



Aquaculture Common Issues Group

30th April 2019

Aquaculture Safety and Health Awareness Day
(AquaSHAD)

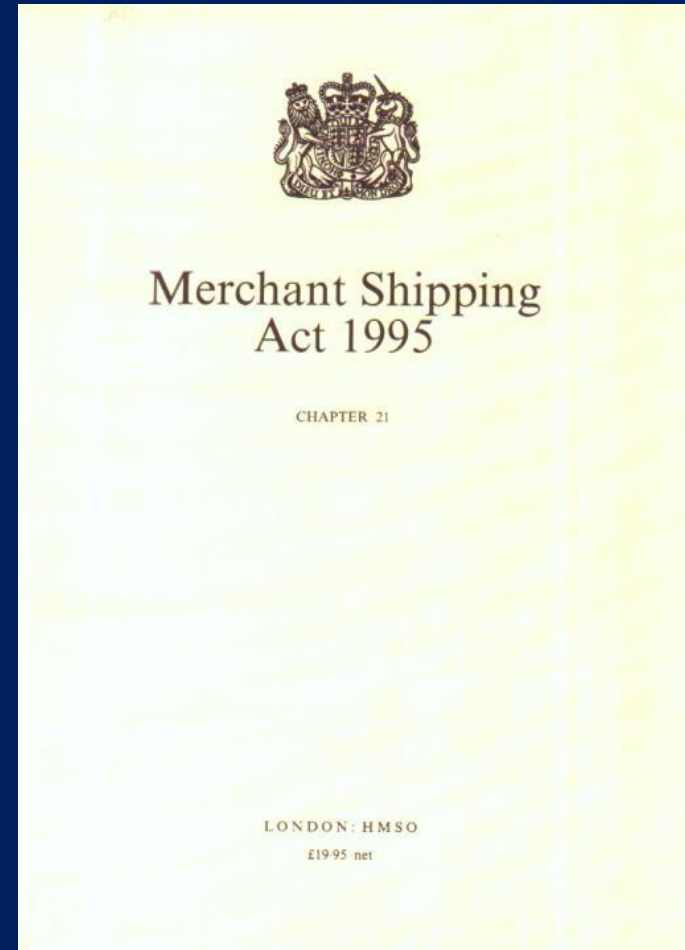
Fingal McKiernan
Coastal Inspector
Northern Lighthouse Board

Overview

- ◉ NLB's Role in the Aquaculture Industry
- ◉ Origins of the AquaSHAD
- ◉ The Way Ahead Group
- ◉ The Event Itself
- ◉ Structure
- ◉ Growth
- ◉ Future Direction
- ◉ More than H & S
- ◉ Summary

Responsibility Under Legislation

- ◉ Merchant Shipping Act 1995: “the general lighthouse authorities shall have superintendence and management of all lighthouse, buoys and beacons within their areas”
- ◉ Marine (Scotland) Act 2010: Statutory Consultee for all Marine Licence applications- Safety of Navigation Consent.
- ◉ Responsible for ensuring every aquaculture site in Scotland does not pose a hazard to navigation.
- ◉ Active industry presence-promote better working relationships between regulators and producers-guidance/information/support.



Origins of the AquaSHAD

- HSE Committee of the North (SASG): HSE, MCA, NLB, CES, Producers.
- Growing concern about the number of fatalities and injuries occurring.
- Agriculture Initiative
- **Way Ahead Group:** Regulators and Producers
- Positive, industry lead partnership of analysing accidents to reduce risk:
 - - Promote better H&S
 - - Increase risk awareness
 - - Information Sharing
 - - Up to date training



The Way Ahead Group

- SASG subsidiary group- NLB (Chair), HSE, MCA, CES, RNLI, Industry H&S Managers
- Independent open framework for discussions between regulators and industry
- Real time information on industry issues/risks/incidents
- Plan, organise and co-ordinate annual AquaSHAD

The Event Itself

- ⦿ Annual event, designed to bring delegates from all sectors of the aquaculture industry together and provide them with up to date training to reduce risk and improve their safety at work.
- ⦿ Promote intercompany communication and forge stronger relationships between the industry and regulators.
- ⦿ Circulates each year throughout Scotland- West Coast, Highland, Outer Hebrides, Orkney, Shetland.
- ⦿ Industry driven training delivered by qualified instructors
- ⦿ Funded by WAG members with additional support from SSPO

Structure

- ⦿ 3 plenary scenarios + 6 group stances
- ⦿ Delegates divided into groups undertake a round robin of stances
- ⦿ Groups composed of individuals from different organisations-promote inter-organisational communication
- ⦿ Scenarios generally hands on, practical demonstrations
- ⦿ Scenarios selected from a catalogue of material – topical in the industry
- ⦿ New material regularly added to keep up to date with the modern workplace

2019 Agenda

Time	Event	Presenter
09.30	Registration	
10.00	Opening Address & Flare Demonstration	HSE + MCA
10.30	Forklift Ops & Safety	Grieg Seafood
11.00	LOLER/Lifting Plans	Dawnfresh Farming
11.30	Life Jackets	FishFrom
Lunch		
12.45	Cold Water Immersion	Prof. Mike Tipton
13.30	Stress/Well Being	Mind Your Head Group
14.00	Slips & Trips	HSE
14.30	Winching Operations	HSC Ltd
15.00	Life Raft Demonstration	MCA
15.20	Event Close	NLB

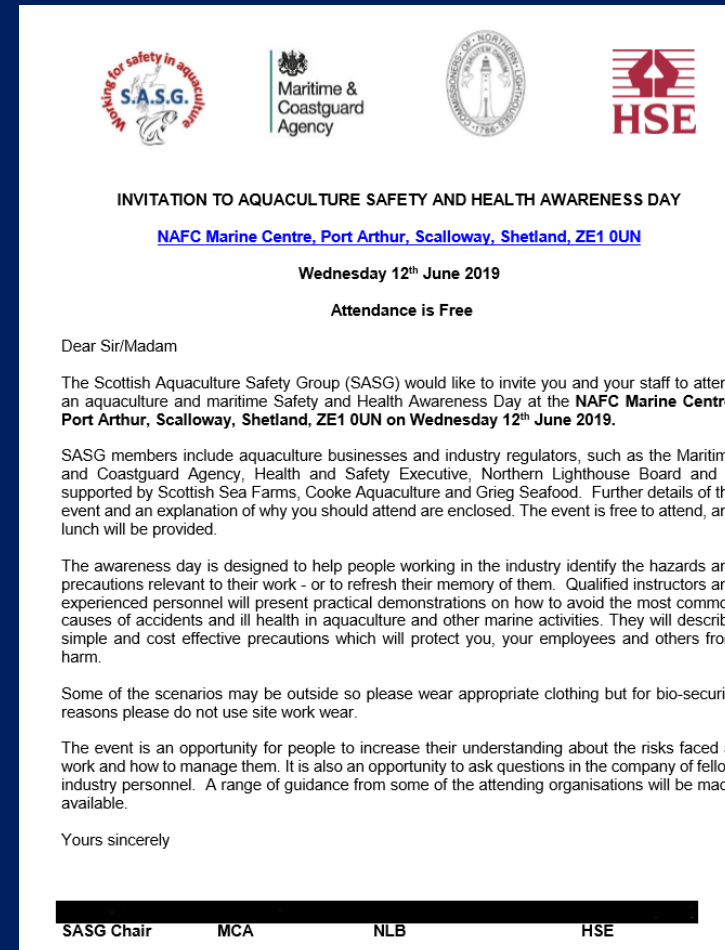
Growth

- Significant event growth in the past 3 years:
- Financial investment
 - 2017/2018: +200%
 - 2018/2019: +100%
- Larger venue size
- Delegate numbers:
 - 2016: 60
 - 2017: 75
 - 2018: 100
 - 2019: 125* (capped)



Attracting Attendance

- Free to attend
- Invites targeted at regional level
- Well renowned H&S professional trainers
- Engaging of local business/suppliers- free to exhibit



Future Direction

- ⦿ Positive feeling of momentum, growth and exposure
- ⦿ 2019:
 - AquaSHAD stand up to its name to reflect whole industry – Shetland used as a catalyst to engage the shellfish industry - 20% of 2019 delegates
 - Renowned keynote speaker-Mike Tipton
 - Increased in engagement with local organisations-Mind Your Head, Drive Shetland, D H Marine
- ⦿ Expansion beyond aquaculture- fisheries, renewables etc.
- ⦿ Reach out to large corporations

Much More Than H&S

- WAG- Informal, open approach – breeds strong, successful formal working relationships
- Event:
 - Group facilitation across all organisations levels
 - Open forum for communication between producers, suppliers and regulators
 - Different organisations and sectors interacting – share knowledge, information
 - Efficiency and Effectiveness - H&S and beyond
- 2030 Initiative

Summary

- NLB's presence in Scottish aquaculture
- How the event was borne – importance of H&S
- The AquaSHAD – Here and now of the industry – material, information, incidents, moving with the times
- Significant expansion over past 3 years- sense of momentum
- Future direction
- Much more than a H&S event

Questions?

