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The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

JULY 2026

Welcome to the July edition of our newsletter!

As we move into the second half of the year, there is plenty happening across the PIANC community. Most notably, preparations are well underway for PIANC APAC 2026, taking place in Brisbane from 25-27 August. The event will bring together professionals from across the region and beyond, and we're pleased that our Platinum Partners, ShibataFenderTeam and Trelleborg, will be represented at the conference. Be sure to check out the other upcoming events featured in this issue and mark your calendars.

We are also excited to announce two important PIANC publications scheduled for release in August and September: MarCom Report 171 - 'Ship Handling Simulation Dedicated to Channel and Harbour Design' and MarCom Report 243 on 'Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements – From Design to End-of-Life'. These reports will provide valuable guidance and insights for practitioners across the maritime infrastructure sector.

In this edition, you will also find an invitation from MarCom Working Group 248, which is seeking contributions from PIANC members and ports with relevant Onshore Power Supply projects or case studies. If you have experience or knowledge to share, the Working Group warmly encourages you to get involved by contacting the WG 248 Chair.

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

PIANC APAC 2026
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
25-27 AUGUST 2026

PIANC APAC 2026
4TH PIANC AU-NZ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON OCEANIA AND OUR ASIA-PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS
25 - 27 AUGUST 2026, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
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NORDPIANC 2026
TALLINN, ESTONIA
9-11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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PIANC-COPEDEC XI
CHENNAI, INDIA
21-26 FEBRUARY 2027

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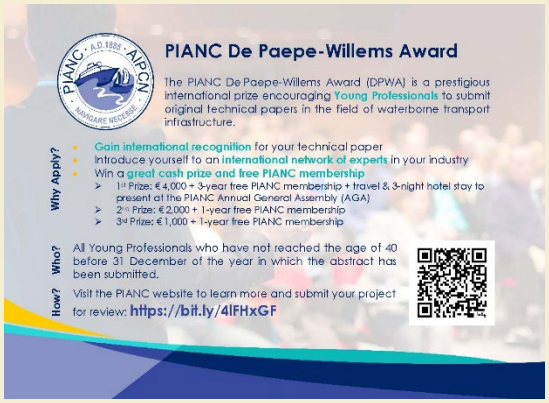
PIANC YP-COM BIENNIAL TECHNICAL VISIT 2027
30 JUNE-2 JULY 2027

SAVE THE DATE

SIGN UP FOR THESE PIANC AWARDS

PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD 2027



WORKING WITH NATURE AWARD 2028

😳 Why Apply?

✅ Gain international recognition for your technical paper

✅ Introduce yourself to an international network of experts in your industry

✅ Win a great cash prize and free PIANC membership

Read these testimonials by previous winners!

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All Young Professionals who have not reached the age of 40 before 31 December of the year in which the abstract has been submitted.

🔗 How to Apply:

Visit the PIANC website to learn more and submit your project for review

😳 Why Apply?

✅ Gain international recognition for your innovative, eco-friendly approach to waterborne transport infrastructure

✅ Showcase your commitment to sustainability

✅ Inspire others through your example

In case your project receives a Certificate of Recognition, it will be in the running for the PIANC Working with Nature Award during the PIANC World Congress in 2028.

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Any completed or ongoing navigation infrastructure project that embodies the Working with Nature philosophy is eligible for consideration.

🔗 **How to Apply:**
Visit the PIANC website to learn more about previous winners and submit your project for review

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

Some of our National Sections have news to share on their past and upcoming activities.

- PIANC Networking in the Pacific
- Welcome New Board Members PIANC AU-NZ

- Virtual PIANC Germany Meeting on 30 June

- XXI Technical Conference of the Young Professionals Committee
- Annual General Assembly – 18 June 2026
- MarCom Workshop – 18 June 2026

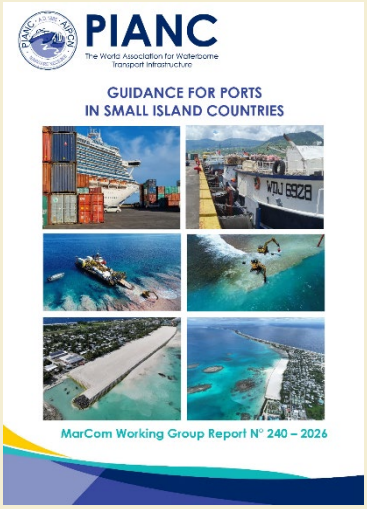
NEWS FROM THE PIANC WORKING GROUPS

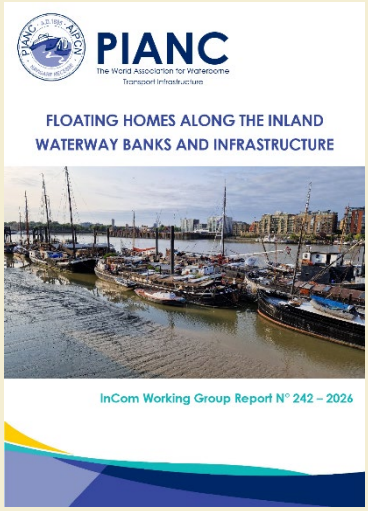
PIANC MarCom Working Group 248 (WG 248) – Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for Ships

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publications were published in June 2026:





Publications Pipeline

The following publications are expected in August/September 2026:

- PIANC WG 171 (MarCom): 'Ship Handling Simulation Dedicated to Channel and Harbour Design'
- PIANC WG 243 (MarCom): 'Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements - From Design to End-of-Life'

Apply for This New PIANC Working Groups

1 new EnviCom PIANC Working Group will be set up. Submit your candidacy before **31 August 2026** to your National Section or to info@pianc.org in case your country doesn't have a National Section!

UPCOMING WEBINAR

PIANC USA Webinar #3 - Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience

Registration is now open for PIANC USA Webinar #3: 'Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience'.

📅 Wednesday, 28 October 2026
⏰ 2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT
💰 Free to attend
🎓 Professional Development: 1 PDH Credit

PIANC USA, in cooperation with the PIANC Recreation Commission, is pleased to present the third webinar in our 2026 series.

This webinar will explore the latest developments from PIANC Working Group 149 – 'Guidelines for Marina Design', highlighting adaptive marina infrastructure and practical approaches to planning and designing marinas that are:

- Flexible
- Future-oriented
- Resilient to changing operational, environmental, social, and technological demands

Presenters will discuss key updates to the forthcoming international guidelines, emerging trends in marina planning and management, and several specialised topics relevant to today's designers, engineers, planners, operators, and waterfront professionals.

Whether you work in marina planning, coastal engineering, navigation infrastructure, or waterfront development, this webinar offers valuable insights into the future of marina design.

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NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

ShibataFenderTeam to Attend the 4th PIANC AU-NZ (APAC) Biennial Conference 2026

The 4th PIANC AU-NZ (APAC) Biennial Conference will take place from 25 to 27 August in Brisbane, Australia, bringing together PIANC members and industry professionals from across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Representing ShibataFenderTeam, Thore Kollmorgen, Managing Director of the SFT Malaysian office, will present 'Mobile Shore Power Systems for Efficient and Sustainable Port Operations' as part of the Decarbonisation and Climate Change Adaptation technical session. During the event, he will also join our agent, SPEQ Specialist Port Equipment, at their exhibition booth to meet with delegates and discuss ShibataFenderTeam's port infrastructure solutions.

The conference aims to bring together port, harbour, and recreational boating professionals, including engineers, planners, scientists, and researchers, to discuss the latest developments and challenges facing the industry.

As a long-standing PIANC member and Silver sponsor of the event, ShibataFenderTeam is proud to support the conference, including sponsoring the event’s reusable bags. Through its sponsorship and technical contribution, the company is pleased to support the exchange of knowledge on sustainable solutions for the future of port infrastructure.

Angels Blasco

Junior Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

Trelleborg Marine & Infrastructure to Participate in PIANC APAC Conference 2026

Trelleborg Marine & Infrastructure joins the PIANC APAC Conference 2026 as a Platinum Sponsor, taking place 25–27 August 2026 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Australia, where port operators, consultants and infrastructure specialists from across the Asia-Pacific region will gather to discuss the future of maritime infrastructure, port operations and waterfront development.

At stand 7, the team will showcase Trelleborg's marine fender systems and docking and mooring solutions for the full duration of the event, with representatives on hand to walk through how Trelleborg's range of solutions can help operators improve safety, efficiency and asset performance under demanding conditions.

Two technical presentations round out Trelleborg's programme on 26 August. Adam Sellers, General Manager for the company's operations in Sydney, opens at 11:00am with 'Comparing the Latest Fender Design Guidelines: BS 6349-4:2026 vs PIANC WG 211', a close comparison of the two guidance documents and what the differences mean for how engineers design and specify fender systems. Charles Bryant, Application Engineering Manager, follows at 11:40am with 'Maintenance and Verification Strategies for Load Monitoring Systems in Marine Terminals'. His session gets practical, focusing on how terminal operators keep load monitoring systems accurate and reliable, and why that reliability underpins safe berthing and long-term asset performance.

As both exhibitor and presenter, Trelleborg Marine & Infrastructure looks forward to the conversations PIANC APAC 2026 will bring, and to contributing to the region's push toward resilient, efficient and sustainable port infrastructure.

Alexandra Yang

Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure

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