



Press information

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IIMS exhibits at Seawork

IIMS has exhibited at Seawork for many years and works in collaboration with the show organisers as a media partner. The 2026 edition of the exhibition proved to be the most productive ever for the Institute. The IIMS team took it in turns to man the stand across the three days from 9 to 11 June. In recent years, IIMS has taken a booth on the shared stand as part of the Workboat Association's space.

Seawork is the UK's biggest annual commercial marine and workboat exhibition and is widely regarded as Europe's leading event for the commercial marine sector. It takes place every June at Mayflower Park on Southampton's waterfront.

The Seawork focus includes:

- Workboats and support vessels
- Harbour and port operations
- Marine construction and civil engineering
- Offshore wind and renewables support
- Dredging and marine services
- Safety equipment and training
- Marine electronics and navigation systems
- Vessel design, propulsion and maintenance

Alongside the exhibition, there is a full programme of conferences and networking events. By way of a few examples, this year's show included such topics as diverse as:

- British Superyacht Tech Talk
- Extending Vessel Life & Reducing Emissions
- Autonomy at Sea: The Future
- The Future of UK Maritime

Mike Schwarz, IIMS CEO, said, "Attendance at this year's Seawork show was a great success and highly productive for the Institute. Not only did I meet a number of members and coding examiners, but also a selection of senior industry authorities representing all areas of the marine sector, who were very supportive and appreciative of the Institute and the work we do. My thanks to our colleagues at the Workboat Association who make sure we are well looked after with copious amounts of free coffee to keep us sustained!"

Frances Birkett, IIMS Marketing & Publishing Executive, added, "This is my third Seawork event and what stands out the most is its atmosphere. There's always a great buzz in the halls, and I really appreciate the opportunity to talk to marine surveyors and other maritime safety professionals in

person, (especially as my job is usually spent sat behind a desk.) The day flew by as we were so busy answering questions from prospective surveying students, as well as highlighting our new publication 'Lithium-ion battery fires: What we know so far' which flew off the counter. It is a project I'm proud to have worked on with Mike."

Ends.

Note to editors:

About IIMS

Formed in 1991, the International Institute of Marine Surveying is a not-for-profit organisation and the leading worldwide professional body for marine surveyors with a membership of one thousand surveyors in over one hundred countries.

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