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October 20, 2025



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ICHCA represents members from ports, terminals, shipping, and cargo handling sectors worldwide. The association remains dedicated to improving safety standards for all those working across the global maritime supply chain.

McKay brings nearly 40 years of experience in supply chain management, logistics, and infrastructure operations. Also, his appointment reinforces ICHCA's mission to advance safety and knowledge sharing throughout the cargo handling industry.

"ICHCA has a fantastic opportunity to expand its work in gathering, analysing, and sharing safety data and best practices," said Scott McKay. "Our goal is to help improve safety decisions and drive cultural change across the supply chain."

McKay joined ICHCA Australia seven years ago, later becoming Chair of the state chapter and a member of the international board in 2023. In addition, his career spans senior leadership roles across Europe, Asia, and Australia. Moreover, includes CEO positions in warehousing, container rail, intermodal, and bulk port operations.

Currently, McKay is Founder and CEO of Flywheel Advisory, helping businesses use supply chain excellence to enhance profitability and service. He also serves as CEO of T Ports, an Australian bulk grain handler operating innovative port and transshipment solutions for global grain traders.

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Source: ICHCA International



Scott McKay ICHCA Board



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McKay elected new Chair of ICHCA International

The International Cargo Handling Association (ICHCA), an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide, has elected Scott McKay of Australia as its new Chair, effective 30 September 2025, succeeding John Beckett after 18 years of service.

With nearly 40 years of global supply chain experience, including leadership roles across Europe, Asia and Australia, McKay brings deep operational insight to ICHCA's mission of improving cargo handling safety and performance. "ICHCA has a fantastic opportunity to further develop gathering, analysing and sharing safety data and best practice to drive cultural change across the supply chain," he said.

Founder and CEO of Flywheel Advisory and T Ports, McKay joins as ICHCA continues expanding its international membership and promoting innovation in maritime safety. (ah)

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ICHCA International appoints new Chair

October 20, 2025

By Port Technology Team



The [International Cargo Handling Coordination Association](#) (ICHCA) has announced Scott McKay as its new Chair.

The Australian logistics executive takes over from **John Beckett**, who steps down after 18 years of service, including eight as Chair.

With a global membership spanning the **port, terminal, shipping, and cargo handling sectors**, ICHCA remains focused on enhancing the **safety and efficiency** of maritime cargo operations.

McKay's appointment reinforces this mission, particularly as the organisation continues to promote the **sharing of safety performance data and best practice** across the international supply chain.

"I see that ICHCA has a fantastic opportunity to further develop gathering, analysing and sharing safety data and best practice to help improve safety decisions and cultural change along and across the cargo supply chain," said Scott McKay.

McKay joined a state chapter of ICHCA Australia seven years ago and became Chair of the national board before being appointed to the ICHCA International Board in November 2023. His nearly four-decade career in **supply chain management** has encompassed leadership roles in warehousing, intermodal rail, and **bulk port operations** across **Europe, Asia, and Australia**.

A former chartered accountant at KPMG and principal at **Aurecon**, McKay brings wide-ranging experience in infrastructure and logistics. He is the Founder and Chief Executive of Flywheel Advisory, where he supports organisations looking to use supply chain operations to drive performance and profitability.

McKay also serves as CEO of T-Ports, an Australian bulk grain handler that develops and operates ports and **transshipping facilities** serving international grain trade routes.

Outgoing Chair John Beckett commented: "I believe Scott is a highly appropriate professional to be taking on the role of ICHCA Chair.

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Recently, [ICHCA launched a new online course designed to help maritime professionals master the updated provisions of the IMDG Code Amendment 42-24.](#)

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**New ICHCA Member Strata Worldwide is a
Leader in Port Safety**

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Strata joins ICHCA to boost port safety with AI tech

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By Dom Magli

ICHCA notes that Strata Worldwide applies its **AI-driven machine vision technology** to **enhance safety** and prevent workplace accidents.

The association has accepted **Strata's membership**, recognising its potential contribution to industry safety and productivity.

Speaking on behalf of Strata Worldwide, Adam Beauchamp, Head of the Company's Maritime Division, said: "Strata's mission is to protect workers who operate **heavy machinery** across multiple industry sectors. In the **global port environment**, we employ an **AI-based machine vision system** to enable proactive accident prevention, with early detection and warning of potential hazards.

"This reliable monitoring **enhances safety** while ensuring optimal productivity. Engagement with ICHCA members, and leveraging its influence across the industry and regulatory frameworks, is ideal for refining Strata's future innovations."

[READ: ICHCA launches new IMDG Code course for port safety](#)

Richard Steele of ICHCA added: "ICHCA is dedicated to improving the safety of all **personnel handling cargo across** the international **maritime supply chain**. We welcome all organisations that can contribute innovation, knowledge, experience, and best practices.

"Participation in the safety arena is increasing, particularly from organisations using advanced technologies such as remote monitoring, data analytics, and predictive solutions. We are therefore especially pleased to have Strata join us and bring its expertise to our collective efforts."

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<https://tanknewsinternational.com/new-ichca-member-strata-worldwide-is-a-leader-in-port-safety/>

New ICHCA Member Strata Worldwide is a Leader in Port Safety

ICHCA International has welcomed Strata Worldwide as its newest member, marking a collaboration grounded in shared goals of improving safety and maintaining productivity within the fast-paced cargo handling industry. Both organisations recognise the complexities of modern port operations and the need to protect workers while ensuring efficient performance.

Speaking on behalf of Strata Worldwide, Adam Beauchamp, Head of the company's maritime division, said, "Strata's role is to protect workers involved with the operation of heavy machinery across various industry sectors. Within the global port environment, we deploy an artificial intelligence-based machine vision system that provides proactive accident prevention through early danger detection and warning. This dependable monitoring enhances safety and ensures optimum productivity. We see engagement with ICHCA members, and its influence across the industry and regulatory regimes, as ideal in helping to refine and perfect Strata's future offerings."



Welcoming Strata to the organisation, Richard Steele, CEO of ICHCA International, stated, "ICHCA is committed to improving the safety of all those involved in cargo handling throughout the global maritime supply chain. We encourage collaboration and the sharing of innovation, knowledge, and best practice across the industry. Increasingly, we are seeing organisations like Strata contributing advanced technologies such as remote monitoring, data analysis, and predictive safety solutions. We are particularly pleased to have Strata join us, bringing its expertise to strengthen our collective efforts toward safer operations worldwide."

For more information visit www.ichca.com

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<https://thesecurityoutlook.com/strata-worldwide-partners-with-ichca-to-strengthen-global-port-safety/>



Strata Worldwide Partners with ICHCA to Strengthen Global Port Safety

Prime Highlights:

- Strata Worldwide has become a member of the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) to improve safety and efficiency at global ports.
- The partnership focuses on using modern technology and shared expertise to create safer and more productive port operations.

Key Facts:

- ICHCA is a global organization that promotes safety in cargo handling and port operations.
- Strata Worldwide develops machine vision systems that help detect hazards early and prevent workplace accidents.

Background:

Strata Worldwide has joined the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) to make ports around the world safer and more efficient. This partnership is an important step toward using new technology to protect workers and improve port operations.

ICHCA, a global group that works to make cargo handling safer, welcomed Strata Worldwide as its newest member and praised the company for its efforts to improve workplace safety. Strata develops advanced machine vision systems that help prevent accidents by spotting hazards early and giving real-time alerts.

Adam Beauchamp, Head of the Maritime Division at Strata Worldwide, said the company's main goal is to protect workers who operate heavy machinery in tough working conditions. "In global port operations, our AI-based monitoring solutions enable proactive accident prevention through early detection of potential risks," he said. This method helps improve safety while keeping work running smoothly. Joining ICHCA gives Strata a chance to work with global industry leaders and improve its technology to meet international standards.

ICHCA CEO Richard Steele expressed enthusiasm about Strata's membership, noting the growing role of technology in improving port safety. Steele expressed happiness about Strata Worldwide joining ICHCA. "Our shared vision is to make cargo handling safer through knowledge exchange, innovation, and best practices. The use of modern tools like remote monitoring, data tracking, and predictive systems is changing how safety is managed, and Strata's knowledge will bring great value to the community.

This partnership comes at a time when ports around the world are adopting digital solutions to lower risks and improve efficiency. With Strata joining ICHCA, both organizations plan to work together to make port operations safer, smarter, and more sustainable.

Recently, ICHCA also announced Scott McKay as its new Chair, marking the start of a new phase of growth and cooperation for the association.

Other press coverage collated during the period

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Partnering for port safety

The Port Equipment Manufacturers Association (Pema) and the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) have joined forces to enhance safety and sustainability. The partnership will include cooperation on various initiatives, information sharing, and task forces to address shared concerns.

While it doesn't involve financial commitments, the MOU aims to collectively improve industry standards and practices. Pema's president Achim Dries sees this collaboration as a significant step in advancing the global port and terminal sector. Richard Steele, CEO of ICHCA, is optimistic about the potential to enhance safety, security, and sustainability in logistics through this partnership.

The MOU underscores the importance of information exchange and collaboration among members to promote best practices and higher industry standards. (pb)

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Innovation in Safety Awards open for 2025 entries

October 2, 2025

By Port Technology Team

[ICHCA International](#) and long-standing sponsor [TT Club](#) have announced that **submissions are now open for the Innovation in Safety Awards 2025, which recognise pioneering initiatives across the cargo handling and logistics sector.**

The awards, now in their 10th year, [celebrate the industry's efforts to improve operational safety](#) through **technologies, solutions, and management practices.**

Entries are invited from individuals, teams, companies, or suppliers whose innovations have demonstrated measurable improvements in safety.

Participants must complete submissions by **14 November 2025**, with winners revealed across four categories at a ceremony in London in late February 2026.

[*READ: Safety Leadership is About Taking Risks*](#)

Richard Steele, CEO of ICHCA, said: "We have always believed that all our innovators who put forward their initiatives deserve recognition and praise; not just those that eventually achieve highly commended or winner status.

"As such, we will use our Membership support and widespread industry coverage to help share all our entrants ideas throughout the coming year in line with our avowed policy of shared knowledge and cooperation among cargo handlers worldwide."

Previous recipients have included both large organisations and small-scale innovators, ranging from the **International Transport Workers' Federation** and **ITF Seafarers' Trust**, to **APM Terminals** and **Cargotec**, as well as specialist solutions such as **Viking Hydro-Pen**, **Cargo Patrol by Hapag-Lloyd**, and **Ram Spreaders**.

Mike Yarwood, TT Club's Managing Director of Loss Prevention, emphasised the real-world value of the awards: "At TT Club, we've seen first hand the **real impact innovation can have on safety in cargo handling.**

“Many past award entrants have gone on to make tangible improvements to on-site safety. I’m once again excited to see the new entries we’ll receive this year—knowing that any one of them could represent the next big leap in protecting workers.”

[READ: New ICHCA data shows ‘crush by cargo’ as main fatality cause](#)

According to ICHCA and TT Club, the awards not only highlight high-profile technological developments but also shine a light on **simple, effective day-to-day innovations**.

By addressing both large-scale safety challenges and routine operational risks, the initiative aims to support a culture of continuous improvement across the global cargo handling community.

Steele concluded: “We are pleased to have the opportunity to **spotlight the passion and creativity of our safety innovators** no matter their size or available resource. Every year we speak to people who have genuinely innovated, but just see it as part of their job.

“We urge all those who have made positive changes to the way they do safety to enter this year’s Award to help spread the good news.”

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