

# The International Institute of Marine Surveying



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### About DGS Marine Group, sponsors of the IIMS London Conference 2015



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Some weeks ago, DGS Marine Group confirmed their commitment as lead sponsor of the IIMS London Conference 2015. IIMS would like to extend a vote of thanks for their generous support of this event taking place at the prestigious Old Library in the Lloyd's building on 7/8 September. Bill McNamee, DGS Marine Group's Chief Surveyor and Consultant, will be speaking at the Conference. His presentation is entitled 'Surveying for P&I Clubs - From a Crew Perspective'.

### Dear Member

Welcome to this News Bulletin from the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). This bulletin is available in PDF 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. For more information about the Institute visit: [www.iims.org.uk](http://www.iims.org.uk)

DGS Marine is a young, vigorous company built on the exceptional experience of its senior management. When you have to resolve problems related to general insurance matters or specific claims, they can act as your 'in-house' experts - freeing up your time and applying their skills to resolve matters quickly and cost effectively.

They provide advice and guidance on a wide range of legal, practical and operational. Their managers will use their experience to critically analyse the key facts of the problem, tell you where you stand and what you should do next. If a deeper investigation and specialist advice is called for, they can instruct an appropriately experienced lawyer, for example, on your behalf. However, when the operator's case is weak, they will say so, explaining and advising how it can best be settled.

Visit the DGS Marine Group's web site: <http://www.dgsmarine.com>

If you have yet to reserve your place at the IIMS London Conference 2015, follow this link to register your place online:  
<http://iims.org.uk/whats-on/iims-conference>



## AGM Agenda published

The AGM Agenda for the meeting that will take place on Tuesday 8 September at Watermen's Hall, 18 St Mary at Hill, London EC3R 8EF has been published and is available to view online. The AGM starts at 14.00 hrs. Any members wishing to add anything to the AGM should notify the IIMS head office. Please note that only full members and above membership grades (who have paid their fees for 2015) may vote at the AGM.

The IIMS 2015 AGM Agenda and Chief Executive Officer's Report can be read and downloaded here: <http://iims.org.uk/whats-on/agm-2015>

## October UK Small Craft Working Group 'super' training day

After the success of the small craft working group meeting in March, the team has put together a full on day of surveyor training aimed solely at small craft surveyors. The date for your diary is Monday 5 October at Portchester Sailing Club on the UK South Coast.

A number of speakers and presenters have been confirmed.

- 09.30 Mike Schwarz speaking about IIMS head office initiatives**
- 10.00 Heather Morton, Paint Manager at Berthon, speaking about paint, repairability, investigations and what's new.**
- 11.00 David Brooks speaking about gas installations**
- 12.00 Niamh Cullen speaking about smart marketing for marine surveyors**
- 12.45 Lunch**
- 13.30 Jon Sharland speaking about a new Tritex NDT product**
- 14.15 Steve Huckvale speaking about electrical installations**
- 15.00 Paul Winter speaking about how to avoid insurance claims**

Tritex NDT and Paul Winter Insurance have agreed to sponsor the event and our thanks go to them.

To reserve your place at the SCWG super training day, please contact Tania Bernice on 023 9238 5223, or email her on [ca@iims.org.uk](mailto:ca@iims.org.uk). The cost of day is just £90 + VAT.

## Survey business opportunity in the sun!

A partner is required for an established one man marine survey business in the Algarve, Portugal. This would suit someone looking for a semi-retirement opportunity as it is not a busy practice. Although the opportunity to grow the business is available to those keen enough to do so. The Principal wishes to spend a little more time sailing and visiting family in faraway places, but also wants to provide continuity of service to the brokers and clients. The majority of the work is pre purchase surveys of pleasure yachts up to 65 feet, insurance renewal and damage surveys. Please Contact the IIMS for more details in confidence by email at: [membership@iims.org.uk](mailto:membership@iims.org.uk) or call Jan Cox on +44 (0) 23 9238 5223.

## Have you booked your place at this year's IIMS London Conference?

Not long to go now until the IIMS London Conference on 7 and 8 September. If you have yet to reserve your place at the IIMS London Conference, (sponsored by DGS Marine and Constellation Marine Services) it is time to do so now. The event is just a few weeks away and there are some first class speakers who are keen to inform and educate you with their passion for their subjects.

From Nick Sloane, who will keep you on the edge of your seats as he talks about the Costa Concordia parbuckling exercise, to the erudite Ken Hickling who tackles the subject of 'This Boat needs Painting! How the survey can help outline the alternatives'

The cost of Conference for two days is just £195 + VAT. Reserving your place at this prestigious event is easy. Just follow this link <http://iims.org.uk/whats-on/iims-conference> and then click the online registration form link.





## IIMS on show at IBEX

IIMS has a stand at IBEX, the world's leading technical boat building showcase. The organisers say that IBEX delivers a unique forum where the marine industry can do business, share ideas, and accelerate new product development. This huge event has been relocated to the Kentucky Exposition Center at Louisville and takes place from 15 to 17 September. IIMS would love to welcome any of its North American members to the stand.



## AMSBC formally amalgamates with IIMS

A ceremony and meeting was held in Vancouver on 8 July to formally amalgamate the Association of Marine Surveyors British Columbia (AMSBC) with the IIMS. As a consequence, a new regional branch of IIMS was created, IIMS Canada.

Richard Smith, President of AMSBC, welcomed guests (and guest of honour Capt. Lampshire-Jones, one of the AMSBC founders in 1969) and spoke about how the association had grown and developed since its inception in 1969. He then stressed that in the best interests of the members of AMSBC, it was time to merge in with an internationally recognised and better resourced organisation that would help members grow and develop further. After a couple of years of soul searching and negotiations, it had been decided that IIMS was the best and most suitable fit.

Richard introduced Capt. Andrew Korek, past President of AMSBC and the new Regional Director of IIMS Canada, to say a few words. Andrew thanked the guests for coming then welcomed and introduced Mike Schwarz, the IIMS CEO, to address the audience.

In his comprehensive presentation about the amalgamation process itself, Mike also showcased the many and varied activities that IIMS and its subsidiary, the Marine Surveying Academy, are engaged with both in the UK and worldwide. He stressed the importance of educating and training members.

Over the coming weeks, existing AMSBC members will be invited to formally make their application to transfer into IIMS. It is anticipated that around 40 AMSBC members will want to become members of IIMS.



*From left to right: Capt Andrew Korek, Richard Smith and Tim Ellis who will form the heart of the new IIMS Canada committee.*



## The procedures for tonnage surveys

Just in case you missed the notice that was published in last month's news bulletin, there has been a steady increase in interest from IIMS members wishing to undertake tonnage surveys. If this is an area of business you wish to operate in, please read this to understand who may and who may not undertake such work.

The IIMS' authority to undertake tonnage surveys is through the Certifying Authority contract with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). The Institute is required to demonstrate to the MCA how it authorises and controls tonnage surveys. To do this we have created a category of 'tonnage only' Certifying Authority surveyor, not authorised to do MCA coding work but ok'd for tonnage.

These tonnage surveyors do not pay a Certifying Authority annual fee but pay the normal fee per tonnage survey they do. A tonnage surveyor needs to be full member as before but also needs to submit sufficient information to show the Certifying Authority Committee that they understand tonnage measurement and rules before being authorised.

If in doubt please contact IIMS head office on [info@iims.org.uk](mailto:info@iims.org.uk)

## IIMS Membership Travel Service scheme



Norad Travel Group is running the newly formed 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 are 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.

Why not make contact for a quotation for your travel requirements?

Norad's UK office can take your telephone calls on +44 (0) 1730 894700 from 08.30-18.00 (GMT) Monday to Friday, or any time by email on: [marine@noradtravel.biz](mailto:marine@noradtravel.biz) or see the web site: <http://iims.org.uk/membership/membership-benefits/iims-membership-travel-service>



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As always, the IIMS head office team is 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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