

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Seaspan partners with Walter Gretzky to celebrate NAOSH week, showcase its commitment to safety**

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North Vancouver, BC – With North American Occupational Health and Safety (NAOSH) week well underway across the continent, Seaspan today welcomed Walter Gretzky to its Vancouver Shipyards to underscore the importance of health and safety in the workplace.

“At Seaspan, we are not only committed to our core values of safety and care, but live them out every day, in everything we do,” said **Jonathan Whitworth**, Seaspan CEO. “We want to create a culture of health and safety leadership, where we are all owners of this change. Walter Gretzky knows first-hand how important safety is to an organization, and we are honoured to have a Canadian safety ambassador help educate our employees.”

Hockey’s most famous father addressed Seaspan employees with a powerful speech, sharing details from a personal industrial accident and reinforcing the message that everyone plays a vital role in the health and safety of their workplace.

“Even one injury is one too many,” said Walter Gretzky. “We all have to ask ourselves the question, are we as safe as we think? Building a culture of safety and health at work, home and play benefits everyone.”

Today’s VIP visit from Gretzky was in accordance with NAOSH week, a North America-wide event celebrated in Canada, the United States and Mexico. NAOSH week gives employers, employees and the general public an opportunity to reflect on current safety practices and determine how they can be improved to better protect people in the workplace.

Gretzky’s appearance also coincides with the ongoing development of Seaspan’s new safety initiative titled “CSI” or “Continuous Safety Improvement.”

“We have engaged a world-class consultant to assist us in actively reducing exposure to injury, develop and champion safety leadership in all employees and continually seek safety improvement and positive change,” said Jonathan. “Our goal is a zero-injury workplace, and we believe this is attainable.”

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