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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](http://www.iims.org.uk)



## CEO Chat

### Dear Member

Marine surveyors it seems face similar challenges the world over. That is my opinion and conclusion having recently met a good number of members in Brisbane and Singapore. OK maritime regulations differ from one country to another, but the fundamentals of the job are essentially the same, not restricted by geographical location. Put simply, it is a requirement to have enough technical competency to carry out the survey or inspection assignment, write a factual and concise report whilst having a range of business skills to enable your surveying practice to flourish. When put like that it appears to be straightforward enough. Something to think about perhaps?

I was quite overwhelmed by the number of surveyors (not all of whom are members) who turned up for the two-day IIMS Brisbane workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 50 plus in total. My thanks to all those who came along for what was an excellent event. We plan to return! From there I travelled to Singapore and was pleased to catch up with many of those who have attended previous Institute events in that area before. More details on both seminars can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

## CEO Chat (*continued*)

Sad news has reached me about the death of two long standing, stalwart members of IIMS. Caroline Rostant based in Trinidad passed away unexpectedly in Austria and Tony McGrail (located in the UK) succumbed to a serious illness. Scaled down tributes are in this bulletin but do read the Report Magazine (published today) for the full obituaries. The world of marine surveying without these two characters is a lesser place.

IIMS continues to enhance and improve its App technology with the help of our friends eDot Solutions in Goa. The latest development is the launch of a web-based version of the recently launched Marine Surveyor Search App. It boasts the same functionality but means those who prefer not to download the App on to their smart phone can use the web version which has identical neat features. This advanced search capability is soon to replace the existing search facility on the IIMS website too.

We have a busy line up of events taking place between now and Christmas with details being released as they become available. We have listed them in this bulletin and hope to see you in person or online at one or other. In particular I would draw your attention to the Marine Surveying International Fest II on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (Yacht & Small Craft Surveyors) and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Commercial Ship Surveyors).

Survey well.



**Mike Schwarz**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



## Report Magazine September edition published

Edition 89, the September 2019 Report Magazine, has been published today and is available in pdf and/or eReader format direct from the IIMS website – see <https://bit.ly/2ztbJkE>.

The main features of this issue are:

- Osmosis is a process not a defect
- Drones herald in new era of inspections
- Prospects for long-life batteries in waterway transportation
- Smart fuel hoses set to enhance safety at sea
- Hydrogen's future in maritime
- The role of the Special Casualty Representative in the salvage of mage box ships
- Losing control of the beach was just the icing on the cake
- Caroline Rostant and Tony McGrail obituaries
- A review of the London Conference and Dinner
- The new Marine Surveyor Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme
- Plus a roundup of a wealth of marine and member news; and new safety briefings recently released



# Brisbane Conference a resounding success

A group of around 50 marine surveyors – some IIMS members, some not - met at the Novotel by Brisbane Airport on 1-2 August for what proved to be a very worthwhile event for all who attended.

Thanks to Kedge PTY Ltd for their support of the event.

Over the two days Mike Schwarz gave presentations with an update about IIMS head office activities, an introduction to the Marine Surveying Practitioner accreditation scheme and 19 tips for business success.

He was well supported by immediate IIMS Past President, Adam Brancher, who talked through the steps to achieving ISO 9001/14001/45000 certification with a helpful and practical guide to the process and why a surveyor should consider doing it.

Mick Uberti displayed his knowledge of the ISM code, a subject dear to his heart, as he spoke on the topic of "From the ISM Code to Marine Order 504 - Changes to Safety Management Systems for DCV's."

Veteran, Russell Fraser, known to many delegates, was on hand to talk through the new developments in NDT testing equipment and their application in marine survey with an overview of some of the other kit now available to surveyors, including infra-red cameras.

John Kavanagh (Pacific Maritime Lawyers) formerly a regulator himself, fully engaged the audience on the subject of the new regulatory landscape in Australia - RAV, SMS and Recreation which raised good discussion and much debate amongst the audience.

Nick Parkyn, author of an IIMS handy guide on Synthetic Rigging, displayed his in depth knowledge of this disruptive technology. He introduced the audience to the products, their strengths and the life cycle.

Steve Wicks stepped in at late notice and spoke about superyacht coatings, an activity he has been involved with for 40 years. His question and answer session proved very rewarding for all and stimulated much discussion around the group.

Graeme Normington, a north Queensland based surveyor, challenged the audience to truly understand their costs of surveying. In his presentation entitled "Converting hourly rate service fees into a profitable annual income" he gave examples of all the costs that need to be included before a rate can be worked out and then applied.

Nick Parkyn closed the event with a short overview of the General Data Protection Regulation and the importance of keeping data private, especially sensitive data.





# eCMID AVI and IIMS Singapore Conference report

The number of attendees was down this year, partly it seems due to work commitments and also the proximity of the date to Singapore's National Day long weekend celebrations. One for the organisers to be aware of and factor in next time!

Those who did attend were treated to a range of top-quality presentations covering a wide variety of topics.



On the eCMID day, (7th August), Mike Schwarz welcomed delegates and spoke about the eCMID AVI scheme four years on from launch, including giving a hint at what the five year revalidation process might look like when it comes into play mid-2020.

Alex Brabin (M3 Marine) spoke about the early success of the new IMCA DP Accreditation Scheme, launched earlier this year.

In a fascinating presentation, Capt Yves Vandeborn (Standard P&I Club) gave an overview of what a good safety management system should look like and how the Club evaluates them, including reviewing some case histories and sharing some horror stories.

Simon Ward (MatthewsDaniel) delivered an overview of what can and does go wrong in the pipe laying sector drawing on actual case studies.

A man with a clear vision, Edgare Kerkwijk, Asia Wind Energy Association, gave a succinct overview of the potential and likely future demand for wind energy in the Southeast Asia region and the many opportunities that will be associated with this. He explained that the supply of new vessels to service the wind sector was not meeting demand.

Mike Meade (M3 Marine) gave a short overview of the local regional news from IMCA, SSA and the Nautical Institute.

Jim Fortnum (Swire Pacific Offshore) provoked some intense debate when he questioned the value of the inspection and survey regime to a professional vessel operator.

Day two (8th August) was opened up with a review about IIMS head office activities followed by an intriguing presentation by Denis Welch, entitled Spoiling the Ship for a Ha'poth of Tar.

Ken Livingstone MIIMS had researched the subject of the IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap in detail and delivered an excellent presentation on this most topical of subjects.

Murali Pany continued in a similar vein on the 2020 Sulphur Cap but suggested this may be an opportunity for surveyors to capitalise on. He also presented a collision case study from the legal perspective.

The infectious Capt Hari Subramaniam (Shipowners P&I Club) did not disappoint those present. In his usual ebullient style, Hari discussed the question "The Human Element – Are we on the right track?"

Peter Broad FIIMS (Broadreach Marine) gave something of a masterclass on the topic of LNG shipping technology past, present and future, something he is very experienced in.

It fell to Stefan Becker (Cordstrap Group) to bring the event to a conclusion which he did speaking eloquently and knowledgeably on the subject of improving CTU cargo securing to reduce risk.

Many of the presentations can now be found on the IIMS YouTube channel and are free to watch at your leisure – see: <https://bit.ly/1jRuSJe>.

# Two stalwarts of the marine surveying profession pass away

**Caroline Rostant by her sister, Fiona Roffey**

*News has reached IIMS of the death of two members - Caroline Rostant and Tony McGrail - both big characters and personalities, both of whom will be missed. (More detailed obituaries for Caroline and Tony can be found in the Report Magazine.)*



Caroline Rostant was a DipMarSur, SuppIIMS, AffIMarEST - ISM Code Internal Auditor; ISM Code Designated Person; Designated Person Ashore and QMII.

Caroline branched out on her own in 2007, and eventually founded her own Company, Pivot Media Caribbean, in 2011, recently renamed Rostant Maritime Services. As a one-woman operator she provided consultancy work to the Maritime Industry in Trinidad and Tobago.

Caroline has been acknowledged by her industry peers as the consummate professional in her field and shared her wealth of specialist maritime knowledge willingly to fellow colleagues across the maritime industry in Trinidad and Tobago but did not limit herself to her native country.

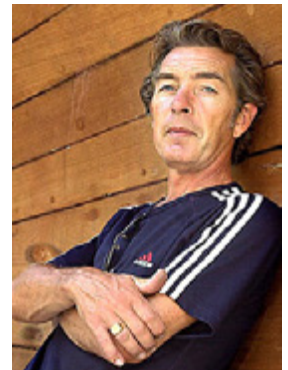
Despite her petite physique and being a lady surveyor, Caroline could walk into any room and achieve the desired outcomes even under toughest circumstances gaining the respect from CEOs, maritime professionals and staff alike. Colleagues who have worked with Caroline have expressed their admiration of her ability to partner with and respect people from all walks of life.

Introduced to the sea by her father from an early age, Caroline was a competent sailor, and could also cook a feast at the drop of a hat. She was an excellent organizer, adventurer, free spirit, an avid reader, very artistic and creative and a generous person. It would be fair to say that anyone who had the honour of coming into contact with Caroline, both personally and professionally, is a better person for it.

Caroline is survived by her husband Graham and her two sons Nicholas and Alec.

## **Tony McGrail FIIMS by his friend Keith Willis MIIMS**

I first met Tony in 2002 at Sunseeker in Poole where I was a warranty engineer at the time, just transferred back to Poole from Mallorca. It was a chance meeting between us, and it was Tony's infectious 'happy to meet you', openness and charisma that got us talking. I was not happy with my lot that day, a trade-in vessel with heaps of issues and no time to fix them because the Surveyor was due to arrive - yes you guessed it, Tony. Well we got on like a house on fire and we laughed and chatted as we both worked on the same vessel.



I was intrigued as to how people started a career in surveying so being a blunt person, I asked Tony how one gets into surveying, not really expecting him to be so positive about my question. But he told me the process and said that I really should consider taking up marine surveying as a career; so after work we had a beer on Poole Quay and talked it through. His honesty and enthusiasm for the IIMS as the only group of surveyors worth joining was infectious and here, 17 years later, I am following a career I love having met some great people on the way thanks to Tony.

Tony was a constant, always positive, even about things he wasn't positive about and I suspect that like me, a lot of the IIMS members welcomed the sight of his face at meetings and events as you were always guaranteed some humour and a good chat. In this industry we all tend to work as individuals, but Tony was always there on the phone if you needed him. I gave up trying to email him many years ago!

My last meeting with Tony recently was at the same yard where we met 17 years ago, and despite being obviously not well and very candid about his condition, the mischievous twinkle was still there. We had a laugh over a snack and cuppa at Asda. I had no idea that would be the last time I would see Tony, but his character, humour and enthusiasm will remain strong in my memory for ever.

The Institute has a lot to thank Tony for and I have a lot to thank Tony for!

Once met never forgotten.

# Bookings now open for the first eCMID AVI Marine Renewable Energy Seminar

The Marine Surveying Academy has organised an important one-day event on 26th September entitled the eCMID Marine Renewable Energy Seminar.

Bookings for the first eCMID Marine Renewable Energy Seminar on 26th September in Amsterdam are now open which is available to real time as well as online only delegates.

This event is open to eCMID AVIs, marine surveyors and inspectors plus those working in the renewable sector and/or those interested in learning more about this industry.

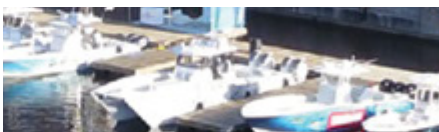
You can attend either in person or online via the Zoom platform. Online delegates will receive a discounted price. The eCMID AVI event is the day after the IMCA Renewables Seminar that takes place on 25th September in Amsterdam. If you plan to be in town for that one, why not stay over and be part of this special one day seminar which looks at the role of the eCMID inspector in the renewable energy sector? Alternatively you can join online and take a live feed of the proceedings.

The seminar is being held at Hotel Novotel Amsterdam, Schiphol Airport, Taurusavenue 12, 2132 LS Hoofddorp, Netherlands and will start at 09.30 concluding at 16.30.

#### *Speakers include:*

- Mike Schwarz, IIMS and MSA CEO: Opportunities presented by the growth in the Renewables sector
- Stephen Birt, Technip FMC: Update on the work of the IMCA eCMID Committee and the perspective of a client
- Graeme Reid, IMCA: The role of the DP accreditation scheme
- Peter Solvang, DP & Marine Assurance: New developments in DP
- Marc van Dorth, Seaway heavylift: Large construction vessels and small boat landings in the renewable construction industry
- Xavier de Meulder, Siemens Gamesa: Developments in large construction vessels and other vessels
- Nicki Krejlggaard, Vattenfall: Topic to be confirmed
- Panel Discussion to end the day

To reserve your place go to <https://bit.ly/2KwnMRn>.



**OCTOBER 1-3, 2019**  
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## IIMS set to exhibit at IBEX

IBEX is North America's largest technical trade event for marine industry professionals and is powered globally by METSTRADE, the world's leading platform and community for professionals in the leisure marine equipment industry. IBEX is owned and produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association and RAI Amsterdam and is taking place at the Tampa Convention Center on 1st to 3rd October in Tampa, Florida.

As an industry trade event for professionals working in the recreation marine industry, IBEX offers its attendees over 700+ exhibits in the halls, outdoor display space and on the IBEX Docks too. It also offers unparalleled training and education from industry experts and associations.

IIMS has a booth at IBEX. So, if you are planning to attend the event be sure to pop by and say hello.



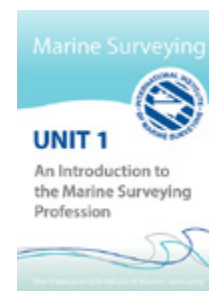


## Purchase of Murrills House crowdfunding tops £10,000

In case you missed the launch of the crowdfunding opportunity recently, IIMS is reaching out to the members and supporters of the Institute to invite them to make a financial donation towards the purchase of Murrills House as the Institute's new permanent headquarters. Any financial donation will not simply go to the bottom line of the business and get lost. Rather, we plan to invest it in paying for the stamp duty on the purchase with any balance left being put towards some of the maintenance work we will need to do, which includes a variety of minor works.

All those who choose to make a contribution (unless anonymously) will be recognised with a special, individual **Founders Plaque** for each person making a donation which will be displayed in the offices for ever more. And rest assured that any donation, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received. We have made it simple to do by setting up an online 'Just Giving' page, which can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/2VU4Qnr>. Alternatively you can simply transfer money to IIMS but please let us know beforehand if you intend to do so; or you may send a cheque directly to head office. The opportunity to donate will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

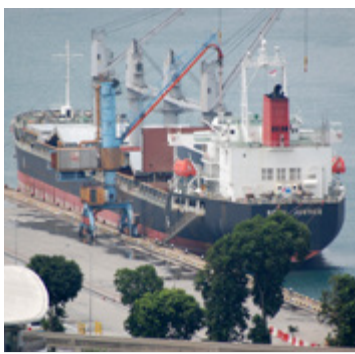
## IIMS Diploma Professional Qualifications - new education assessors and markers required



Thanks to those who put their names forward after our appeal last month. Some of the IIMS Professional Qualifications are currently getting a makeover and are being updated. Unit 1: An introduction to Marine Surveying for Yacht & Small Craft Surveyors has been re-edited, revised, updated and released to new students from the July intake onwards. Unit 4: Report Writing is the next for a review and update.

A new module entitled Business Management is being readied for launch in time for the October student intake. This module will help the students learn that there is more to running a successful small business than just performing the survey and writing a quality report.

Our assessor and marker pool is sadly ageing and we would like to extend it as part of our succession planning. IIMS is keen to attract some new markers for the education programme. If you have a detailed and specialist knowledge of any area of marine surveying and would like to become a marker, please put your name forward without obligation to Lorna Robinson. IIMS pays a modest fee for each paper marked. The work is not onerous, is all conducted online via email meaning you do not have to leave your office. Please email Lorna Robertson for more information at [education@iims.org.uk](mailto:education@iims.org.uk).



# Upcoming IIMS events

## **Monday 23 September:**

Certifying Authority Autumn Training Day at the Village Hotel, Cosham, Portsmouth

## **Thursday 26 September:**

eCMID AVI Marine Renewable Energy Seminar, Amsterdam

## **Monday 7 October:**

Inland Waterways Working Group Training, Hertfordshire

## **Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 November:**

Scotland Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group training

## **Wednesday 20 November:**

IIMS UAE Branch tenth anniversary Conference in Dubai aboard the QEII

## **Monday 25 November:**

Large Yacht & Small Craft Working Group training, Portsmouth area

## **Tuesday 10 December:**

Marine Surveying International Fest II (Yacht & Small Craft Surveyors) - online only

## **Thursday 12 December:**

Marine Surveying International Fest II (Commercial Ship Surveyors) - online only

See online for more details on each event at <https://bit.ly/2niVUFS>.

## IIMS UAE Branch gearing up for one hell of a celebratory conference

The date for your diary is Wednesday 20th November 2019. The venue is the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II, moored permanently at Mina Rashid, Dubai. The occasion is the tenth anniversary since the formation of the IIMS UAE Branch and this is the sixth biennial Conference. There are no delegate fees to attend this celebratory event, which will also be broadcast via Zoom for online delegates.

*Confirmed speakers are:*

**Mike Schwarz, IIMS CEO**

Driving International surveying standards and Accredited Marine Surveying Practitioner

**Capt. Rahul Khanna**

Allianz Safety & Shipping Review 2019

**Tony Fernandez**

Due Diligence in Marine Hull Insurance – Myth & Reality?

**Capt. John Dolan**

Risk caused by misdeclared cargo on Container Ships

**Dr. Nippin Anand**

An Illusion called "Human Error"

**Wednesday, 20  
November 2019  
08:30hrs -17:00hrs**

**Capt. Porus Dalal**

Human error – The underlying root cause in accidents

**Richard Strub and**

**Capt. Sanjay Bhasin**

Arbitration role play: Expert witness for a project cargo shipment on a breakbulk vessel

**Capt. Nick Sloane**

Ultra large container ship fires

**Capt. Rajiv Thakar**

Recovery from Carriers of losses suffered by Cargo Interest involving the negligent navigation defense

**Capt. Henrik Uth**

Survey on demand – the digitalization of the marine survey appointment

**Capt. Prakash Correa**

The Shipowner's perspective

**Mr. Pradeep Luthria**

Cyber Resilience & Insurance

To reserve your place please complete the booking form at <https://bit.ly/2HdXm64>.





# New web version of the IIMS Marine Surveyor Search App to be added



eDot Solutions, the Institute's App partner based in Goa, is developing a web-based version of the recently launched Marine Surveyor Search App for those who prefer not to use the applications for iOS and Android devices, which is due for roll out imminently.

The web version works in a very similar way to the smart phone applications with identical content and will, in time, replace the existing IIMS website search for a surveyor. Web users may use this version to perform a surveyor search and communicate with their chosen person without the need to register but will not have full access to all the App functions. Only by registering will they have complete access to features such as my favourite surveyors, recently viewed surveyors and so on.

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.

Many members have yet to check their listing on the App for accuracy and to ensure it is displaying as you would like it to show with the correct details and so on. So, if downloading the App has been putting you off from doing this, look out for how to do this via the web coming very soon.

Yacht and small craft surveyors will be interested to know that they are now also able to show on their listing which harbours and marinas they operate in and this will be searchable by the user.

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## 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.

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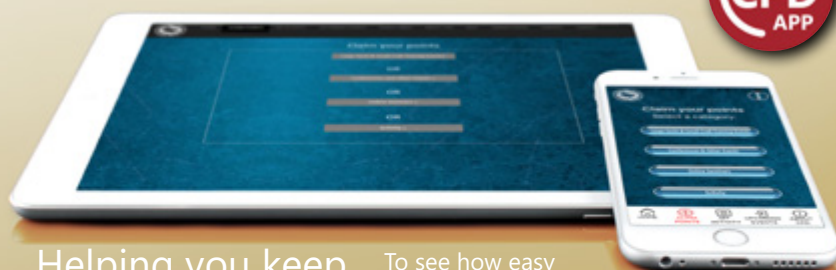
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Or the "**My CPD Program**" link on the IIMS membership details page, re-directs the user to the new CPD Program Website.

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



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As always, the IIMS head office team are here to help you on any matters relating to your membership or education needs. Please contact the appropriate person as follows:

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