



Isle of Man

International Business School

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Maritime collaboration launches unique international training programme

A new and unique training course for the shipping industry has commenced on the Island. A Ship Superintendent training course had been developed as a collaborative venture between the Isle of Man International Business School, The Isle of Man Marine Administration (now called the Isle of Man Ship Registry) and the private sector (Döhle IOM Ltd and Dorchester Maritime) This is the first partnership of its type to provide unique skills training for Ships Superintendents of which there is a growing worldwide demand.



The intensive 9 day course is being delivered on the Island and has received prestigious accreditation from two of the worlds leading marine authorities, The Nautical Institute and The Institute for Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).

The content of the course is aimed at ships masters and chief engineers looking to move to shore based positions and covers a wide range of technical and soft skills including subject areas such as managing safety, moving from ship to shore, different roles and responsibilities, changes in reporting lines, compliance issues, regulatory requirements, cost control, budgeting and asset management.

Due to the international nature of this profession, there are six nationalities represented amongst the cohort of 10 students on this first programme. Future courses are expected to generate interest from further international students who will travel to the Island to take advantage of this innovative and forward thinking opportunity

Captain Robbie Middleton, Past President and Chair of the Nautical Institute and the course accreditation process, visited the Island and was impressed by this new collaboration,

“This coming together of minds and resources has meant that the Isle of Man has been able address a problem and find a solution. The Nautical Institute welcomes this course and its contribution to the increasing professionalisation of the maritime industry.”

The launch of the Ship Superintendent programme, marks a significant step forward in attracting international students to the Isle of Man and marks further integration of the International Business School within local industry. The significance of this development was re-enforced by the presence of both the Minister for Trade and Industry, Hon Alex Downie and the Minister for Education, Hon David Anderson at the accreditation held at Fort Anne, headquarters of the Döhle Isle of Man Group.

The next planned step for this course is to seek to have the format of the course adopted by the International Maritime Organisation of the United Nations as a “model course” for the training of

Superintendents. This will further enhance the reputation of the Isle of Man, The International Business School and the Manx Maritime industry.

Former chair of the IOM joint branch of RINA and IMarEST, David Furnival of Dorchester Maritime Ltd said,

“Not only does this programme offer excellent opportunities for individuals to change careers from seagoing to land based positions, it also firmly places the Isle of Man at the forefront of worldwide maritime training.”

Notes to editor:

IMarEST

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) is an international professional membership body and learned society for all marine professionals. IMarEST (formerly known as the Institute of Marine Engineers) is the first professional Institute to adopt an all-embracing approach and recognise the need to bring together marine engineers, scientists and technologists.

The Institute is a nominated and licensed body of the Engineering Council (UK) and a member of the Science Council (UK). It has significant links with many organisations that benefit members, such as the International Maritime Organisation, UK Engineering and Technology Board, UK Maritime Forum and Society of Maritime Industries. The Institute's internal committees include the Technical Affairs Committee and Professional Affairs & Education Committee. Special interest groups include the [Small Ships Group](#) and the [Young Marine Professionals](#).

The Institute promotes the importance of keeping up to date with the latest advancements and theories within marine engineering, marine science and marine technology. The IMarEST publishes books and specialist marine journals, as well as organising conferences and seminars so that individuals will have professional support throughout their professional life.



The Nautical Institute

The Nautical Institute is the international professional body for qualified seafarers and others with an interest in nautical matters. It provides a wide range of services to enhance the professional standing and knowledge of members who are drawn from all sectors of the maritime world.

Its work is available to the whole industry to help improve the safety and efficiency of shipping. Its monthly journal [Seaways](#), books, web services and projects help to provide real solutions to problems facing the industry and provide mariners' input to decision makers internationally and nationally.

Our aim is to provide the strongest possible professional focus, dedicated to improving standards of those in control of seagoing craft, while maintaining the Institute as an international centre of nautical excellence.

The formation of Nautical Institute Branches and other groupings is actively encouraged.

The Nautical Institute is a thriving international professional body for qualified mariners – with over 40 branches worldwide and more than 7,000 members in over 110 countries.

Nautical Institute membership is open to all nationalities - in grades appropriate to qualifications. The benefits of joining the Institute are many and include professional recognition, receipt of regular and up-to-date information and, through [Seaways](#), discounts on Nautical Institute publications, conferences, seminars, etc



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