

'Leading Maritime Training Institute' award won by IIMS! See inside bulletin for more...

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Dear Member

Welcome to this News Bulletin from the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). This bulletin is available in PDF format from the IIMS website. It aims to keep members and non-members up to date with information on a monthly basis. Members are encouraged to share and forward this newsletter to colleagues, who they think might like to join the Institute, or who may be interested in its content. For more information about the Institute visit: www.iims.org.uk



The past month has flown by and what a progressive month it has been, a non-stop merry go round at times!



The IIMS Conference in London, Dinner and the AGM at Regent's University were successful, but I was saddened by the low number of members who came to London this year. As a consequence, the management board has reassessed the future role of the London Conference and an announcement will be made soon to all members. But for those who did attend, what a treat they had. I personally thought the presentations were relevant and of the highest quality, delivered by people who were both knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects. You can watch any of the 10 new videos that we made over the two days at the IIMS YouTube channel – see elsewhere in this bulletin for details. And what a venue for our Conference dinner. The Churchill Cabinet War Rooms proved to be an inspirational choice much enjoyed by those who attended.

CEO Chat (*continued*)

I am also pleased to inform you that the September Report Magazine (edition 81) has been published recently. I recommend it to you for its breadth and depth of content, much of it fresh and specially commissioned just for you to benefit from. A link to the publication can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

None of us is in this business to win awards, but it is always a beautiful thing to be recognised and acknowledged for what we do. So imagine my surprise to find out that IIMS had recently been nominated for an award in the Golden Shield Excellence Awards by the International Maritime Club in the 'Leading Maritime Training Institute' category. And what's more we won the award! My thanks to Zarir and Allen, who collected the 'gong' on my behalf at the Old Library at Lloyd's recently.

The process of restructuring the IIMS head office team is now underway. Cathryn Ward started in early September in what is an expanded role as Education, Training & Events Co-ordinator. We wish her well. And the reorganisation of the accounts function is now advancing with an announcement about a new team member and a different structure expected in the coming weeks.

And finally, I must steer our Certifying Authority examiners and large yacht and small craft members around the world to what looks like being a couple of cracking training opportunities in November. Full details can be found in this bulletin and I look forward to catching up with some of you at one event or another.

Survey well!

Mike Schwarz, Chief Executive Officer



Welcome to Cathryn Ward

Cathryn Ward has joined IIMS in a newly, expanded role as Education, Training & Events Co-ordinator. Her main priority is to manage the two distance learning education programmes in commercial ship and yacht and small craft surveying and to handle and process the inbound enquiries for the IIMS course. But in addition, Cathryn will be involved in the organisation of the many training events that IIMS and MSA run each year. And finally, Cathryn has taken responsibility for developing and managing the online seminar programme going forward, which has proved to be a great success this year.

We welcome Cathryn to the team and wish her well in her new role.

Can you help IIMS as a marker for some of our education modules?



As part of its succession planning, IIMS is seeking some additional markers to help with assessing and marking some of the education modules. A fee per assessment is payable upon invoice. The work is not onerous, nor time consuming. However it goes without saying that you need to know your subject and be something of an expert.

So are you able to help with:

- Unit 14 – Surveying general cargo
- Unit 17 – Electrical and electronic engineering surveying (this module also needs updating, so if this is your area of operation, please let us know)
- Unit 20 – The international safety management (ISM) code
- Unit 32 – Hulls and machine damage claims
- Unit 33 – Cargo damage claims

If you have experience or regard yourself as a specialist in any of the above areas and would like to be involved, please email Cathryn at education@iims.org.uk



IIMS picks up an award for its education programme

After 15 years of delivering first class education in marine surveying, the IIMS distance learning commercial ship and yacht and small craft education professional qualifications were recently nominated for an Award in the International Maritime Club's Golden Shield Excellence Awards 2017 in the 'Leading Maritime Training Institute' category. And at the ceremony itself on Friday 15 September 2017 at the Lloyd's Old Library in London, IIMS was announced as the winner in this category.

Vice President, Capt Zarir Irani, accompanied by Allen Brink, stepped in for IIMS CEO, Mike Schwarz, to receive the award.

Commenting on this award, Mike said, "After more than 15 years as a leading provider of distance learning education programmes in the marine surveying sector, it is remarkable and humbling to be recognised for the work we have been doing. Whilst one's motivation is never to seek awards, rather it is to ensure we are delivering the best possible content to our students, it is heart-warming to know that others, independent from our organisation, should recognise and acknowledge our work; and we are most grateful."



Report Magazine September available to read

Edition 81, the September issue of the Report Magazine, has been published and is now available to read online in either pdf, or e-reader format.

To read it go to: <http://bit.ly/2yuaLQS>

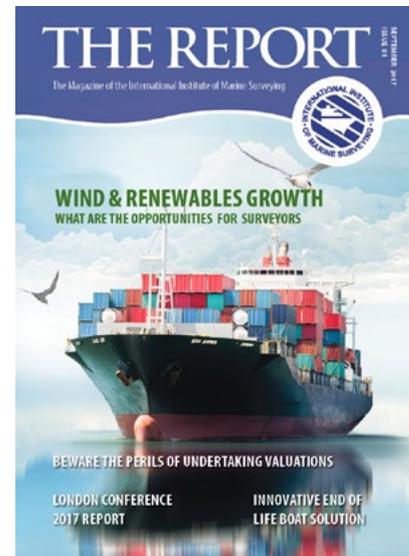
Highlights of the Report Magazine September include:

IIMS Conference Report

If you missed the recent IIMS LONDON CONFERENCE, you can see some of what happened. Full report with photographs.

Special 12 page feature

The WIND AND RENEWABLES energy sector is growing fast; so are the number of vessels required to service it. What are the opportunities for surveyors? We investigate.



Other features and specially commissioned articles include

- Beware the perils of UNDERTAKING VALUATIONS
- RESCUE PROCEDURES for semi and submerged confined spaces
- Ship versus ship COLLISION CLAIMS
- New ISO 19030 standard explained
- An innovative solution for END OF LIFE BOATS
- LIQUEFACTION. Is it time to ditch the 'can test'?
- A day in the life of IAN NICOLSON

Plus a comprehensive round up of members and marine news; and new product information.

A snapshot of the London Conference in photos



IIMS head office staff bake to raise money for Macmillan

On Thursday, 28 September, IIMS head office staff brought in a selection of cakes that they had made for sale to the business estate behind the Murrills House. They made a total of £34.37 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



From left to right: Cathryn Ward, Craig Williams, Camella Roberston, Samantha Owen, David Parsons and Elly Bryant

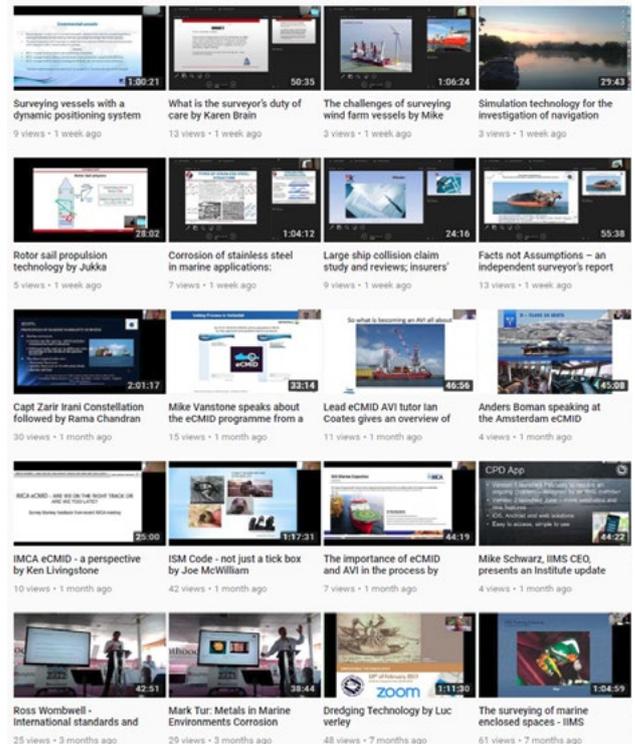
London Conference videos added to the IIMS YouTube channel

IIMS has released ten fresh videos, which were recorded at the IIMS two day conference at Regent's University on 11 and 12 September. They are all free to watch and can be found on the IIMS YouTube channel: <http://bit.ly/2iInWun>

Choose from:

- What is the surveyor's duty of care
- The challenges of surveying wind farm vessels
- Surveying vessels with a dynamic positioning system
- Simulation technology for the investigation of navigation incidents
- Flag state inspections – an important instrument for commercial gains
- Rotor sail propulsion technology
- Large ship collision claim study and reviews; and insurers' expectations of the surveyor
- From GA to finished coating and what is the responsibility of the coatings inspector

- Facts not Assumptions – an independent surveyor's report
- Corrosion of stainless steel in marine applications and factors that influence performance



New handy guides on conducting insurance damage surveys published

Last month, IIMS released three new handy guides all about insurance damage surveys. These new handy guides have been written by well known marine surveyor, Capt Barry Thompson.

Although there is a common theme running through the series of the handy guides, each is bespoke for different parts of the marine world.

The new titles are:

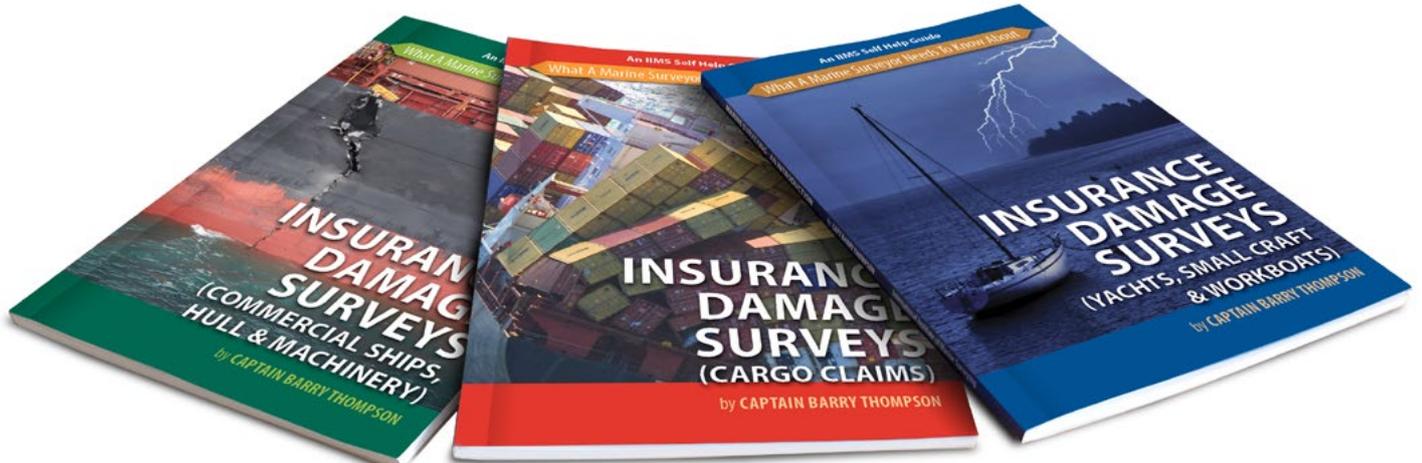
Insurance Damage Surveys (Commercial Ships, Hull & Machinery)

Insurance Damage Surveys (Cargo Claims)

Insurance Damage Surveys (Yachts, Small Craft and Workboats)

The three handy guides are priced at £20 each plus post and packing and are available directly from the IIMS web site.

Further information here: <http://bit.ly/2wI0HXc>



Certifying Authority workboat themed training event, 20 and 21 November

IIMS is especially grateful to Mike Proudlove MIIMS, who has agreed to host this special two day workboat themed Certifying Authority training event at his place of work, Offshore Turbine Services Ltd (OTS). The OTS yard is located at 3 Maypool Building, Dartside Quay, Galmpton, near Brixham, TQ5 0GD.

Mike and his team have arranged to have one of their fast crew transfer vessels from their fleet out of water in readiness, so that delegates can undertake a mock coding survey methodically gathering the data on the first day, before completing the WB2 form required to gain MCA code compliance on day two.

The agenda, which is subject to change, is as follows:

Monday 20 November

- 10.00 Meet up at Dartside Quay for initial briefing
- 10.15 Split into two groups (depending on numbers) to start the coding survey on the vessel compiling the necessary information and notes to enable a WB2 form to be completed on the second day
- 12.45 Lunch break
- 13.45 Regroup to continue coding survey – groups to switch between Mike and Fraser at an appropriate time

- 16.30 Close for the day
- 19.00 Group dinner for those who want to join at a local venue

Tuesday 21 November

Classroom based training will take place at Dartside Quay, unless numbers are beyond OTS capacity, in which case a nearby venue will be booked for the second day.

- 09.00 Work in small groups (depending on numbers) to compile the WB2 form followed by coming together as one group to go through the completed forms, highlighting areas of disagreement, followed by discussion and agreement
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Continuation of WB2 form work
- 15.00 Speaker 1 (tbc): SAN 75 – Dangerous Goods and Fuel Transfer
- 15.45 Speaker 2 (tbc): Hydraulic pumps and crane installation. Crane inspection and related stability.
- 16.30 Close

The cost of attendance for both days in person is £190 to include lunch on both days. Dinner and accommodation is at own cost. The second day only will be available to view online at a cost of £95 via zoom online conferencing. 5 CPD points are awarded to those who attend and 3 points for those who join online on the second day.

To reserve your place simply complete the registration form online at <http://bit.ly/2wJadcf> and we will invoice you the appropriate amount, or email Tania Bernice at ca@iims.org.uk, or call her on + 44 (0) 23 9238 5223.



Online Report Writing seminar attracts a dozen

John Kilhams, Paul Homer and Mike Schwarz hosted a three hour online seminar on Report Writing for a dozen delegates from all over the world on 18 September.

Members often ask why there is a need for such a seminar. But the simple fact is that the number of surveyor complaints is on the rise, more noticeably so this year. The reason for these complaints? As a general rule of thumb it is a poor or inaccurately written report that is the cause of the problem. Remember that your report is your intellectual property and you live or die by it. The aim of the refresher course is to remind surveyors of some of the key points to remember when compiling a report – what to put in and what to leave out.

Watch out for more dates for further online report writing seminars in the coming months.



The Surveyor's Duty of Care – a 90 minute online seminar by Karen Brain

Join host Karen Brain from Matrix Insurance Services Ltd online on Monday 9 October from 12.30 to 14.00. Her topic is one that will interest all surveyors. In her presentation, Karen will look at exactly what the surveyor's duty of care is and will apply some cautionary tales, largely based on historic case law. She will also expand upon and give practical guidelines to the following:

- never to give opinion as a favour – don't do favours
- stay professional at all times
- where applicable use necessary caveats

The cost to join real time is just £35, but you may also purchase a copy of the video and Karen's presentation for just £30 to review and watch after the event. Reserve your place and pay online: for details see: <http://bit.ly/2wY3Pdw>

IIMS LYSCWG training event, Scotland, details announced:

Once again, IIMS is pleased to announce the dates for its annual Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group two day training event in Scotland. The event will take place on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November and is a mix of presentations and practical work. The venue is the well-appointed Inchinnan Cruising Club on the outskirts of Glasgow and adjacent to the airport. The nearest accommodation is The Normandy Hotel, which is within 200 metres of the Club. A group dinner will be arranged for the Monday evening.

<http://www.thenormandyhotel.co.uk/>

Monday 6 November

- 09.30 Welcome. Meet and greet. Registration. Quick survey.
- 10.00 Mike Schwarz: IIMS Update
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 Practical session: Valuations in a depreciating market with older boats
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Feedback from the valuation session. What was the outcome?
- 14.00 Clipper 60: Coding surveyor's view
- 14.30 Clipper 60: Mid Atlantic rescue - a skipper's view
- 16.00 Review survey answers
- 19.00 Dinner at a nearby venue (at own cost)

Tuesday 7 November

- 09.30 Welcome
- 10.00 Rigging inspection and reports. Mast and Rigging or Fairly Riggers, a practical session in the yard
- 11.00 Review of rigging inspections, particularly older masts
- 11.30 Paul Winter (Winter & Co) – To be confirmed
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.00 MCA: A compliance officer's view. Alan Marsh the local compliance officer has been invited to present
- 14.30 CA Update/Practical session (cat 0/1) Fraser Noble
- 16.30 Review of the two days and wrap-up

The cost of the two day event is £100 (non IIMS members £110). 5 CPD points are awarded to those who attend.

To reserve your place at this event, simply email Cathryn Ward at education@iims.org.uk or call her on + 44 (0) 23 9238 5223.

<http://www.inchinnancruisingclub.co.uk/>

13 November LYSCWG super training event

The venue for the event is the Spindle Room, Building 1000, Lakeside North Harbour, Western Road, Portsmouth PO6 3EN. There is ample free parking on site. Lunch will be served and is included in the cost.

This is a provisional schedule and maybe subject to change:

- 09.00 IIMS update by Mike Schwarz, IIMS CEO**
Mike will bring those present and online up-to-date with what has been a busy and productive year
- 09.35 Surveying large yachts by Simon Burt, Winterbothams**
Simon will speak about the challenges of surveying ever more complex large yachts and the range of skills you need to have in your locker
- 10.45 Report writing refresher by John Excell**
This old nugget again, but poor report writing remains the single biggest cause of complaints from the boating public and it is on the increase. John will give some helpful tips and reminders
- 11.45 The latest thinking from Tritex NDT gauges by Jon Sharland**
Jon Sharland will bring delegates up-to-date with the Tritex range of products, in particular their recently launched GRP thickness gauge
- 12.15 The Boat Safety Scheme – what it is and what we know by Graham Watts**
Something of particular interest to those who survey inland waterways craft, Graham Watts BSS Manager will talk about the activities of the Boat Safety Scheme
- 13.15 Lunch**
- 14.00 Small craft surveyor PI claim reviews – lessons learnt and how to avoid them by Paul Winter, Winter & Co Ltd**
- 14.45 How to spot imperfections in coatings and the equipment to do it with, a practical session by Tim Jennings, Akzo Nobel**
Tim is one of eighty professionals who have qualified through the Registered Marine Coatings Inspectors course run by IIMS and now cited in the soon to be launched ISO as a recognised standard. He will introduce delegates to the equipment and then let them use it on a number of flawed test plates
- 16.15 Business management skills by Mike Schwarz**
Mike will close the day with one of his many presentations dedicated to helping surveyors hone their business management skills
- 16.45 Close**

This training event will also be broadcast by video conferencing for distant delegates, or those unable to travel to Portsmouth.

The cost of the day is £120 (non IIMS members £125) to include lunch and refreshments, plus copies of the various presentations. 5 CPD points are awarded to those who attend and 3 points for those who join online. To reserve your place simply complete the registration form online at <http://bit.ly/2vELrXt> and we will invoice you, or email Cathryn Ward at education@iims.org.uk, or call her on + 44 (0) 23 9238 5223.

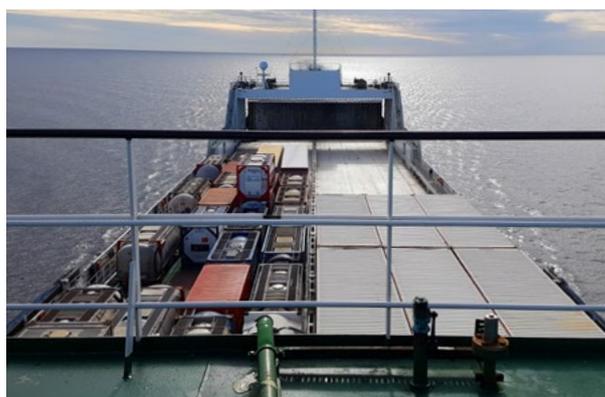


UAE Branch Conference

IIMS Regional Director and Deputy President, Capt Zarir Irani and the UAE Branch Committee are pleased to announce the dates for an important one day Conference.

The IIMS UAE Branch's fifth biennial one day conference is set to take place on **Monday 27th November 2017**. The venue is the Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort, Al Sufouh. The Sheraton Jumeirah is one of the most pleasant beach resorts set on the Jumeirah Beach in the Dubai Marina.

The theme this time? "Marine Insurance and Surviving the New Reality". At this time the call for sponsors and speakers is on. A full speaker programme will be unveiled shortly, but for now keep the date free!





Rewarding those who successfully complete their CPD

Using the IIMS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) App means it has never been easier to claim your points and keep your CPD up-to-date. And remember just 10 points are required in this and subsequent calendar years to be compliant.

The IIMS Management Board spent some time earlier this year considering how to reward those members who successfully complete and acquire their 10 points for this calendar year to keep their CPD up to date. At the IIMS London Conference, Mike Schwarz revealed that the reward is the addition of a special CPD Compliant roundel, which will be applied to the IIMS web page listings of those members who qualify with effect from January 2018. You have until 31 March 2018 to claim your points for this year via the App to qualify.

If you experience technical issues using the App, do not hesitate to contact IIMS head office who will ensure you get the necessary technical support to resolve things.

If you have yet to claim CPD, there is still time so why not try it now? See here for details: <http://bit.ly/2vrA5tu>

IIMS Membership Travel Service scheme

Norad Travel Group is running the Membership Travel Service scheme for IIMS members. The scheme offers a range of exclusive benefits for IIMS members only.

The Norad team of Marine Specialists are based in their Liss (UK) European Headquarters. They operate alongside their Global partners in Greece, The Philippines, India, UK, Ukraine, South Africa and Australia. Norad Travel Management holds marine fare contracts with all major airlines.

Why not make contact for a quotation for your travel requirements? Norad's UK office can take your telephone calls on +44 (0) 1730 894700 from 08.30-18.00 (GMT) Monday to Friday, or any time by email on:

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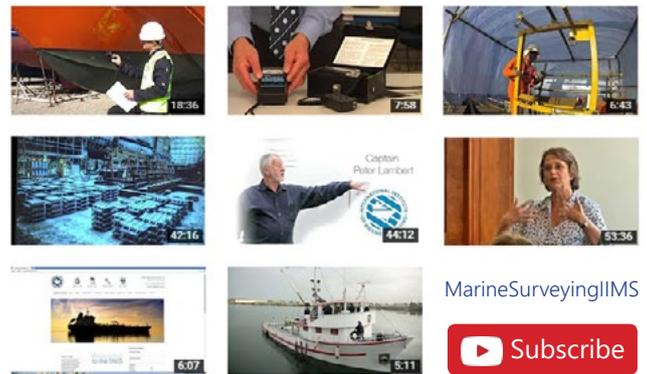
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<https://www.youtube.com/c/MarineSurveyingIIMS>

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Keep your
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and up to date!

For **Android** users go to
the "Google Play Store"
Search for 'IIMS CPD' and install the app.
Login using your **IIMS credentials**.

For **IOS** users go
to the "App Store"

Or the "My CPD Program" link on the IIMS membership details page, re-directs the user to the new CPD Program Website.

Web version, the login panel can be found at: <http://cpd.iims.org.uk/CPDWeb/Private/Login.aspx>

To see how easy it is to acquire points, you can view the CPD points table here: <https://www.iims.org.uk/membership/continuing-professional-development/>



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As always, the IIMS head office team are here to help you on any matters relating to your membership or education needs. Please contact the appropriate person as follows:

It is important that we keep our database and records up to date. Perhaps you have a web site address to add? If your contact details - address, email and telephone number - should change, please be sure to inform us immediately by email: **info@iims.org.uk** or call +44 (0) 23 9238 5223 (answer phone out of office hours).