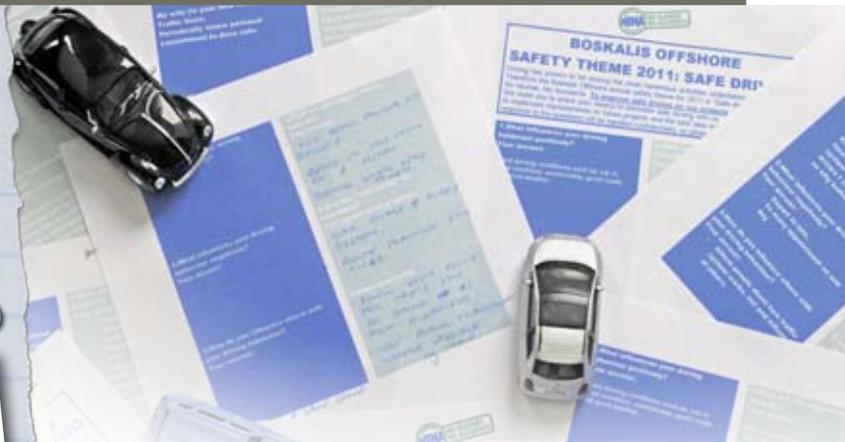
We had to offload bunker oil on our way to the Keppel Shipyard in Singapore. The crew of the local bunker barge was walking around in flip-flops, bare-chested and smoking, while at the same time warming up a pan of nasi (fried rice) on a little gas stove on deck. In a situation like that, you can only do what's absolutely necessary to keep things as safe as possible, so we convinced the crew to warm up the nasi later and to stop smoking. We also had some PPE left over, which we gave them. That way, everyone was happy.



Once we got to the shipyard, we saw what effect our daily safety meetings were having on the local safety foremen. At first, they only listened to what we had to say, but in time they began to suggest possible improvements. Senior management also showed their appreciation of our approach by inviting our project manager to the central safety meeting for Keppel Shipyards, which has a total workforce of 6,000.

For me, it's one of the most important parts of NINA when we give everyone we work with a helping hand so they end up working more safely and spread the word to other people as well.

Jan van der Kwast is curious about marine supervisor Jos Koks' experience. You can read what Jos had to say in the next edition of NINA At Work. You can also submit your own input by sending an e-mail to NINA@boskalis.nl.



Safe driving **TOP 3**

If you want to reach your destination safely, it's always a good idea to:

1. be properly rested when you start your journey ('fit for duty');
2. prepare properly (allow sufficient time, plan your route before you leave);
3. make sure you can concentrate (in other words, don't let yourself be distracted by stress, your cell phone or the radio).

These were the findings of a survey of Boskalis Offshore employees (and sub-contractors) in 2011 into the factors that influence how they drive. Car accidents account for a large part of the total number of incidents reported each year. What's more, a car accident has the potential to inflict serious injuries. "That's why it's important to keep focusing on this issue," says SHE-Q Manager Allard Leertouwer. "To start with, when you're preparing the project, it's important to choose the right accommodation with respect to the site's location. We're going to use the findings from the questionnaires in project toolbox and start-up meetings and take them into consideration in modifying the generic risk assessment (RBW-513). Most importantly, people need to understand that driving a car is a high-risk activity. In the words of one respondent, **'Driving is not a time to turn on the music and switch off, but a time to face the music and switch on!'** ■

NINA ON THE LINE

How do you draw people's attention to all the stories about NINA and safety issues? Captain Maarten Prijt had the idea of putting up a clothesline in the Rockpiper crew office in Keppel Singmarine Shipyard in Singapore. "People often stand here reading articles – you could say they literally walk into them!" Prijt and his crew are getting on well with NINA. "Our safety round across the shipyard is now called a 'NINA round'. What's the difference? Well, for example, where we used to check whether a welding cable was allowed to follow a certain path, we now look at the safety of the user as well. That extra care is what it's all about."

