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# News Bulletin

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## SCWG to be renamed and rebranded as LYSCWG

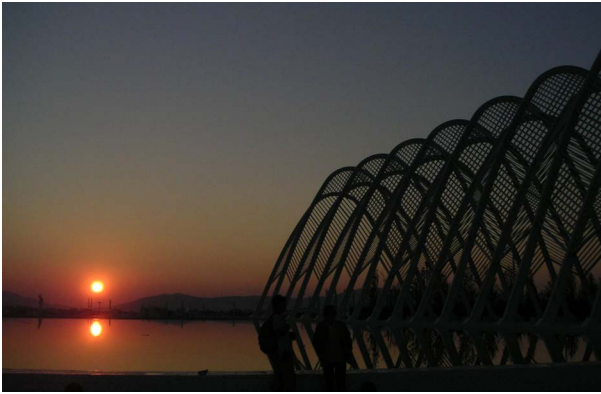
With effect from 1 January 2017, the IIMS SCWG (Small Craft Working Group) will become known as the LYSCWG (Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group).

IIMS Chairman of Yacht & Small Craft, John Excell, who was behind the decision to rebrand, explained, "There has been a significant shift in the market place with the continuing and exciting developments in the superyacht industry. A number of IIMS members who worked in the sub 24 metre vessels sector have progressed into the area of superyacht surveying, or are interested to do so. It is therefore entirely logical that we extend the scope of this group of surveyors,

who sit in the middle between small craft and commercial ship surveying and cater for their specific needs."

The new, enlarged group will be announcing a series of new training events that will be offered in UK and European locations initially for 2017 for small craft surveyors and larger yacht surveyors too. Members from further afield will be able to join training events remotely by video conferencing.

IIMS is planning to bring together a small group of its members actively involved in the superyacht surveying sector to act as a sounding board and panel to generate ideas for future training and areas for discussion.



## Two day LYSCWG training event in Athens announced

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. Highlights include valuation reporting, classification and flag state surveys, report writing refresher, obtaining PI insurance and reducing the risk of claims. Day two will see the group out and about in Piraeus Marina with a mix of theoretical and hands-on practical tonnage training. Please remember if you wish to become approved and recognised by IIMS as a tonnage surveyor it is necessary to have done a day's training and passed the simple test – this can be accomplished on the second day in Athens.

Full details about the programme can be found here:

[www.iims.org.uk/events/iims-large-yacht-small-craft-working-group-training-athens-greece/](http://www.iims.org.uk/events/iims-large-yacht-small-craft-working-group-training-athens-greece/)

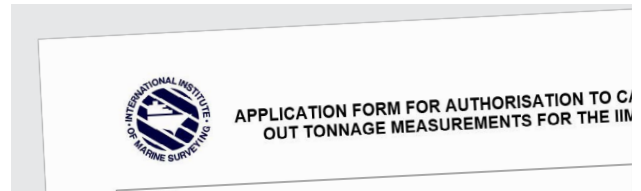
## Report Magazine December issue published now

Issue 78 of The Report Magazine has been released for publication and can be read online in pdf or e-reader format at:

[www.iims.org.uk/media/the-report-magazine/](http://www.iims.org.uk/media/the-report-magazine/)

Once again, this issue tackles some important and interesting topics. Highlights include a report on the modified Proctor & Fagerberg test for iron ore, the dangers of overplating and what a surveyor should be aware of and looking for. We also take a look at electric boats and Capt Bertrand Apperry tackles the subject of *'The ISM designated person ashore: what a job!'* Capt Peter King addresses the thorny topic by asking where the next generation of marine surveyors will come from.

There is a collection of photos and a report from the recent IIMS India Branch 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference in Mumbai, plus other members and marine news. All in all another well balanced edition and one you are encouraged to read.



## New tonnage forms published and now available for use

IIMS has revised and approved for publication new and much more user friendly tonnage forms to be submitted to the IIMS and ultimately the UK registry. These can be found and downloaded on the certifying authority examiner resources page, which is password protected.

To enable a smoother flow of work, the Institute has also created a separate, standalone email address for authorised tonnage surveyors to use, which is: [tonnage@iims.org.uk](mailto:tonnage@iims.org.uk). If you cannot find the new forms, please use this email to communicate directly with Sam Legg, who can help you further.



## IIMS busy at METS trade show

Mike Schwarz and Hilary Excell spent two days at the increasingly large METS (Marine Equipment Trade Show) event, held in Amsterdam from 15 to 17 November. They had a full diary of scheduled meetings with a variety of contacts over the two days. The results were very beneficial and encouraging.

On the second day, the pair presented an update on the RMCI (Registered Marine Coatings Inspector) programme and qualification to an influential group of people who form the Coatings Working Group within SYBass (Superyacht Builders Association). They remain keen to see the standards of those who survey and inspect the coatings on these huge vessels developed further as there is no let-up in the numbers of superyachts emerging from the ship yards and ensuring the paint job is exceptional and inspected by experts remains key.

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## Highly informative SCWG 'super' training day well attended

Over 30 yacht and small craft surveyors converged on Boathouse No.4 at the iconic Portsmouth Historic Dockyard for the 2016 'super' training day on Monday 24 October and were joined by half a dozen more who came to the event remotely using video conferencing.

Chairman of yacht and small craft surveying, John Excell, welcomed guests to the day and particularly thanked Cygnus Instruments Ltd and Matrix Insurance Ltd for their generous sponsorship support of the day.

IIMS Chief Executive Officer, Mike Schwarz, gave a short review of what has been a very hectic and productive year for the Institute.

Susan Stockwell, a director of Nereus Alarms and a non-practicing solicitor, drew on her experience as a child and later as an adult when she spoke about the causes and dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, the silent and hidden killer.

Nic Fieldhouse, winner of the Best Use of Social Media award at the recent IIMS Silver Jubilee awards, spoke about how to implement a social media strategy using Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Karen Brain presented a paper entitled mediation and the surveyor in which she championed resorting to a mediator as an important means of dispute resolution.

Jenny Ashdown from Cygnus Instruments Ltd took the after lunch slot. She talked about the latest range of Cygnus ultrasonic testing equipment and explained the various uses of the equipment.

Jim Vintner gave an interesting presentation in which he talked about the importance of the report, or as he called it the surveyor's product.

Capt Phil Duffy of Interface Marine, who is based in the south of France, brought the day to a conclusion as he spoke knowledgeably about the subject of yacht and small craft valuations how to report the findings. See: [www.iims.org.uk/iims-small-craft-working-group-2016-super-training-day-report/](http://www.iims.org.uk/iims-small-craft-working-group-2016-super-training-day-report/)

## SCWG finishes with a flourish in Scotland

The final event of 2016 and the last training session under the SCWG banner prior to its rebranding as the LYSCWG took place at Inchinnan Cruising Club on 14 and 15 November, drawing an audience of fifteen. The first day included some practical and theory tonnage training, leading to several IIMS members becoming authorised as tonnage surveyors.

Highlights of the second day included learning important facts and the latest advice about gas certification, understanding of the insurance requirements and needs of a surveyor and a presentation by the RNLI on safety at sea. Thanks to Tom Elder for organising the event locally.



## 2017 membership invoices are on their way, but with a difference

Your 2017 IIMS invoice for your annual membership fee is on its way to you imminently, or indeed may have reached your email inbox. This year IIMS membership invoices are being emailed directly to all members, apart from those who are associated with an IIMS branch, where different rules apply; and in a bid to make it easier for surveyors to pay, you will notice a clickable link on the invoice. There is no need any longer to log in to your membership area on the IIMS web site. To pay your membership dues for 2017, please click the pay button and choose your payment option – PayPal, Credit or Debit card. This new facility is faster and easier, but it is secured to the highest level possible too to ensure it is safe to pay this way.

Members are requested to ensure payment is made promptly please. However, any member who has not made payment by 31 March 2017 will become subject to the Institute's debt chasing procedures.

If there are reasons why you are unable to pay your membership subscription, you are urged to contact the IIMS head office at your earliest convenience to advise us.





## Our best wishes to all IIMS members and their families for the New Year

For those members who celebrate Christmas, the IIMS would like to wish you all the best for the forthcoming festivities. And, more importantly, we wish everyone a prosperous New Year against what we all hope is an improving marine sector in 2017.



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<http://iims.org.uk/membership/membership-benefits/iims-membership-travel-service>

## The search for a new IIMS membership secretary is on

Following Jan Cox's announcement that she plans to retire in February 2017, IIMS CEO, Mike Schwarz, has started the process of recruiting her replacement. It is possible an announcement will be made in the coming days, depending on how the final round of interviews go. Mike Schwarz said, "Finding a replacement for Jan, someone who has the skills to match her, is a challenging process. But as with all things we have to move on and I am hopeful of recruiting someone who is capable of filling the big gap that Jan will leave."



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- ca@iims.org.uk:** contact for all Certifying Authority work (Tania Bernice)
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