

# VERTIKAL DAYS JOINT OPEN MEETING

As part of this year's Vertikal Days, two of the CPA's Special Interest Groups - the Crane Interest Group (CIG) and the Tower Crane Interest Group (TCIG) - held a joint open meeting during the event at the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

The Crane Interest Group is chaired by Peter Gibbs of Ainscough Crane Hire, while David Holder of Wolffkran chairs the Tower Crane Interest Group. The joint open meeting held on the first day of the exhibition was very well attended with more than 70 people participating.

## The new CAA notification system

The meeting was opened by CPA chief executive Kevin Minton, prior to CPA technical consultant Ian Simpson delivering two presentations. The first provided an overview of the new Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) automated online notification system which went live on 2nd May 2023. The old notification method of using DAP1924 - as detailed in the April 2021 version of CAP 1096 or AVOKA submissions - is no longer accepted. Users must register to use the system on the CAA customer portal which can be found at [www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/event-and-obstacle-notification/crane-notification](http://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/event-and-obstacle-notification/crane-notification).

Notification is required if a crane is:

- To be used within 6km of the aerodrome/airfield and its height exceeds 10 metres Above Ground Level (AGL) or that of surrounding structures or trees, if higher.

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- To be operated at or above a height of 100 metres AGL, regardless of location or height of surrounding structures.



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Where cranes are to be in-situ for more than 90 days, users must also notify the CAA by the ACOMS Service, and the Defence Geographic Centre (DGC) before installations begins. There are also specific crane lighting requirements namely:

- Above 150 metres - it must be illuminated with 2000 candela.
- Within 6km of aerodrome - as dictated by the aerodrome operator.
- 45 metres to 150 metres - recommend 2000 candela.
- Less than 45 metres - recommend 32 candela.

The CPA will continue to engage with the CAA regarding the crane notification and lighting requirements. While the CAA has retained the existing 6km and 10 metre height, or 100 metre height AGL notification triggers, these criteria are under review and may change.



CPA during a break

# CPA ANNUAL GOLF DAY

The CPA Annual Golf Day will be held on Thursday 20th July at Rutland Water Golf Course in Oakham, Rutland. Proceeds from the event will go to industry charity, the Lighthouse Club. With views over Rutland Water Reservoir, the Normanton 18 hole championship course is one of the country's finest new golf courses.

Participation is open to individuals and companies, with prizes awarded for the winning individual and team, as well as nearest the pin and the longest drive. Last year, London Tower Cranes was the team winner, while Lawrence Carter of London Tower Cranes won the individual competition. Greg Dimoline of Tower Cranes UK won the longest drive and Grant Chamberlain of Nixon Hire won nearest the pin.

For more details contact David Smith on 020 7796 3366 or email [david.smith@cpa.uk.net](mailto:david.smith@cpa.uk.net). The cost of the day is £100 per person plus VAT and includes coffee and bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf, a three course dinner and an awards ceremony with prizes.



# PROCURING CRANE HIRE

In his second presentation, Ian Simpson referred to guidance currently being developed relating to the minimum standards required for the procurement of a mobile crane. The guidance was requested by the CIG Steering Committee and the initial draft is based on guidance on the HS2 project and provided by Lead AP group members.



David Holder of Wolffkran



Richard Wenham of the Metropolitan Police

The overall aim of the guidance is to encourage crane users to source cranes from responsible providers that can demonstrate that they can provide cranes and lifting personnel to undertake lifting operations safely in compliance with good practice guidelines and statutory requirements.

It considers movement on the public highway of cranes to site and the use of the crane to undertake lifting operations on arrival, and also covers legal requirements and good practice, and directs readers to further published guidance.

The next presentation - delivered by inspector Richard Wenham who heads up the Metropolitan Police Commercial Vehicle Unit - covered movement orders and authorisation for cranes and encouraged consultation with the Commercial Vehicle Unit.

Three presentations were then delivered on the topic of working at height, drop prevention and engineered solutions, by Bradley Rix and Chris Garton of Falcon Tower Crane Services, Steve Bradby of Select Plant Hire and Steve Palmer of Wolffkran respectively.