

ADAS Newsletter Issue 35, June 2023

Introduction

Welcome to Issue 35 of the ADAS Newsletter.

In this issue of the newsletter we welcome a new Board member to ADAS while farewelling a long-serving member.

The safety article in this issue lists three incidents reported to IMCA including a foreign body finding its way into a diver's helmet during equipment cleaning.

IMCA has updated the international code of practice for offshore diving and published new guidance for lost bell emergencies and protection of water intake points.

Finally, the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator launched their new website in March this year, providing information for stakeholders on the regulation of offshore renewables.

As always, your thoughts and comments, or any ideas for future issues of the ADAS Newsletter, are both welcome and appreciated.



Amanda Sordes

Executive Director

Changes to ADAS Board

In May 2023 ADAS farewelled long-serving Board member Dr Sarah Lockley and welcomed Dr Susannah Sherlock to the Board.

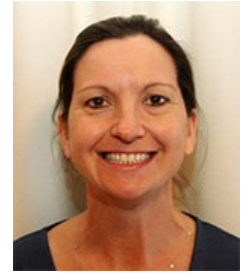
Dr Susannah Sherlock

Dr Sherlock is a practising Anaesthetic Specialist and Hyperbaric Physician, working in hospitals and private practice. In addition, Dr Sherlock is a senior clinical lecturer at the University of Queensland at the undergraduate and post graduate levels. She has a special interest in simulation and crisis management and has convened and founded an annual course for General Practitioners to increase their diving and hyperbaric medicine knowledge. As a sub-committee member for the Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Committee of ANZCA, Dr Sherlock is passionate about safety in diving and hyperbaric medicine, and about crisis prevention and management. You can read more about Dr Sherlock's extensive career scope on the [ADAS Board of Directors page](#).



Dr Sarah Lockley

Dr Lockley joined the ADAS Board in August 2016 and provided valuable advice on hyperbaric medical topics. Experienced in both civilian and Navy appointments, Dr Lockley has worked as a Royal Australian Navy senior medical officer and a civilian General Practitioner, among other roles. The ADAS Board is very grateful for her contributions over the past few years, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic while juggling an increased patient load.



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Safety

Three safety events from IMCA report on an incident where differential pressure caused a dummy choke to eject near divers; a lift bag near miss and a foreign body causing a fall in gas pressure in a divers helmet.



IMCA Safety Flashes

- IMCA SF 12/23: [Differential pressure: dummy choke ejected close to divers](#)
- IMCA SF 07/23: [Lift bag near miss](#)
- IMCA SF 06/23: [Foreign body in divers helmet](#)

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IMCA Updates

New and updated documentation is now available to download from IMCA on a range of topics including the International Code of Practice for offshore diving; guidance on prevention and mitigation of lost bell emergencies; and protection of water intake points for diver safety.



IMCA International Code of Practice for offshore diving updates

The International Code of Practice for offshore diving has recently been updated by IMCA. This includes Sections 1.4 and 4.14, updated for improved alignment with the offshore renewable energy diving sector; a note added to section 5.1.2.1; and references updated.

[Find out more here](#)

New documentation now available to IMCA members

- [Guidance on prevention and mitigation of lost bell emergencies](#)
- [Protection of water intake points for diver safety](#)

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Launch of Offshore Infrastructure Regulator website

The Offshore Infrastructure Regulator (OIR) is a new body established to oversee the offshore renewables industry in Australian Commonwealth waters.

Established through the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 (OEI Act), the OIR has responsibility for overseeing work health and safety, environmental management and infrastructure integrity for offshore infrastructure activities. A key focus for the OIR will be providing advice and guidance to stakeholders on how to comply with regulatory requirements.



The OIR's website was launched in March 2023 and provides comprehensive information on guidance, regulation and legislation in the renewables sector.

[Visit the OIR website to find out more](#)

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