

NAUTICAL INSTITUTE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is aimed at the Branch Committees to keep you informed of the technical projects and work in progress within the Nautical Institute. It also keeps the branches informed of the future discussions at IMO with which the NI is expected to be involved.

Branch Committees are encouraged to consider these projects when compiling their programmes for future technical meetings. The branch on-line database can also be consulted to see a summary of the technical subjects other branches have been engaged in.

What we publish in Seaways, voice at IMO and how we offer professional services is based upon our Members and therefore our Branches. Good Branch input allows us to be regarded and effective as a well informed and international representative body for modern maritime professionals and branch feedback is essential for this.

BRANCHES ACTIVITIES

Branch events marketing – advance notice of branch events in Seaways, the eNewsletter, social media, and on the NI website. Branch secretaries are asked to provide input to NIHQ with details of future events to ensure we are seen to have international branch events.

Reports of branch activities for Seaways. Many branches already supply these and they are most welcome. However, some could be improved with a fuller description of the discussions after a concise summary of the presentation. These discussions add value to the meeting, often highlight interesting views and show the involvement of the members in the meeting. Above all, branch reports are a means of marketing the branch activities and encouraging more members to attend. A photograph to accompany the report can also help in showing members and others that the branch is active. The new branch websites should also be used to actively promote the branch.

Branch interaction with training institutes – Branches will have received a monthly e-mail from Theresa Nelson, our Training and Quality Manager, regarding material for training institutes. The latest was to encourage Methods of Shiphandling Training with a link to a survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYR2SGW>). We would appreciate very much if you can promote the survey to your branch members so that we can gather information on how people are learning their shiphandling skills. In conjunction with this presentation, the July Seaways contains a CPD related article about Methods of Shiphandling Training.

IMO WORK IN PROGRESS

At IMO the NI delegation uses the feedback from the Sea-Going Correspondence Group (SGCG), workshops, seminars and input from branches to contribute to the debates.

The NI IMO Committee has considered that these issues should be looked at in more detail to become a project for the IMO work.

Guidelines for Safe Mooring for all Ships. The NI is participating in the IMO CG on developing guidelines for safe mooring to help establish a common approach to the implementation and

enforcement of the SOLAS requirements regarding the design and operation of a safe and healthy mooring arrangement. However, views remain widespread in the CG and some have questioned previously established solutions. The Coordinator of the group remains doubtful if this would lead to a more complete and coherent draft guideline. The recommendation is to continue the work in a working group during SDC 5 next January. I have input the feedback from branches to the CG so far, but more input from branches is welcome for use in the working group. Further information supplied on request

Interim Guidelines for determining minimum propulsion power to maintain the manoeuvrability of ships in adverse conditions. Ongoing debate at IMO includes different views on the adverse environmental conditions in the Guidelines, in particular the upper limit of Beaufort force 8/9 which appears to have come from consultations within “industry”. Adverse weather conditions in the scenarios, maximum of which is BF9, are still not severe enough to represent the actual weather conditions which ships meet under usual operation in coastal areas. Ships sometimes have difficulties to avoid extreme weather conditions because of the geographical situation or commercial reason. Therefore, these situations should also be considered for developing the revised Guidelines. If any branches have comment on this please let us know. I can supply the IMO document if required.

OTHER PROJECTS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Branch websites. Branches now have their own webpage accessed through the NI website via Branch Locator button at the top of the NI web page. This gives branches an opportunity to better connect with their members and the outside world in their region. This is **free to all branches** and we encourage you to make use of this facility. Use the Branch URL to publicise your site. In each branch, one person is to be designated as Branch Administrator/Webmaster. NIHQ must be advised when the person is appointed and when changed, as we need to set permissions in our system. Branches wishing to continue using their own site may do so, but the cost of hosting etc must be borne by branch members. **As of January 2018 branches will not be able to fund their websites through a subvention from NIHQ.** Some branches have already started to use the new websites; for those yet to begin **please let me know who will be your Branch Admin/Webmaster ASAP** to enable us to set the permissions in our system and I will email them the guidance document to enable them to begin populating your Branch Website.

Branch interaction. The August edition of Seaways will contain articles by Belgium and British Columbia branches on how they have connected with students in their area. I encourage other branches to note this and identify how they could take this forward in their regions.

Shiphandling Logbooks. In addition to the shiphandling training survey previously mentioned, the NI is developing a logbook for recording shiphandling experience. This will be a generic logbook, with certain activities being mandatory. It will include offshore shiphandling as well as the deep sea activities. Do the branches think this will be accepted by the industry? Would it be acceptable by individuals to purchase and would companies buy it to use as part of their officers training?.

Alert! Compendium. I sent out an email and letter earlier this week regarding the bound version of the Alert! Compendium being offered for free to training institutions. This would be a good opportunity to promote the branch by presenting the compendium to the training institute. If there are any training institutions in your area to whom you would like to present the compendium, please let us know.

For further information or to discuss how branches could address any of these topics please contact Harry Gale, Technical Manager (hq@nautinst.org) or John Dickinson, Head of Delegation IMO (jmd@nautinst.org)