

Marine Surveying Practitioner

Thoughts on
a proposed scheme to enhance
international marine
surveying standards

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Chief Operating Officer

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We would take the accreditation as akin to a recommendation from the Practitioner's peer group...

CONCERNS:

...if it tests the 'soft' skill... ...pragmatism.

I am intrigued how the accreditation will recognise these qualitative skills.

A surveyor maybe quite good at all sorts of things, but they will be masters of one or two. I have a range of surveyors who's skills suit particular jobs.

Each of these could probably be accredited as practitioners, but unless the accreditation is in a specific area it will be of limited value to me as a buyer.

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Director of Loss Prevention

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I would definitely be in favour of supporting this and work towards an industry minimum standard accreditation for marine surveyors.

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...the main reason we prefer appointing IIMS surveyors is because they are... ..a cut above the rest of the crop.

CONCERNS:

...there should be a distinction between small craft/yachts and the merchant ships ...further distinction should be made.

We would always try to seek out and use the best surveyor we could find in that specific field of operations.

Thoughts on Question Two

Would you be more likely to start your initial search at Practitioner level knowing that these surveyors have been formally accredited?

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Individual Qualification will provide additional assurance supported by other information that we are also using Internationally recognised people capable of completing the work to the highest of standards.

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...the accreditation standards such as hands on training, mentoring of surveyors for vessels on which the surveyor has not has exposure to...
...CPD points is a great idea because it add so much value...

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...yes, from the club's perspective I would prefer engaging surveyors who have the accreditation.

Yes, 'start' being the operative word.

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Thoughts on Question Three

Might you be likely to encourage others within your network to do likewise?

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It is important that we all use a common standard because where safety is concerned then all companies have a responsibility and commercial advantage should never be a consideration.

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...if a surveyor is listed as a (for example) a gas tanker surveyor, then we as a Club wouldn't have to think twice on checking and verifying to see whether the surveyor actually had experience on those types of vessels and the IIMS website surveyor search would be the first (and perhaps the last) sounding board for this exercise of sourcing surveyors.

Thoughts on Question Four

Or do you feel that establishing a higher level of formal accreditation and pushing surveying standards up is of less importance?

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I believe we should try and achieve a high standard in these areas and as you say anyone can call themselves a surveyor. The AVI system has gone some way towards this and I feel we are getting improved results...

CONCERNS:

What must be taken into consideration is that the costs involved...

If further qualification is to be established then this must be taken into account...

...it needs to be fully supported by survey companies and surveyors to gain any traction...

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I think it is important that I preface my response with saying that I believe standards are already high, and that is me speaking as a buyer and not a member. However, that is not to say that improvement is undesirable. I would see accreditation as one of many ways of improving standards. Perhaps its greatest value is not the marketability it confers on the Practitioner, but that the IIMS is demonstrating and actioning a commitment to ever improving standards.

Thoughts Overall

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with a code of ethics...
...guidelines and KPIs to
bench mark and monitor the
accreditation process.

...consider periodic refresher
courses/sessions/training to
keep the accreditation valid
rather than stop it as a one-
time initial hurdle.

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I am glad you are pushing
ahead with this project.

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A-PLAN INSURANCE

My view would be from
an insurer providing the PI
insurance to the surveyors
and also insurers using
these MSP as preferred
suppliers, which would be
of benefit to the owners,
insurers and also assisting
in raising standards.