

Enhancing performance & embracing change

Join industry leaders for a dynamic conference centred on enhancing performance and embracing change within offshore operations. Enjoy expert insights, networking opportunities, and practical sessions that address safety, innovation, and accident learning. This agenda promises valuable knowledge, collaborative discussions, and actionable strategies for sustainable technical advancement.

- 8.30 - 9.00 am **Registration, coffee and networking**
- 9.00 - 9.10 am **Welcome & introduction**
Graham Skinner, Health & Safety Manager, Offshore Energies UK
- 9.10 - 9.30 am **Ithaca's vision for offshore operations**
Paul Ness, Asset Manager, Ithaca Energy
- 9.30 - 10.00 am **Breaking the chain: why aviation safety is everyone's business**
Niall Robertson, Senior Inspector of Air Incidents (Operations), Air Accidents Investigation Branch
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SESSION 1 – Technical performance

Discover how technical performance and operational excellence drive safety and efficiency in offshore helicopter operations. Gain essential insights into ground, flight, and helideck compliance, elevating your core industry knowledge and operational standards.

- 10.00 - 10.15 am **Flight safety starts on the ground**
Michael Bell, Base Manager – Ground Operations, Offshore Helicopter Services
- 10.15 - 10.30 am **A day in the life: Operational challenges for offshore helicopter pilots**
Stefano Massini, Deputy Chief Pilot, CHC
- 10.30 - 10.45 am **Embracing changes within HCA**
Louise Andrew, Operations Lead, Helidecks Certification Agency
- 10.45 - 11.00 am **Presentation**
Dana Urquhart, Logistics & Procurement Supervisor, OEG
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- 11.00 - 11.30 am **Refreshments break and exhibition visit**
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SESSION 2 – Maintenance excellence

Explore how robust maintenance principles, rigorous operational discipline comprehensive assurance, and strong regulatory compliance, keep UK offshore helicopter operations safe, reliable, and efficient through continuous improvement and best practice.

- 11.30 - 11.45 am **Maintenance planning – Where do we start?**
Matthew Haigh, UK Continuing Airworthiness Manager, Bristow Helicopters
- 11.45 - 12.00 pm **How the plan comes together in the hangar**
Andy Thorne, UK Part 145 Post Holder, Uni-fly
- 12.00 - 12.15 pm **What ties it all together? Safety is the thread**
Emma-Louise Buchan, Safety Manager, NHV
- 12.15 - 12.30 pm **Wellbeing in the maintenance environment**
Scott Allan, Technical Director, HeliOffshore

12.30 – 2.00 pm **Lunch, networking and exhibition visit**

SESSION 3 – Change in action

Discover key details of the latest industry search and rescue helicopters. Discover details of the recently deployed AW189 from the OEM including passenger details and, new operational features. Reflect on the day before enjoying a networking drinks reception.

- 2.00 - 2.10 pm **New industry search and rescue helicopters ISARH – Why are we here?**
Nicholas Pirie, Chair of I-SARH Participants Group
- 2.10 - 2.25 pm **New helicopters technical improvement**
Keith Chalmers, SAR Manager & Kimberley MacDonald-Bell, SAR Contract Engagement Lead, Offshore Helicopter Services
- 2.25 – 2.45 pm **Leonardo AW139 programme update & future engineering improvements**
Davide Pirrò, Engineering Service Manager, Leonardo Helicopters
- 2.45 - 3.00 pm **ISAR – Tailored medical service**
Gavin Hawthorne, Clinical Lead, Offshore Helicopter Services

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Agenda

3.00 - 3.30 pm	Refreshments break and exhibition visit
3.30 - 3.55 pm	Leonardo AW189 operations today Davide Pirrò, Engineering Service Manager, Leonardo Helicopters
3.55 - 4.15 pm	Training update on SAR and offshore energy services Giorgio Kralj, Head of Customer Relations and Demand Management, Leonardo Helicopters
4.15 - 4.25 pm	CAA reflections Chris Cooper, Flight Operations Inspector, UK Civil Aviation Authority
4.25 - 4.30 pm	Vote of thanks Graham Skinner, Health & Safety Manager, Offshore Energies UK
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Drinks reception
5.00 pm	Close

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