



Press Information

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IIMS sets out to establish an international database of known vessel faults

The International Institute of Marine Surveying has set up a campaign to develop a database of known faults in production boats with the view to helping the surveying profession at large. The Institute is inviting its members who are actively engaged in the sub 24 metre yacht and small craft marine surveying sector to provide examples of known faults. This is an important new initiative but relies on those working in the field to supply the data.

It is obvious that prior knowledge of known faults before attending survey is of huge relevance to a surveyor. Speaking with surveyors, it is abundantly clear that there are a number of known faults common to some makes of boat. Knowing this would give a surveyor a head-start and for sure he/she would examine a vessel with extra caution that is known to have a potential fault.

So, what constitutes a known fault? What IIMS is looking for is the same fault that has been observed on two identical boats. This might be, for example, cracking around the keel area, electrical system defects or engines that are known to have faults. This is not a witch-hunt against yacht and boat builders and equipment suppliers, rather an attempt to give the small craft surveyor some vital additional information as part of their toolkit.

Submissions to IIMS can be made anonymously. As previously stated, IIMS is only interested in obtaining the information to be able to alert professional marine surveyors.

If you can help with this project, please send those known faults you are aware of by email to Holly Trinder at: info@iims.org.uk, or you can complete a simple online form to make your submission at <https://bit.ly/2kffyEt>.

Ends.

Note to editors: 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. Applications for IIMS membership are subjected to scrutiny by the Professional Assessment Committee before approval is granted.

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