

Innovative solutions can make the biggest difference in elevating cargo handling safety

ICHCA and TT Club open 2026 Innovation in Safety Awards

London, 31 August 2026 – ICHCA International and long-standing sponsor TT Club are inviting the global cargo handling and logistics community to enter the 2026 TT Club Innovation in Safety Awards, with entries now officially open.

Though much safety innovation involves significant technological breakthroughs, many of the most effective improvements begin with a simple observation, a problem identified on the frontline, or a better way of doing something that has been part of everyday operations for years.

Now entering their second decade, the awards seek to identify and celebrate practical innovations that have made a demonstrable difference to safety across the cargo handling and logistics sector. Entries can range from new technologies and engineering solutions to changes in processes, training, procedures or operational practices.

The awards are open to anyone involved in cargo logistics – including individuals, teams, companies, members and non-members – provided they can demonstrate how their product, idea, solution, process, scheme or other initiative has resulted in an improvement in safety.

Richard Steele, CEO of ICHCA International, said: “Safety innovation develops in all areas of our industry. It can come from a large organisation investing in new technology, but it can just as easily come from a supervisor or worker identifying a better way to manage a familiar day-to-day risk. Such solutions deserve to be celebrated and their success disseminated across the globe.

“These awards do just that. Sharing what works and encouraging others to consider how similar approaches might be applied in their own operations. We want to hear from the people who have challenged the way things have always been done and found a safer way forward.”

Mike Yarwood, Managing Director of Loss Prevention at TT Club, said: “The most valuable safety innovations are those that work in the real world. They identify a genuine risk and find a practical way to reduce it, whether that involves new technology, a change in behaviour, a different process or a relatively simple engineering solution.

“The Innovation in Safety Awards give us a chance to learn from those ideas and share them across the cargo handling community. We are looking forward to seeing the breadth of entries this year and discovering the innovations that could help make operations safer for everyone.”

Entries are free to submit and must be no longer than 1,250 words. Entrants are encouraged to explain the safety challenge they addressed, the innovation they introduced and the demonstrable improvement that resulted.

Entries close on 13 November 2026, with winners to be selected by an independent judging panel of experts from the cargo logistics industry. Winners and highly commended entries will be recognised at an awards ceremony in London in February 2027.

To find out more about the TT Club Innovation in Safety Awards, including the full judging criteria, how to enter and the translated promotional materials available in multiple languages, visit the ICHCA website.

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About ICHCA International

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide. ICHCA's privileged NGO status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies, while its Technical Panel provides best practice advice and develops publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

Operating through a series of national and regional chapters, including ICHCA Australia, ICHCA Japan and plus Correspondence and Working Groups, ICHCA provides a focal point for informing, educating, lobbying and networking to improve knowledge and best practice across the cargo handling chain.

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About TT Club

TT Club is the established market-leading independent provider of mutual insurance and related risk management services to the international transport and logistics industry. Its mission is to make the industry safer, more secure and more sustainable. Established in 1968, TT Club currently services more than 1400 Members – container owners, operators, ports, terminals and logistics companies, working across maritime, road, rail and air. The Club is renowned for its high-quality service, in-depth industry knowledge and enduring Member loyalty. Its average annual customer retention rate is consistently over 95%, with some Members having chosen to insure with the Club for over 50 years.

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