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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 and eReader 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







## **CEO Chat**

### Dear Member

We all love to knock new technology it seems don't we? For many of us, technology can be something of an Achilles heel and because we do not understand it, we go slightly negative and on the defensive! However, I have been genuinely taken aback by the initial feedback following the launch of the IIMS Marine Surveyor Search App last month. Comments received such as "Simplicity itself" and "Fabulous cutting-edge initiative IIMS" have certainly buoyed me up. One gets so close to these projects during the development phase, so it is pleasing to get positive early feedback from real users who see instant benefit. Interestingly only a handful of IIMS members have yet to download the App. I urge you to do so. This is a helpful link to help you do that: https://bit.ly/2CE0u9d

Our first push PR campaign has seen 18 publications pick up and run the story about the new App, including titles as diverse as Boating Business to The Digital Ship and Sea Technology. The early stats are encouraging too with over one hundred App downloads in the first ten days and some activity between those looking for a marine surveyor and the members listed on the App already taking place. I will keep you up-to-date as it develops.







## CEO Chat (continued)

IIMS gets itself involved in some interesting projects from time to time. Recently, we have been invited to submit our thoughts with reference to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee inquiry into the performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority under Standing Order 25 (2) (a). In short, the Australian Government is assessing its maritime regulator and there are certainly areas for serious review and consideration it would seem. Adam Brancher, in conjunction with some of our members in Australia, has been leading this piece of work and we are shortly to make our final submission to the Committee.

Anyone reading this who knows me well will know how much store I put by social media – well some of it! The IIMS LinkedIn group has shot on exponentially in the past few months. We now have over 3,200 people following us, including many members, some influential organisations and leading industry figures. If you do not follow IIMS on LinkedIn, I would encourage you to do so. A recent LinkedIn post entitled "Campaign for greater container safety must focus first on dangerous goods" - a press release from TT Club - has attracted considerable attention and some interesting comments. I have shared the article elsewhere in this news bulletin for your benefit.

I wanted to mention my recent two-day trip to Malahide Marina, Dublin, the first such IIMS training event held in Ireland for many years. From the feedback received, it proved to be a huge success for all involved. Damian Offer was the perfect host. I am grateful to the gang of presenters who all made time to come and share their knowledge with delegates. I am sure we will be back!

My final word this month is devoted to some first class training we have organised over the next couple of months. Just next week on 8th April, we hold one of our semi-regular tonnage measuring training days, this one in the UK at Itchenor Sailing Club near Chichester. For details go to https://bit. ly/2HtVuYt. Our annual Western Mediterranean Large Yacht & Small Craft Palma training event is confirmed for 25th to 27th April. As well as a couple of days of classroom based training, we have on offer a sea trial masterclass. Full details are at https://bit.ly/2YeOynv. And to end with, let me remind you that the IIMS London Conference 2019 taking place on 17th and 18th June is now firmly in sight. The one and a half day Conference offers some 'heavyweight' and impressive speaker content and is excellent value for money given what similar type of events want to charge these days! The first day is certainly more biased towards commercial ship surveyors, but the second day morning has much to interest yacht and small craft surveyors. And remember, this year you can join as an online only delegate and take a live feed of the proceedings. Full details can be found at https://bit.ly/2VjSnW8.

Survey well.



Mike Schwarz Chief Executive Officer

## Cathryn Ward departs IIMS to be replaced by Lorna Robinson

IIMS is sad to report that Cathryn Ward, Education, Training & Events Coordinator, has left her position for pastures new. Her new role is running events for local Conservative Member of Parliament, Alan Mak. Over the past 18 months, Cathryn has made a positive impact in the area of running the distance learning Professional Qualifications and she will be missed.

Replacing Cathryn is Lorna Robinson, who starts with the business on Monday 8 April. Based in Portsmouth, Lorna brings several years' experience from the preschool learning environment into her new role and is keen to get started. Already she has spent some time sitting side by side with Cathryn to give herself a head start.





New handy guide number 19 is launched – What a marine surveyor needs to know about using computers in marine surveying

Nick Parkyn has authored a couple of handy guides for IIMS already, but in his newest book, he turns his thoughts back to his other area of expertise – computers and IT.

What a marine surveyor needs to know about using computers in marine surveying is the nineteenth handy guide to be published by the Institute over the past couple of years. Nick writes in a simple to understand style cutting through the jargon with ease.

Computers play a vital role in all aspects of marine surveying in today's world and this handy guide sets out to explain the use of computers and computer software available to enable the marine surveyor in the operation of his/her business. There are many software packages to choose from and making the right selection that fits with your requirements as a surveyor is of key importance. Get it right and your computer will become an invaluable friend. And as Nick himself says, "The potential use of computers in marine surveying is limited only by your imagination".

What a marine surveyor needs to know about using computers in marine surveying is an essential addition to the big ship or small craft surveyor's library and is published in paperback at £18 + postage and packaging. It is also available as an eBook for £16.

To order your copy now and to review the other selection of handy guides, just go to https://bit.ly/2uxuY7k.

Also available in the series: Marine Surveying - An Introduction | Imaging Techniques | Small Craft Metal Hulls and Ultrasonics | Working In Enclosed Spaces Surveying Wood Craft | Small Craft, Ship and Boat-Building Terminology | Yacht and Small Craft Report Writing Knowledge Management | Dynamicaly Positioned Vessels | Business Management Skills | Small Craft and Superyacht Valuations Small Craft Engine Surveys | Surveying Metal Craft | Insurance Damage Surveys (Yachts, Small Craft & Workboats) Insurance Damage Surveys (Cargo Claims) | Insurance Damage Surveys (Commercial Ships, Hull & Machinery) | Surveying Sails

## IIMS London Conference 2019 open for reservations

IIMS is gearing up for its first London Conference (see <a href="https://bit.ly/2VjSnW8">https://bit.ly/2VjSnW8</a>) for a couple of years and is looking forward to welcoming members and others from the marine world to Regent's University on 17/18 June. Regent's University is located by Regent's Park in the heart of London and just a few minutes' walk from Baker Street underground station.



The Annual General Meeting will be held as part of the Conference schedule at 14.00 on Tuesday 18 June.

Both Conference days and the AGM are available to real-time and online-only delegates, meaning that no matter where in the world you are, it is possible to participate.

Dinner on the evening of Monday 17 June takes place at 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, a magnificent Regency building adjacent to The Mall.

The speaker schedule is subject to alteration and we still await topics from some of our presenters, but for now we can confirm the following:

### DAY ONE – Herringham Hall, Regent's University

- 09.30 Welcome from IIMS President, Capt Zarir Irani
- 09.45 Update on IIMS activities, new innovations and enhanced member benefits by Mike Schwarz
- 10.20 Peregrine Storrs-Fox, Risk Management Director, TT Club Cargo integrity in the context of cargo inspections and surveys
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.20 Neale Rodrigues, Divisional Director, Loss Prevention, Britannia P&I Club What a P&I Club expects from a surveyor
- 12.00 Capt Nick Sloane, Resolve Challenges of the Southern Iceberg Project
- 12.50 Lunch
- 14.00 Nick Deal, Bond Solon Beware the pitfalls of expert witness work
- 14.45 Capt Zarir Irani, IIMS President Cyber vulnerability for terminals and vessels in confined waters
- 15.10 Coffee
- 15.30 Karen Brain, Matrix Insurance Topic to be confirmed
- 16.10 Panel discussion
- 16.40 Close



### 19.00 Dinner at 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, St. James's, London SW1Y 5AH

### DAY TWO - Tuke Common Room, Regent's University

- 09.30 Gary Lowell, Lowell Boats Wooden boat inspections
- 10.30 Bas Edmonds, Regulatory Delivery Officer Ship Standards, Maritime & Coastguard Agency update on new and recent regulations for small craft surveyors
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.50 Craig Norton, President, Inspect X Report writing software for surveyors by surveyors (delivered by live videolink)
- 12.45 Lunch

### **DAY TWO** – Tuke Cinema, Regent's University

- 09.30 Speaker to be confirmed
- 10.30 Jayan Pillai Fire on Ships & Boats
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.50 Cordstrap a workshop with updates on the Cordstrap system
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.00 IIMS Annual General meeting (free to attend and held in the Tuke Cinema).

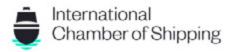
The Conference is sponsored by Constellation Marine Services LLC and supported by Matrix Insurance and Cygnus Instruments Ltd. The Nautical Institute and the International Chamber of Shipping are media partners.













## Conference Fees

### **Option 1**

Day 1 Conference only real-time delegate (Member £165, Student £140, Non Member £175) OR
Day 1 Conference only Zoom online only delegate at £140

### Option 2

Day 2 Conference only real-time delegate (Member £110, Student £100, Non Member £120) OR
Day 2 Conference only Zoom online only delegate at £90

### Option 3

Conference Dinner on the evening of Monday 17th June at £100

### **Option 4 (Full Package)**

Attend all of the above events which include Day one and Day two at Regent's University and the Conference Dinner (Member £350, Student £315, Non Member £380)

To make your reservation for what promises to be two excellent days of conferencing, visit the Conference page on the IIMS web site at <a href="https://bit.ly/2VjSnW8">https://bit.ly/2VjSnW8</a> and we will invoice you on receipt of your instructions. We are now open for reservations.



# WHAT A MARINE SURVEYOR NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT

## The growing series of IIMS self help handy guides



"What a marine surveyor needs to know about..." include the titles:

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# Schedule announced for the annual Western Mediterranean LYSCWG workshop training in Palma

Once again, the IIMS Western Mediterranean Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group is set to meet in Palma on 25th and 26th April, the day before the Palma Superyacht Show opens for business.

With John Walker's help locally, we have lined up two varied days of classroom-based presentations to be given by some knowledgeable speakers, in fact something to interest surveyors from all walks of the profession. And as an added extra, John Walker himself is offering a 3 to 4 hour sea trial masterclass on the Saturday morning.

### **Thursday 25 April**

- 10.00 Meet and registration
- 10.15 An introduction to the Dockmate wireless control docking system by Karsten Hertrich, Yacht 'Up Marine S.L.
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.15 Surveying boat electrics what a surveyor should know by Paul Madeley
- 12.45 Lunch in Palma
- 14.30 Karen Brain, Matrix Insurance. Topic to be confirmed.
- 15.30 Marine shaft seals by Paul Hamill, Tides Marine.
- 16.30 Close
- 19.00 Group dinner

### Friday 26 April

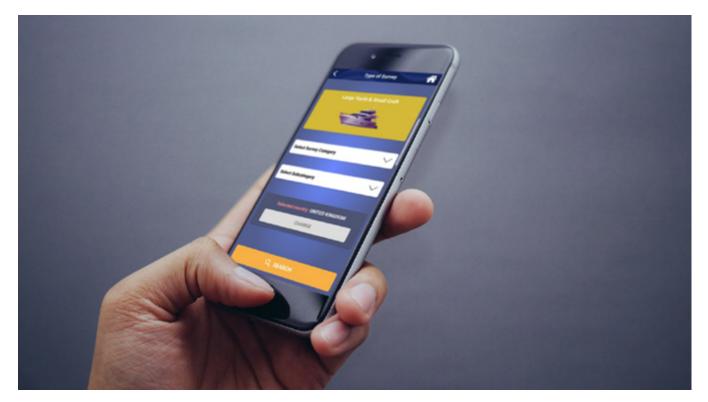
- 09.30 Mike Schwarz. IIMS update at Cafe Varadero (100 metres from the classroom)
- 10.30 Stefano Scarpa: Rigs and masts.
- 11.30 Ken Hickling: Superyacht project management Surveyors: Whose side are you on anyway? Exploring the way that a simple Yard/Owner interface on smaller yachts becomes more complex with the addition of paid crew, private client offices, management companies, designers amd so on.
- 12.45 Lunch
- 14.15 Tim Rowe Surveying steel vessels. Some projects can be complex and sometimes there are specialised sub-surveyors working for primary surveyors.
- 15.30 To be confirmed
- 16.30 Close

### Saturday 27 April

Sea-trial masterclass on a motor vessel 60-80 ft. A practical activity of some 3 to 4 hours for a maximum of 10 surveyors who have pre-booked using the form (see link below) – likely to be held in Palma Bay. Overalls and ear protectors required!

To reserve and pay for your place at the event go to https://bit.ly/2YeOynv.





## New member benefit launched the Marine Surveyor Search App



Finding a marine surveyor just got even easier with the launch of the free Marine Surveyor Search App, exclusively for IIMS practicing member surveyors.

The International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) has launched a new free App for iOS and Android devices that makes finding a commercial or yacht and small craft marine surveyor by area or specialisation fast and simple. Not only a key benefit for members of IIMS, it will make the search for a surveyor easier for the boating and yachting public, brokers, P&I Clubs, marine insurers - in fact anyone needing the services of a marine surveyor on an occasional or regular basis.

The App can be downloaded in the usual way from either the Google Play Store or App Store. Just search for 'Marine Surveyor Search'.

Commenting on this bold initiative, Mike Schwarz, IIMS Chief Executive Officer, said, "IIMS has made a significant investment in App technology to make the process of finding a marine surveyor simple. The project has taken a year to scope out and complete, but it lifts the digital activities of IIMS to the next level. I am delighted at the ease of use and how fast it is to find a surveyor and connect with them at the push of a button. I expect the App to become very popular as a way to find a surveyor."

The App has been developed in partnership with eDot Solutions, Goa, the company that has already successfully delivered two other Apps for IIMS.

The content is drawn from the current IIMS practicing surveyor membership database, which has been loaded in its entirety into the App - some 800+ surveyors in over 100 countries worldwide.

You are strongly advised to check your listing on the App to ensure it is displaying as you would like it to show with the correct details and so on.

Key features of the App include a simple search function by name, by skill set and by location, including the nearest port in the case of commercial ship surveyors. Additionally, the App will allow users to rate a surveyor, store favourites and see recently searches. Communication with a chosen surveyor is simple with contact being made by email or telephone at the press of a button.

## Did you miss notification that the Report Magazine March 2019 was published last month?

Edition 87 of The Report Magazine was published last month. As always, there is a wide mix of content for surveyors to read, no matter which branch of their profession they are practicing in.

Some of the key highlights and features of this edition are:

- An opinion article by Capt Rich Madden about the extensive loss of life and assets at sea in January
- Too many experts? Or simply not enough?
- InspectX Report writing software by surveyors for surveyors
- Ten golden rules of loss prevention for expert witnesses
- Adaptation at sea: Hindsight and foresight
- Legal issues arising from new bunker sulphur regulations in MARPOL
- There's no doubt about it ship surveying is being revolutionised by drone technology
- The metacentric stability of narrowboats
- Expected life span of yacht enclosures
- Business article: Golden rules for writing good and persuasive website content
- A day in the life of Ed O'Connor, IIMS Canada Branch Chairman

Read the Report magazine online as a pdf or in eReader format at https://bit.ly/2ztbJkE.















## IIMS two-day training event at Malahide Marina, Dublin voted a great success

After an absence from Ireland of many years, IIMS ran a very successful two-day training event at Malahide Marina, which attracted 20 delegates, many of whom were not members, during early March. The Institute is most grateful to Damien Offer who hosted the event locally for IIMS and who was on hand to ensure delegates had all they needed at his well-appointed venue. Additionally, IIMS would like to thank all the speakers who came from far and wide to share their passion for their specialist subjects for the benefit of those who attended.

First to speak on Monday morning was John Magna from Infrared Training Ltd. In his presentation, he gave surveyors an insight into infrared camera technology and thermography, including advising that understanding what you are seeing is of prime importance when one commits findings to a survey report!

Jon Sharland from Tritex NDT talked about ultrasonic thickness gauges and the group were able to test the equipment out on several vessels on the hard.

Andrew Drage, Copper Development Association, split his presentation entitled "The corrosion behaviour of metals in seawater" into two parts, interspersed by a presentation by Mike Schwarz on the activities of the IIMS head office.

Day two dawned after several glasses of Guinness the night before enjoyed by delegates. Mike Schwarz opened the day with a business presentation. He was followed by Nigel Clegg, who spoke at length about osmosis and the use of moisture meters.

The event was brought to a conclusion by Paul Winter, Winter & Co Insurance. In his hard-hitting presentation, he talked openly about some of the issues he sees leading to claims due to poor report writing and offered tips on how to avoid them.

MCA safety bulletin issued for all mariners who use GPS equipment

Skip says:
Be aware
of GPS
rollover!

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has issued a special safety bulletin to all mariners that use GPS to prepare for a rollover event that will occur on 6 April 2019.

On April 6 navigation data from some older GPS systems might become inaccurate due to the 'week number' rollover event.

This could cause stand-alone GPS receivers and systems using GPS chips, to produce data that is 19.7 years either in the past or future, therefore generating errors in both the GPS position and time. However, if onboard equipment has been installed after August 1999, or has regular firmware updates from the manufacturer, there should be minimal risk of an error occurring.

Luke Hallett Radio Spectrum Policy Co-ordinator for the Maritime & Coastguard Agency said: 'If your GPS is more than 10 years old or it's had no firmware updates then you're definitely at higher risk of you GPS not working from 6 April. If your GPS falls into either of those categories you need to check with the manufacturer before April 6, otherwise time and position data used for navigation could become inaccurate. It's important that GPS users check their systems as soon as possible to ensure that they won't be affected by the impending rollover.'

The MCA's safety bulletin is intended to help operators understand the implications of the week-number rollover and to take action to ensure all GPS updates are completed. Check out the bulletin at <a href="https://bit.ly/2FrSCt6">https://bit.ly/2FrSCt6</a>.





# Campaign for greater container safety must focus first on dangerous goods

The recent reports of container ship fires have once more focussed those in the container supply chain on safety issues related to the incorrect processing of dangerous goods.

The nascent Cargo Integrity campaign initiated by the international transport and logistics insurer TT Club has, as a consequence, gained renewed impetus. IIMS is happy to add its weight to this initiative and to support the campaign to raise awareness of the issues. Indeed, you can hear Peregrine Storrs-Fox, TT Club's Risk Management Director, talking about this very topic at the IIMS London Conference on Monday 17th June 2019.

The recent fire aboard 'Yantian Express', details of the final judgment on the 'MSC Flaminia' explosion in July 2012, and the ongoing investigation of the 'Maersk Honan' fire are currently making headline news. Then just days ago news has come in of 'Grande America' sustaining a container fire in the Bay of Biscay and subsequently sinking. These perilous incidents not only frequently cost lives, millions of dollars in cargo losses and ship damage, but also significant delays in cargo supply chains amounting to major disruption across numerous industries in these 'just-in-time' days.

Yet these incidents are merely the tip of a failing safety iceberg. Taking the maritime segment of global supply chain, it is estimated that a major container ship fire at sea occurs on average every 60 days, albeit that there have already been four major cargo-related fire incidents in 2019. Furthermore TT Club's records indicate that across the intermodal spectrum as a whole, 66% of incidents related to cargo damage can be attributed to poor practice in the overall packing process; that is not just in securing but also in cargo identification, declaration, documentation and effective data transfer. The calculated cost of these claims in the Marine Aviation & Transport (MAT) insurance sector is in excess of USD 500 million a year.

Peregrine Storrs-Fox, TT Club's Risk Management Director, is leading the Cargo Integrity charge, "We are endeavouring to focus all direct and indirect stakeholders on recognising and doing the right thing," he states. "One particularly critical aspect of this is the correct declaration and handling of dangerous goods (DG)."

All types of cargo can be mishandled, however wrongly classified, labelled, packed or simply inaccurately identified dangerous commodities bring the greatest potential risk of disaster. Estimating the degree of failure to comply with best practices in this regard is not straightforward. ICHCA International, the cargo handling operatives association has calculated that of the 60 million packed containers moved each year, 10% or six million are declared as DG. Information from published government inspections (which are invariably biased towards declared DG loads) suggests that 20% of these are poorly packed or incorrectly identified. This translates into 1.3 million potentially unstable DG containers traveling around the world each year.

Storrs-Fox emphasises that this scale of risk is elevated when undeclared or misdeclared DG consignments are considered. "In these cases an estimate of volumes is more obscure. An indication has been given through the work of one container carrier, Hapag-Lloyd, developing a profiling algorithm to search its booking system for potential misdeclaration of commodities. Results from Cargo Patrol, when extrapolated to the carryings of all the lines, concludes a reasonable estimate in excess of 150,000 volatile containers in the supply chain each year."

Container lines in particular are making efforts to mitigate the problem. The Cargo Incident Notification System (CINS), in which many of the top lines participate, has been active for a number of years and has successfully identified a number of commodities that commonly cause problems during transport – not always limited to those formally identified as dangerous. TT Club has additionally promoted, together with UK P&I Club and Exis Technologies, the Hazcheck Restrictions Portal, which is designed to identify and streamline the complexity of regulations and protocols imposed by carriers and ports around the world in relation to transporting declared dangerous goods.

However, as Storrs-Fox concludes, "There is very much still to be done in achieving true Cargo Integrity. Our diverse campaign is seeking significant cultural and behavioural change to say the least. Certain elements may require legislative action, enforcement and inspection and there are great challenges in the field of technological development. Above all there is a need for all involved in the supply chain to have a realistic perception of risk and a responsible attitude towards liability."

## UK MAIB amends guidance on marine incident reporting

The MAIB has made modifications to MGN 564 about who, what, when and how to report a marine incident.

The full story can be read on the IIMS web site at <a href="https://bit.ly/2TW0Xyb">https://bit.ly/2TW0Xyb</a>; and the revised MGN 564 is available to read at https://bit.ly/2HFbXJQ.

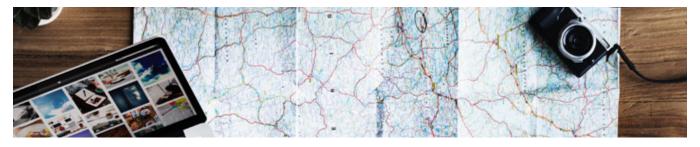


## IIMS Membership Travel Service scheme

Norad Travel Group runs 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 is 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.

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

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