The International Institute of Marine Surveying

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INSTITUTE INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION & HISTORY

This brochure will give you a thorough understanding of what the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) stands for, its background and origins, how it operates, its ethos and why it can be of significant benefit to you whilst working within the marine surveying sector.

IIMS is the leading worldwide professional body for the marine surveying profession and proudly boasts over 1,000 members in more than 100 countries - a truly international network of surveying professionals.

OUR HISTORY

In 1990, the first International Marine Surveying Conference sponsored by IMarEST and the Nautical Institute was held in London. Following this conference, a group of likeminded surveyors decided that their profession needed more recognition to meet the demands of the changing maritime world. In April 1991, over thirty surveyors from eighteen countries met at The Baltic Exchange. After a long meeting, the International Institute of Marine Surveyors was formed, more recently changing its name to the International Institute of Marine Surveying, or IIMS for short.

In the early years, the then President encouraged members of the Institute to set up education programmes for the training of marine surveyors; and so, a distance learning programme was launched which has become two Professional Qualifications in Yacht & Small Craft and Commercial Ship & Cargo marine surveying leading to a Diploma. In 2017 IIMS was recognised for the quality of its education programme when it was presented with an IMC Golden Shield Excellence Award and is widely accepted as an expert in the area of marine surveying training and education.

In 2004 the Institute became a Limited company. A new range of meetings, conferences, seminars, training days, courses and other support elements were developed for the benefit of the members which continue to this day.

In late 2014, the Institute's web site www.iims.org.uk was completely reconstructed from scratch and the foundations were laid for what is now the most valuable online resource to be found anywhere online for marine surveyors. Each month, on average, the site attracts 1,000,000 page impressions and over 15,000 unique visitors. There are more than 3,000 stories and features to browse, access to essential surveyor guidance, yacht codes, rare shipping regulations, videos, podcasts and much more. The website is constantly being upgraded to enhance the experience including page load speed, layout and design.

In 2016, the Institute celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a year-long celebration, culminating in a major London Conference and Awards Ceremony to recognise excellence in marine surveying and a sparkling Gala Dinner befitting the occasion.

In 2020 IIMS purchased Murrills House in Portchester UK as its permanent headquarters. This jewel in the crown, a delightful Grade II listed structure, can trace its history back 500 years and IIMS is pleased to be the present custodians of a heritage property so rich in history.

Over the years, the Institute has created formalised branches in Canada, India, Nigeria and UAE that arrange meetings and seminars for members locally.

For more information about IIMS please call +44 (0) 23 9238 5223,
or email: **info@iims.org.uk** or visit **www.iims.org.uk**.

"The IIMS has re-invented itself to become the essential ecosystem provider and enabler for the marine surveying profession. It is the catalyst that brings the fraternity together to ensure the capability, integrity, and professionalism of the practitioners. The IIMS is in a commanding position to fully embrace the technological advances of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0)." - Nick Parkyn

STRUCTURE & INSTITUTE OFFICIALS

The Institute is managed by a Management Board, headed by the President, Vice President and Deputy President. The day to day running of the Institute is led by a Chief Executive Officer and a dedicated team, which is based in Portchester.

The Management Board has overall responsibility for:

- Administration, Professional Standards, Codes of Conduct & Discipline
- Large Yacht & Small Craft Surveying Training
- Education & Training
- Conferences & Seminars
- Membership Development
- Provision of Technical Assistance to Members
- Certifying Authority
- Legal Matters
- International Legislation & Compliance
- Continuing Professional Development

The Institute has Regional Directors and a number of in-country representatives, who act as focal points in some countries for members to co-ordinate meetings, networking events and training opportunities locally.

The IIMS Management Board meets quarterly and is made up of volunteer members who are elected and drawn from across the membership globally to help plan and deliver the Institute's Policies and Strategic Aims.

Capt Ruchin Dayal
(Goa, India) *IIMS President*

Mr Mike Proudlove (UK)
Vice President

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Deputy Vice President

Mr Paul Homer (UK)
Chairman of Standards

Mr Geoff Waddington (UK)
Past President &
Chairman of Administration

Mr Peter Broad (South Korea)
Immediate Past President

Capt Chris Kelly (UK)
Chairman of the Professional Assessment Committee

Mr Fraser Noble (UK)
Chairman of the Certifying Authority

Mr John Heath (UK)
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Past President

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Past President

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Mr Elliott Berry (UK)

Mr John Walker
(Palma, Mallorca)

Mr Graeme Temple
(Singapore)

Mr Mike Schwarz
Chief Executive Officer &
Company Secretary

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The International Institute of Marine Surveying is an independent, non-political organisation. Its principal aims and objectives are:

1. To promote professionalism and the advancement of knowledge of the profession of Marine Surveying, which the Institute defines as being, 'the service provided to maritime and transport organisations in general and the production of guidance reports for all other bodies connected with maritime operations or maritime trade'.
2. To maintain high professional standards set out in a Code of Conduct and to verify the competence of those seeking to become members of the Institute.
3. To seek recognition from Government organisations, Coastguards, the International Maritime Organisation, licensed marine underwriters, insurance companies, ship owners and marine lawyers.
4. To put into practice and maintain the high standards of the Institute and consequently to exclude certain surveyors, or those whose conduct or competence could cast discredit on the Institute and the wider profession.
5. To confer professional status on those who contribute to and encourage safety, professionalism and unity amongst those concerned with the shipment of cargo, marine surveying, superintendency and marine consulting.
6. To bring together experts whose specialised knowledge and practical expertise will enhance the reputation of marine surveyors and consultants.
7. To bring together the marine surveying organisations of the world to create a single voice to Governments, International Bodies and the marine industry in general.
8. To set the standards for others to look up to, organise and evaluate the training and to promote the development and education of future marine surveyors worldwide.
9. The advancement and recognition of the reputation of the international marine surveying profession and its associated aspects by means of regular publications, communications and public meetings.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The basic principles expected of members:

Professionalism

A member must have a sound foundation in the general knowledge of his/her profession in addition to appropriate and adequate experience.

Objectivity

A member must adopt an impartial and objective approach in all aspects of his/her marine surveying work.

Independence

A Surveyor will be independent of the client commissioning the survey.

Professional Indemnity

The Surveyor member shall at all times maintain in force Professional Indemnity Insurance at a realistic level in accordance with the Surveyor's work and professional status. Members employed by surveying companies should ensure they are covered by the company PI policy before carrying out survey work.

Integrity

A Surveyor will:

- Not be influenced by outside pressures
- Not seek to reach agreements based on objective conclusions
- Will not make personal or illegal profit from the sale of damaged goods or materials

Non-Compliance

A Surveyor will bring to the attention to the Institute instances where members of the Institute are not observing this Code of Conduct.

Personal Conduct

A Surveyor will not practice during a period when his/her judgement is, or might be impaired through any cause and will endeavour to avoid actions, which lead to the discredit of the Institute, marine surveyors and his/her own professional reputation.

Client Relations

A Surveyor will:

- Never bias or modify his/her professional opinions for personal gain or in response to any form of pressure from whatever source
- Survey to principal clear terms of reference and confine his/her report to the agreed terms
- Only undertake to carry out assignments for which he/she is properly qualified so to do
- Accept arbitration when all parties involved agree to this method of solving disputes
- Recognise that his/her first duty is to his/her client's instructions and endeavour to sustain an open relationship with a client whilst, at all times, observing professional integrity

Professional Relationships

A Surveyor will:

- Co-operate with colleagues to achieve a complete and objective survey
- Not allow agreements reached by a Surveyor in charge of a case to be modified by the direction of any organisation to which he/she belongs
- Not criticise a fellow Surveyor or colleague to third parties
- Ensure strict confidentiality over information received from third parties who are not involved with the case in hand
- Not carry out free surveys but negotiate reasonable fees which seek to achieve full cost recovery
- Discuss with other attending Surveyors any contradictory statements or differences of opinion before issuing a final report

Standards

Where recognised, local, national or international authority standards exist and are in force for any type of survey, these standards shall always be observed. Any variance from these standards, together with the Surveyor's reasons for such variance, is to be fully recorded in the survey and the Principal's agreement obtained.

MEMBERSHIP RULES, OPPORTUNITIES & GUIDANCE

Membership Application
All applications to become a member of IIMS are subject to detailed review and approval by the Professional Assessment Committee before membership is granted.

The categories of membership are as follows (see website for more details):
Full membership
Associate membership
Technician membership
Affiliate membership
Supporting membership
Corporate membership
Retired membership
Graduate membership
Fellow & Honorary are nominated membership grades only.

Constitution
Membership of the IIMS is governed by its Constitution which has been approved by members.

Code of Conduct
Members are bound by the Institute's Code of Conduct (detailed elsewhere in this brochure). Disciplinary action may be taken against members who do not adhere to this code.

Annual General Meeting
Each year an Annual General Meeting is organised where voting takes place on specific proposals, re-election of IIMS officers and an overview of the Institute's trading performance and activities is presented. All members are entitled to attend.

Subscriptions
Membership subscriptions are paid in full annually at the beginning of each calendar year, or on a pro-rata basis if joining part way through the year. There is a modest non-refundable joining administration fee, and the full subscription does not become payable until an application is approved.

Representation
The IIMS has representation at the following organisations:

- International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA)
- The UK Sector Skills Council for the Marine Industry
- British Standards Institute (BSI)
- Boat Safety Scheme (BSS)
- Recreational Craft Regulation Stakeholder Group
- The Maritime Professional Council

Professional Indemnity Insurance
The Institute Code of Conduct recommends all members to have PI insurance before they start surveying and in the case of UK small craft surveyors it is mandatory. IIMS organises special schemes for its small craft members through specialist insurers.

Technical Support
The Institute can provide a Technical Support contact through Head Office. This support is available to all members and can be on any marine surveying subject.

Conferences and Seminars
The Institute organises Conferences and Seminars on a worldwide basis. A full schedule of these events is published on the IIMS website and is notified to all members.

Working Groups
The Institute has a series of Working Groups that meet to discuss various topics. These working groups take place where required on an as and when basis.

Codes of Practice
Small Craft Surveyors work to a Code of Practice. See website for details.

Education and Training
IIMS has been formally educating marine surveyors for nearly 20 years and is the only professional body to provide Professional Qualifications in Yacht & Small Craft and Cargo & Commercial Ship Marine Surveying delivered through distance learning, leading to a Diploma. The Institute has also launched a standalone Professional Qualification in Marine Corrosion.

Through its subsidiary, the Marine Surveying Academy, the Institute offers short courses and accreditation schemes in multi marine disciplines.

Publications
IIMS publishes a popular series of nearly thirty handy guides covering various marine surveying topics. They are available in paperback and electronic format via the website. The excellent Report Magazine (nominated for a prestigious publishing award) is a quality and informative publication for members and is published quarterly, available to read in pdf or eReader formats from the website.

Continuing Professional Development
The Institute operates a CPD programme and members are encouraged to keep their CPD up to date. by using the free and easy to use App. It does not mean going on endless courses, nor does it mean being trained necessarily. However, it is about further developing your skills and competency to help you carry out your role as a marine surveyor to the very best of your ability and demonstrating that to the wider world. IIMS will assist you in doing this using the effective App. See elsewhere in this brochure for details about CPD.

Institute Logo
As well as putting post nominal letters after your name, some grades of membership may use the IIMS logo on business cards, headed paper and also on a website. There are set criteria for the use of the logo.

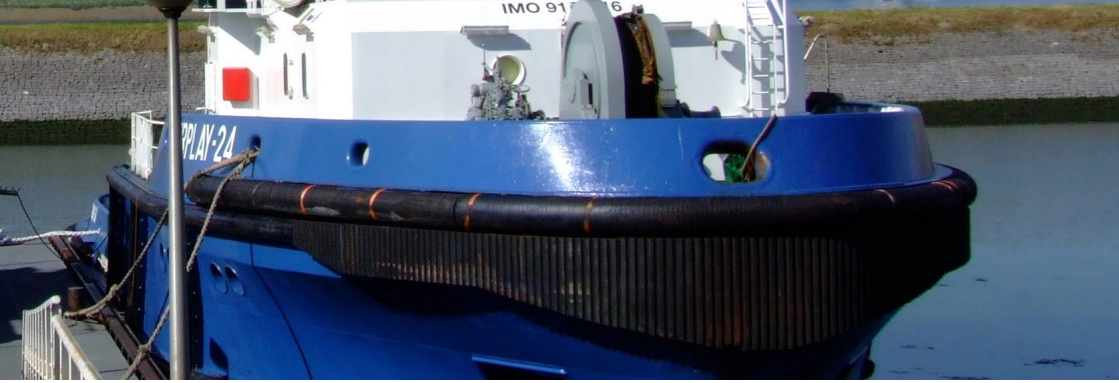
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As with everything, membership of any organisation depends upon what you want and need to get out of it.

Most members of the IIMS have joined to show their commitment to their profession, to improve their knowledge, gain additional skills and to have the backing and support of the most proactive marine surveying organisation in the world working for them. Networking with other surveyors, both locally and internationally, is an important aspect too. So, what do you want?

Some of the benefits of membership are as follows:

- Recognition by the boating public and shipping industry of your membership of the world's leading, international, professional body for marine surveyors by using IIMS post nominal letters after your name (certain grades only)
- Use of the IIMS logo (some grades only)
- Comprehensive listing on the IIMS web site with your contact details and duplicated on the Marine Surveyor Search App (the only one of its kind)
- Receipt of a dated membership identity card annually
- A forum for discussing surveying concerns with fellow members
- Your voice, as a valued member surveyor, being heard at local, national and international levels
- Advice and assistance in resolving disputes
- Attendance at IIMS international branch training events (where branches exist)
- Access to the IIMS PI insurance scheme (certain countries only)
- Access to in-country and overseas experts to seek solutions to surveying problems
- Access through the Institute website and Search App to the network of IIMS members
- Notification of the electronic publication of the Institute's monthly *News Bulletin* and quarterly *Report Magazine*
- Notification about regular online seminars delivered by the Institute by video conferencing
- Access to the IIMS continuing professional development App



- Access to the IIMS bespoke travel scheme
- Invitation to attend one or two day short courses, seminars and conferences
- Distance learning Professional Qualifications enabling self-study to improve knowledge at a discount
- Access to appropriate video content via the Institute's YouTube channel, featuring hundreds of unique videos made by IIMS
- Access to various social media platforms and online groups including Twitter and the IIMS LinkedIn Group
- Access to one of the many established WhatsApp groups. There is one for UK inland waterways surveyors, another for surveyors in West Africa and more for those in Australia and Canada. It is a free networking service, open to members only and more are coming.
- Notification of safety briefings as they occur with unlimited access to hundreds of incident and accident reports
- Access to hundreds of copyright free images that can be used in marketing material, websites and anywhere else, all available via a password protected page
- Access to a discounted website building solution to help surveyors create an effective online presence
- Opportunity to acquire various items of IIMS branded protective and casual clothing

Do you wish to start a membership application? Membership applications are handled via simple to complete online forms which can be accessed as below.

Cargo & Commercial Ship marine surveyors
start your membership application online at **https://bit.ly/3kmcvqB**

Yacht & Small Craft marine surveyors
start your membership application online at **https://bit.ly/3kmcvqB**

Or call IIMS headquarters on **+44 23 9238 5223** for more details and assistance.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT APP

As with most other professional industries, IIMS members are encouraged to take responsibility for their own continuing professional development and need to acquire 15 CPD points each calendar year to remain up to date.

Once a member has gained 15 points the CPD icon will be displayed on their listing to show they are CPD compliant.

Earning 15 CPD points is not hard, and it does not mean having to do courses and attending training sessions. There are many ways in which points can be accumulated and the IIMS CPD Points Table can be found on the website.

The Institute has developed its own comprehensive and easy to use CPD App to enable members to easily keep their points current in real time as they are earned. There are Android and iOS versions available to download free and also a web-based application too.

Each IIMS member has a unique log in - email address and associated password - that is used to access their membership page on the IIMS web site. The same details give access to the CPD App. Members are encouraged to claim points in real time rather than saving up a claim for months.

MCA CODING

All UK vessels in commercial use up to 24 metres load line length, which go to sea are required by law to comply with one of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Small Craft Codes. Vessels that meet the stringent requirements of MGN 280 code, or one of the other specialist small craft codes, or the Workboat 2 code, are issued with licence certificates by the IIMS Certifying Authority, which is approved under contract by the MCA.

IIMS Certifying Authority Registered Examiners are authorised to carry out vessel coding and compliance examinations for certification by the Institute. Once a member of the Institute you may apply to carry out coding examinations through IIMS.

The criteria for becoming an IIMS Certifying Authority Examiner is as follows:

- Applicants must be an IIMS member at the appropriate level.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate through evidence at least three years surveying experience in all types of vessels (copies of survey reports may be requested).

The application form and relevant documentation will be reviewed by the Certifying Authority Committee and a date will be set for an interview, which is mandatory.

The IIMS uses the "The Harmonised Code MGN 280" for vessel coding covering:

- Sailing charter vessels, both skippered and bareboat
- Motor charter vessels including angling and dive boats
- Motor vessels carrying up to 12 passengers
- RIBs operating commercially
- Workboats
- Pilot boats

The requirements for the use of each vessel are considered and the category approved will depend upon the nature of its operations, distance from a safe haven, limiting weather and whether overnight passages are to be undertaken.

Remote Tonnage Training

IIMS is contracted by the MCA to provide tonnage measurement training remotely leading to surveyors becoming authorised to carry out tonnage surveys. Occasional courses are organised. To become authorised, surveyors must complete Part I and Part II. Part I is a three-hour online theory learning presentation. Part II requires the surveyor to provide suitable video evidence of a mock tonnage survey being carried out which will be scrutinised prior to awarding of the authorisation.

COMMUNICATIONS: REPORT MAGAZINE

The Report Magazine is the only publication of its kind serving the marine surveying Profession. It is published quarterly on the first day of March, June, September and December. Each edition extends to well over 100 pages. Much of the content has been specially commissioned for readers but members (and other interested parties) are encouraged to submit article for publication and some do.

Each edition of the Report Magazine is downloaded and read multiple thousands of times in PDF or eReader formats.

The Report Magazine March 2024

The 132-page March 2024 Report magazine – edition 107 – is available to read in pdf or eReader formats.

Highlights of edition 107 include:

- Transporting lithium-ion batteries: identifying and addressing the risks
- Coal cargoes: Avoiding explosion and self-heating
- Things a survey can't find
- The birth and history of motorboating
- Marine insurance in an increasingly volatile world
- Tips for effective cargo hold cleaning
- Do you know when fire protection systems onboard should be inspected?
- Saving the Panama Canal will take years and cost billions
- Surveying a future beyond Lloyds Register with Iain Wilson

The Report Magazine June 2024

The 144-page June 2024 Report magazine – edition 108 – is available to read in PDF or eReader formats.

Highlights of edition 108 include:

- MIC corrosion from a surveyor's point of view
- Using specialists as part of a superyacht survey
- Know the value of your work
- The Hot Dock: Corrosion in Marinas
- Personal locator devices can save lives
- High waves. High claims
- 10 Golden Safety Rules to live by launched
- Marine lifting operations (Part 1)
- To whom do professionals owe a duty of care?

View back issues of The Report magazine... scan the QR code or go to **https://bit.ly/2WQTosu**.

COMMUNICATIONS: MONTHLY NEWS BULLETINS & ANNUAL COMPENDIUM

Each month IIMS publishes a classy and informative news bulletin that is the envy of many. As with the Report Magazine, it is available to read in pdf and eReader format depending on the reader's personal preference. The aim of the bulletins is to keep marine surveyors (and those who touch the surveying profession) up to date with news affecting the profession, maritime regulation changes, marine and member news and forthcoming events. It generally extends to over 20 pages and is said by many to be highly valuable.

IIMS News Bulletin

MAY 2024

Welcome

Chief Executive Officer's *Welcome*

Dear Colleague

The tangled mess is all that remains of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore

IIMS News Bulletin

JUNE 2024

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JULY 2024

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IIMS Safety & Loss Prevention Briefings Compendium

An annual one-shot publication released in December, which is freely available to download in pdf format, the Compendium is a round up of essential loss prevention advice published over the year, coupled with details of major incident and accident reports released by international maritime investigation teams.

Since its launch it has become an essential addition to a marine surveyor's electronic bookshelf.

Download the Compendium in PDF format at **https://bit.ly/48svS7b** or click to read it online in eReader format at **https://bit.ly/4apshIN**.

Membership information
Details of the different levels of membership can be found at:
www.iims.org.uk/membership

Keep in touch and follow IIMS

LinkedIn search for the International Institute of Marine Surveying discussion group and apply to join

Instragram follow the Institute at **@iimsmarine**

YouTube search for Marine Surveying IIMS to find the Institute's channel

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