



SAFETY THROUGH COLLABORATION

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HeliOffshore
Safety Through Collaboration

Collaborating to
deliver on our
commitment to
safety in the
offshore
helicopter
industry

Update from HeliOffshore

From Gretchen Haskins, HeliOffshore CEO



It has been little over a year since HeliOffshore's launch. Today, more than **70 organisations** are demonstrating their commitment to collaboration by being members of our association.

- HeliOffshore now represents all segments of the offshore helicopter industry: operators - large and small, manufacturers, oil-and-gas, and others.
- We have developed mutual relationships with other safety organisations and associations so that we can share our Safety Plan widely and draw on all available expertise.
- Together, we developed HeliOffshore's Safety Plan and verified it at our inaugural Annual Conference.

- We have world-leading experts fronting and contributing to workstreams.
- The Information Exchange is live, with operators sharing information to further improve safety.

Our strong foundations will lead to our industry achieving ever-higher levels of safety.

Over the next 12 months, we want to involve a greater number of members as we deliver on our priorities, which include to:

- Launch, and support members with the uptake of, HUMS Best Practice and Flight Crew Operating Manuals.
- Further enhance our Information Exchange so that members can share leading indicators and trend information, helping our data collection and analysis to shift to be preventative.
- Put in place collaboration tools to improve knowledge exchange and information sharing.
- Rigorously pursue the existing workstreams, working with members to ensure tangible results in the frontline.

We are already experiencing the benefits of our HeliOffshore Information Exchange I want to encourage members to build on this trust, which is vital if we are to pull together to further improve safety.

In the next year, we will give you more opportunities to hear about HeliOffshore's safety plan and progress – and, most importantly, we welcome your inputs to that work.

Our first quarterly 'All Members Update' calls will be held on 28 October – please email info@helioffshore.org to get further details.

We will make collaboration as easy as possible. We are beginning to test off-the-shelf online collaboration tools that will enable us to draw on industry expertise, no matter where those experts are located.

With your support, we will continue to share safety information and lessons learned; drive outputs from working groups; and sense-check our priorities and progress.

Please continue to review our shared safety plans on www.helioffshore.org and support work stream leaders by offering your expertise.

Our Six Priorities

Automation: this group has created a document to help OEMs understand the scope so that they can deliver FCOMs for at least one type, starting with automation philosophy. Members are identifying incidents to be used in “lesson learning” training videos. We are also tracking implementation of the Airbus H225 FCOM.

Please let us know more about your experience of FCOM implementation.

Flight Path Management: This group is engaging stakeholders to expedite production of HTAWS equipment once research is complete so that Enhanced Helicopter Terrain Avoidance Warning System (HTAWS) can give increased warning time to pilots of potential collision with obstacles on the ground.

[Read more.](#)

This month, recommendations were delivered to IOGP on how to reduce Wrong Deck Landings with the intent for the recommendations to be incorporated into the IOGP Aviation Management Guidelines (AMG).

Health and Usage Monitoring Systems: the group is completing a final stakeholder review before publication of the HeliOffshore HUMS Best Practice Guidance. The priority is to launch the best practice in a way that will optimize use, support information-sharing, and deliver results at the frontline.

Please get ready to support the launch of our HUMS Best Practice Guidance, which will be issued in November.

Welcome Francois Lassale

Newly appointed Operations Director, **Francois Lassale**, started in role with a visit to the frontline.

Francois said the two-day visit was a great opportunity to validate HeliOffshore priorities with pilots, engineers and safety teams, Accountable Managers, and other stakeholders:



“It was a valuable insight into the priorities and challenges. Over the next six months, I will meet the majority of members. By the end of 2015, I will visit Asia, Europe, South America and the US, working with members to identify and share best practices.”

“It is undoubtedly a challenging time; however, I saw an unrelenting commitment to safety. I know this extends to every region and that by drawing on this we will deliver a step-change across the industry.”

Key Dates

28 October – All Members Update Calls: 0700 and 1400 UK

18 November – Information Sharing Event & HUMS Launch, London

13-16 May 2016 – HeliOffshore Annual Conference & AGM

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Operational Standards: an excellent example of collaboration, this working group will help us to achieve a more standard set of safety requirements. A diverse set of members are aligning comments on the Aircraft Operations and Maintenance section. [Read more.](#)

Survivability: a sub-set of Operational Standards, we are aligned around one goal: that flying on duty offshore should be at least as safe as flying on a commercial airline; ultimately reducing the need for some survivability measures we see today. We agree that our industry will benefit from a more aligned position on the near- and long-term strategy, and that by working together we can pool our knowledge and resources to improve performance.

Operational Performance Monitoring: We’ve commissioned a study looking at eye tracking of flying and non-flying pilots to better understand their use of automation. The study is already starting to provide information that will inform future training. [Read more.](#)

Information Exchange: it is exciting to see operators participating in event sharing and lessons learned. We encourage members to continue to suggest how we can expand this and give members the greatest value. We have a face-to-face Information Sharing Event for operators on 18 November 2015. [Read more.](#)

From Captain John Black at Helitech 2015...

“At our first Helitech, HeliOffshore shared the busy EHA stand with BHA and IHST/EHEST. We confirmed two new members and gave interested parties information about our association. I presented at EHEST and EHA Meetings.

A highlight was the EHEST Safety Workshop, where delegates were enthralled by keynote speaker, Capt. Eric Melrose “Winkle” Brown.

Capt. Brown shared his rotorcraft experiences, which began in Germany in 1938, and included flying with Igor Sikorsky and serving as a Test Pilot with the Royal Navy. He holds the record for the most deck landings at 2,407 and has flown 487 different aircraft types. I had the great honour of introducing my friend, now 96 years young, to an audience who all were upstanding for him.”

Capt. “Winkle” Brown, EASA’s Jean-Mark Sacazes, Capt. John Black

