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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. For more information about the Institute visit: www.iims.org.uk



Major overhaul to the IIMS CPD scheme announced

After a period of review, the IIMS CPD (Continuing Professional Development) scheme is set for a major overhaul in 2017. CPD is required for all members and the IIMS Management Board agreed the roll out of the new programme at their meeting in December. Full details of how to get involved with the new scheme will be announced in the coming weeks, both by email and in writing directly to you.

The new scheme will be based around the development and launch of an App, currently in final testing, meaning that automation will make the whole CPD process far easier to manage and complete. The App, which will be freely downloadable, will work on a smart phone, but there is also an internet based version for use on PC and laptop too.

The current three year CPD cycle finishes with immediate effect. From 1 January 2017 the IIMS CPD scheme is based on one calendar year, in other words from January to December 2017 and so on. Your CPD account is now set to zero and any existing points are lost. Your aim now is to acquire 10 CPD points in this and subsequent calendar years to keep you up to date. The activities for how you can claim your points are little changed, but it is the administration of how you do it that alters significantly. To see how easy it is to acquire points, you can view the CPD points table here:

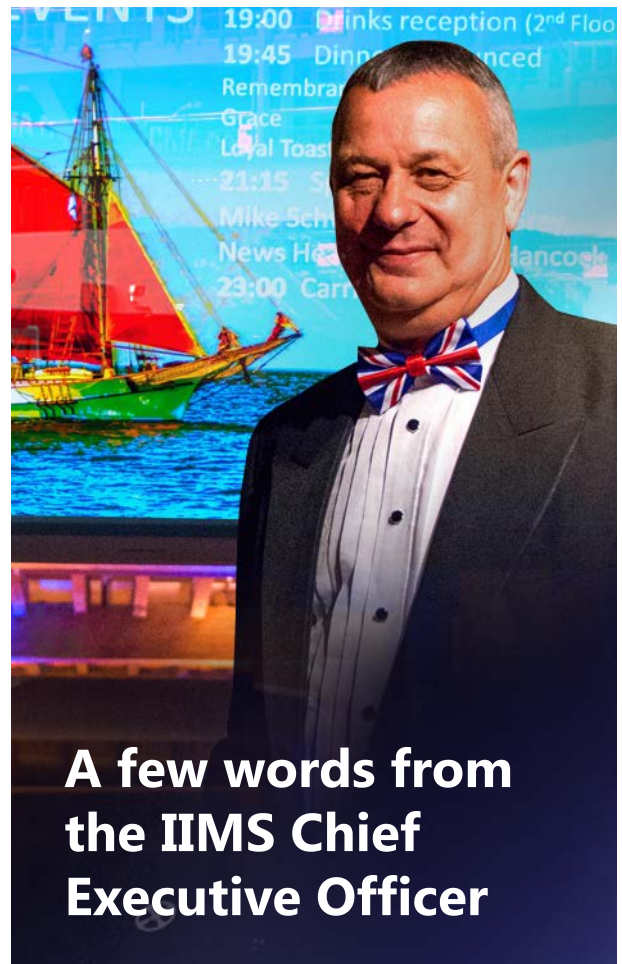
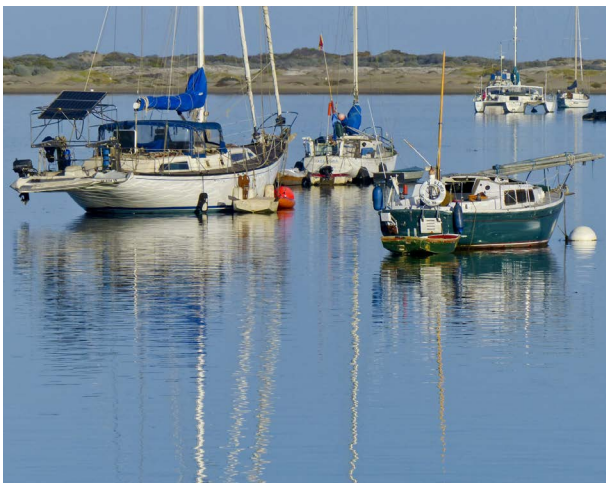
<https://www.iims.org.uk/membership/continuing-professional-development/>

Major overhaul to the IIMS CPD scheme announced (continued)

So here's a brief overview of how it works...

Each IIMS member will have a unique log in, the same one you use to access your membership page on the web site. Members will be encouraged to claim points in real time rather than saving up a claim for months. So for example, let's say you attended an IIMS training day yesterday. At the end of the event, or on your return home, you can open the app to make a claim for 5 points for the training event from the drop down menu. You submit your claim. An automatic email comes back to you to advise you that your points claim has been submitted and will be verified soon. At the same time an email comes into IIMS advising us that you are claiming 5 points for attending the IIMS training day. The IIMS Membership Secretary will click to accept or decline your claim. Assuming your claim is verified and accepted, an email is automatically sent back to you to inform you that 5 CPD points have been added to your CPD account and that you only require 5 more points by 31 December 2017 to make your quota. This process repeats each time you make a successful CPD points claim, with the number required counting down. There is no limit to the number of points you can successfully claim in a year, but you will only be able to carry a total of 3 CPD points forward to the following year, which the app will automatically do. You can send attachments to substantiate your claims too if necessary. You will also have a record of all points achieved that you can refer back to at any time.

In the event you do not make any CPD points claims during the year, you will be reminded periodically and automatically by email that you have a duty and responsibility to acquire the necessary points by the 31 December.



A few words from the IIMS Chief Executive Officer

Firstly my warmest wishes and regards to you for what I hope will turn out to be a prosperous 2017 and an improving one for certain parts of the maritime sector. IIMS members cover such a variety of activities globally. Many UK small craft surveyors reported a highly successful and busy year in 2016. For some large ship surveyors and especially those involved in the offshore sector, it was a rather different picture. Let's hope things improve for all!

After the fun and games of last year caused by the celebrations of the Institute's Silver Jubilee, it is back to more mundane, but nonetheless important and essential activities in 2017.

I want to draw your attention to some major changes we are implementing with the IIMS CPD scheme, outlined elsewhere in this news bulletin. The present IIMS CPD system is something that has concerned me for some time and finally a proposal has been brought to the management board for approval, duly signed off in December. The need to remain current has never been more apparent than it is today.

The old CPD system was not as fit for purpose as it might have been in my opinion. Furthermore it was hard for the head office team to police, administer and keep on top of. So the changes and the new programme itself, which will be notified to

you in the coming weeks, are essential to ensure that IIMS remains a modern and forward thinking organisation. The development and launch of an App and automating the new CPD system is a major step forward and will streamline the whole process – both for you and for the head office team. Do watch out for further information.

Also on the subject of embracing new technologies, I want to personally recommend to you the series of online 90 minute seminars using the Zoom platform that we are rolling out in 2017. This is linked to CPD too of course and you can claim points for participation. The series is based on a programme of twenty plus seminars aimed at yacht and small craft as well as commercial ship surveyors we have put together over the course of the next 12 months. By flexing the presentation times, there will be something available to all members at a sensible time somewhere in the world. Seminars will be charged at just £35 each. Simply reserve your place via the IIMS web site, pay online at the point of booking and joining instructions will be sent to you soon after.



New Membership Secretary appointed

The search to find and recruit a replacement for the popular, current IIMS membership administrator, Jan Cox, has reached its conclusion. Jan, who formally retires from the Institute in February after many years' service, was herself part of the interview process to find her successor. Two excellent candidates emerged as front-runners following the first round of interviews. Both were invited back for second and final meetings.

IIMS is delighted to announce that Camella (Cam) Robertson is the new Membership Secretary and will formally take up her new position on Monday 9 January 2017. Cam will work side by side with Jan for six weeks to enable her to learn about the role in depth. Cam brings with her a wealth of experience in managing a membership organisation, general administration and event management too. For the past four years, she has been Club Manager at the Royal Naval Club and Royal Albert Yacht Club, located in nearby Portsmouth.

Cam, who is married with two grown up sons, is looking forward to getting stuck in to her new role. IIMS CEO, Mike Schwarz, commented, "Cam is an experienced and personable individual with a range of skills most useful to us. I believe IIMS is lucky to have found such a strong candidate to take on and build on the work that Jan has done. I wish Cam much success and am sure she will prove popular among members and that they will make her very welcome."

IIMS launches a series of 90 minute online seminars



As many members will be aware, IIMS has been testing online conferencing software. Having found a reliable platform in Zoom video conferencing, a series of twenty plus online only seminars, lasting a maximum of 90 minutes, is being planned for 2017.

A programme of topics, relevant to both yacht and small craft as well as commercial ship surveyors, has been put together. Presentations will commence at various different times of the day and evening, which allowing for time differences, means all members in the world will have the chance to participate at some time or other.

The cost of participation has been set deliberately low at just £35 per seminar. Delegates will get a copy of the presentation materials sent to them after the event. Online registration in advance to participate will be required. Payment will be at the time of registering by credit or debit card, or Paypal, with seminar joining instructions being sent upon receipt of registration. Three CPD points will be awarded for each online seminar (a maximum of 9 points per year may be claimed).

The first round of presenters are either senior IIMS members, or reputable organisations who are

known to the Institute and who are recognised experts in their respective fields. All seminars will be presented in English language.

Commenting on this initiative, Mike Schwarz said, "It was great to meet so many members at conferences and training days face to face in 2016, but made even more special when those from much further afield decided to join by Zoom and take advantage of some of the excellent training we are providing. This initiative means a member can take a feed directly from his/her office or home and take advantage of what is on offer."

For more details see:

<https://www.iims.org.uk/education/online-seminars/>



IIMS Conference, Baltimore Maryland, 3/4 February 2017 announced

IIMS US Regional Director, James Randy Renn, has finalised plans for the Institute's annual American marine surveying Conference, which will take place on 3rd and 4th February 2017 from 08.30 to 16.30 daily.

The extensive two day programme covers a wide range of topics and subjects that will appeal to surveyors from all sectors of the industry. For the first time, delegates are able to join the Conference remotely too by video conferencing as well as being present face to face. See below for details.

The venue is MITAGS:Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, which is handily placed for the airport at Baltimore.

<http://mccbwi.org/>

Address: 692 Maritime Boulevards,
Linthicum Heights MD 21090.
Phone 410-859-5700, tf 866-656-5568.

Schedule Day One Friday 3rd February:

08.30: Introduction. Mr. Mike Schwarz CEO of IIMS.
State of the Institute and surveyor standards.

09.00: Cygnus Instruments. Mr. Rod Sanders.
Ultrasound emitters for container and cargo inspections.

10.00: Break.

10.15: Marinco/Mastervolt. Mr. Menno Ligterink.
Digital Switching, charging and Li On/Iron Batteries.

11.15: ABYC. Mr. John Adey General Manager.
RCD-Recreational Craft Directives Compliance.

12.00: Lunch on site-included in conference.

13.15: Captain Andrew Frank Korek- MNI MIIMS.
Confined Spaces Procedures/Rescue

14.00: Seakeeper Stabilizers. Mr. Brook Stevens.
High speed heavy duty Gyro units for naval and industrial use.

15.00: Break

15.15: Forensic Analysis.Mr. Robert Kochan-ME,CMI.
Forensic investigations for the marine surveyor.

16.00: Signal Mate. Mr. David Horst.
Sub Chapter M non-diminishing,
programmed signal lighting. LED lighting fades with use and new installs will have programmed voltage regulation.

16.45: Day One Close.

Schedule Day Two Saturday 4th February.

08.00: Coffee, meet and greet.

08.30: Landings School. Mr. Patrick Goodrow.
Inclusive computer reporting program for your Ipad touch screen.

- 09.30: BlueGas Marine. Mr. Miguel Guerrero.
Multi fuel outboard systems with on the fly changeover.
- 10.45: Break
- 11.00: Terresolve Tech, RSC Bio.
Ms. Lauren Lionberger.
Compliance with EAL (Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants) standards. High use lubricants with no sheen or residue water soluble dispersion.
- 12.00: Lunch on site.
- 13.15: North Georgia Surveyors. Mr. Michael Griffin.
Stray current sensors. Detection of stray current and electrical faults from the pier to pedestal to the ship and on board. Another tool for the kit.
- 14.00: Tranducers Direct. Mr. Mark McDaniel.
Engine and machinery senders that are wireless to send data remotely to your electronic device.
- 14.45: Break
- 15.00: Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
Mr. Mark Naylor
Explanation of testing, measuring, filtration or treatment of bilge and ballast water.
- 16.00: East Coast Marine Surveying.
Mr. Ken Roberts.
Thermal imaging and reporting in real time of a fire incident by a level III thermographer.
- 16.45: Questions and Conference close.

A total of 5 CPD points will be awarded to IIMS members and a certificate of attendance issued afterwards.

Cost of the Conference is \$250.00 by check to International Institute of Marine Surveying mailed to Marine Forensic Technicians, P.O. Box 1041, Stevensville MD 21666. Please include a contact data note with your check. Lunch is included in the cost.

The Conference fee may also be charged by VISA or MasterCard by calling James Randy Renn on 410-490-0216.

For delegates who are not able to attend in person, it is possible to take the event live by Zoom video conferencing link direct to your smart phone, tablet, PC or laptop. The cost to attend by video conferencing is \$125 per day; just indicate

your preference when booking, arrange to make payment as above and we will send joining instructions in good time.

If you want to join as an online only delegate, please email your preference. Also for more information, James Randy Renn can be contacted by email: randyrenn@aol.com

There is a good hotel on the campus at a reduced rate for attendees, which includes three meals. The restaurant is reasonable and much like an Officers Mess.

The Conference site is just minutes from BWI Airport and there are many hotel and entertainment choices in the area and in Baltimore.



First IIMS Canada Branch Small Craft training event

Ian Hopkinson reports from Vancouver

Our recent seminar was in three principle parts. After being introduced by our president Andrew Korek, I started the programme.

I was surprised on looking back on my records, to learn that I had been surveying for 49 years. When I started all reports were on legal sized paper. Today that is not a good idea as people often want to receive a report by email and it is difficult to scan that size. Nevertheless I went

through each of the pages of a typical small craft report issued by my office. At the end of describing the content of each page I opened the discussion up to all present as there was a lot of expertise sitting around the table. This made for a very informative discussion which was of benefit to all. I had started the discussion by advising of the need for a surveyor to know precisely what was required of the survey, be it purchase, insurance, valuation for a bank or perhaps valuation for a divorce. Inevitably when looking back over 49 years, a number of 'sea stories' were told and these livened up the tone of the discussions.

The second speaker was David McEwen Q.C. who I have known for many years. David practices admiralty law and is highly regarded in that subject. David spoke of the absolute need for surveyors to have E.& O. insurance if they deal with small craft and particularly when doing purchase surveys where their exposure is greatest. David cited a number of cases he had been involved with which involved surveyors who had come croppers at one time or another. David's main aim was to scare the hell out of the assembly, and he succeeded! One item of particular interest coming out of David's presentation was his opinion on the meaning of the term 'Without Prejudice', a term common in surveying parlance.

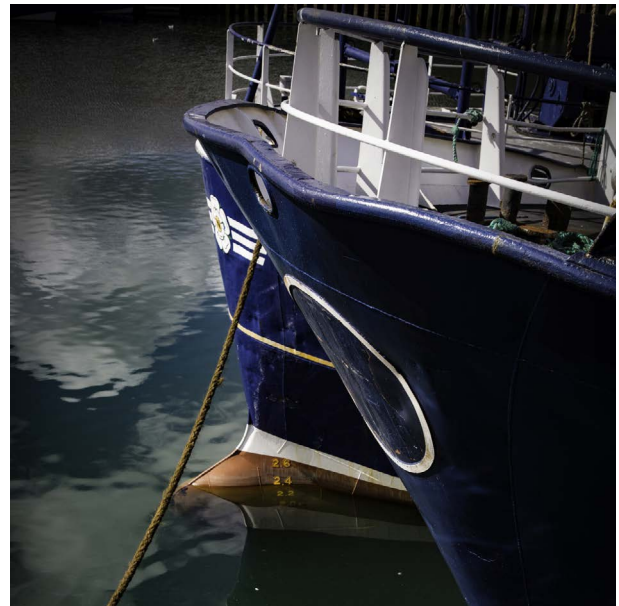
The third speaker was John King, an insurance broker specialising in E.& O. insurance in the marine community. I have known John also for many years and in fact his father George was one of my mentors when I started surveying so many years ago. John rode into the seminar as a knight astride a white horse and offered much needed relief to those who had become distressed by the comments of the previous speaker. I am sure he was able to sell policies to a number of those present, certainly there was a lot of interest in what he had to say.

After a lunch break I took the floor again and showed everybody the contents of my small craft survey tool bag. This generated a lot of discussion which of course became a perfect excuse to tell a few more 'sea stories'.

There is absolutely no business like show business!

The seminar concluded around 14.30 hours. There were a number of complements and I would say it was a success. We are hoping that it was the first of many such seminars to be held in the future.

Ian Hopkinson



New RCD regulations: training for IIMS members by British Marine

The Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) 94/25/EC on recreational craft, as amended by Directive 2003/44/EC, is an important European Union directive, which sets out minimum technical, safety and environmental standards for the trade of boats, personal watercraft, marine engines and components in Europe. It covers boats between 2.5 mtrs and 24 mtrs, personal watercraft, engines and a number of components. It ensures their suitability for sale and use in the UK and Europe.

On 28th December 2013, the EU Commission published the RCD (2013/53/EU), which replaced the legislation at that time for the CE marking of boats. Whilst the original RCD is still in force currently, the new RCD became optional from 18 January 2016 and will become mandatory in the UK from 18th January 2017.

To help IIMS yacht and small craft surveyors better understand the new RCD and to keep on the right side of the legislation and its various changes and amendments, the Institute has arranged two special training days in February 2017. These will be delivered for the IIMS by Ross Wombwell, Technical Manager at British Marine, who has been all over the RCD. Over the course of the day, Ross will take delegates through the whole of the new RCD legislation and will run a question and answer session to ensure that surveyors are bang up to date and have the information they need. All attendees will be given a copy of Ross's presentation on the day.

The Portsmouth day is full, but there are still a few spaces for the day long presentation at Bromsgrove on Thursday 9 February. Book now to avoid disappointment. The cost of the day is £110 to include a buffet lunch. Attendance earns 5 CPD points. To reserve your place at the Bromsgrove day, please email Tania Bernice on ca@iims.org.uk or call her on +44 (0) 23 9238 5223.

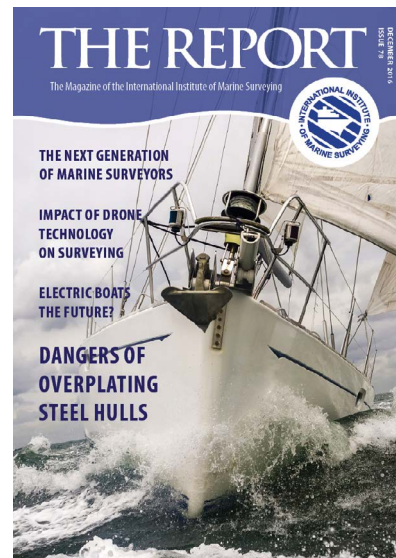
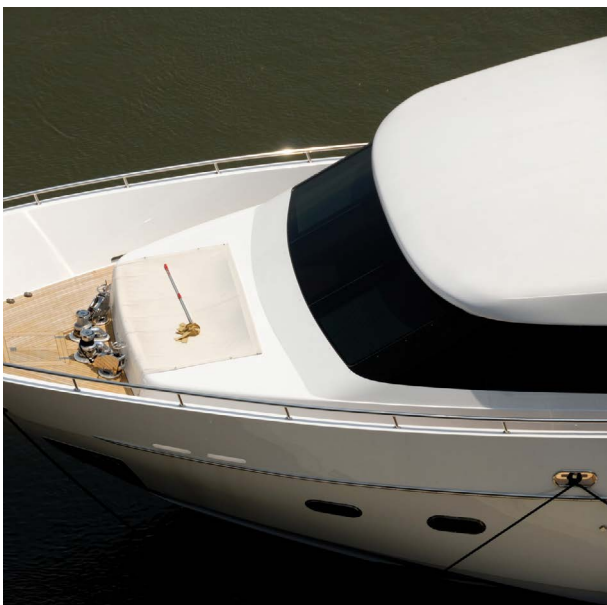
Join the first day of the first 2017 LYSCWG training event next week online

The first two day IIMS training event under the guise of the new and enlarged Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group will take place in Athens on 9/10 January 2017.

The first day is classroom based training at the Lloyd's Register offices in Athens and is open for delegates to join online by Zoom video conferencing at a cost of 120 euros. Highlights include mini ISM for superyachts, classification and flag state surveys, report writing refresher, obtaining PI insurance and reducing the risk of claims. Joining online is worth 3 CPD points. To do so please email Tania Bernice on ca@iims.org.uk or call her on +44 (0) 23 9238 5223.

Full details about the programme can be found here:

<https://www.iims.org.uk/events/iims-large-yacht-small-craft-working-group-training-athens-greece/>



Report Magazine December issue still available

In case you missed notification last month, Issue 78 of The Report Magazine was published. This edition can be found and read online in pdf or e-reader format at:

<https://www.iims.org.uk/media/the-report-magazine/>

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.

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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: marine@noradtravel.biz or see the web site:

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