

Safety Award

Awarded to a company, person, project or product that has either set industry safety benchmarks and/or been the difference in terms of safety of life, property and environment for tugs and/or during a salvage operation or incident over the last 12 months.

Moran Towing

Moran Towing's comprehensive training and drills for its tugboat crews enabled them to successfully rescue two stranded mariners near Baltimore on 25 October 2023. The timely rescue demonstrated the safety impact of ongoing training to prepare crews for real-world maritime incidents.

- Crew of tug Lynne Moran able to utilise their specialised equipment and training to quickly execute rescue
- Received USCG and American Waterways Operators honours for courageous, lifesaving response
- Training and preparation served as model for safety protocols across industry

Smit Lamnalco

Smit Lamnalco has upheld rigorous safety protocols to enable 50+ incident-free LNG transfers between specialised tugs and carriers at Africa's first deepwater FLNG production site since 2020.

- Custom procedures executed without incident for side-by-side FLNG vessel berthing/loading
- Tugs with 95-tonnes BP cited as integral to safe operations by customer Eni
- Set offshore safety standard for LNG transfers in ultra-deepwater environments

UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency

The MCA has developed and enforced the widespread Port Marine Safety Code to establish national harbour safety protocols for authorities and operators. First introduced in 2003, the Code sees ongoing development.

- Code recommendation raises safety bar for ~100 major ports/harbours and hundreds of smaller facilities
- Results in investment in risk assessments, equipment, personnel training, and incident response
- MCA oversight via audits and monitoring drives continuous safety improvements
- Code presented as safety benchmark at industry safety seminars