

# Trinity House 500th Anniversary Prize



In 2014 the Corporation of Trinity House in London celebrates its 500th Anniversary. In 1514, King Henry VIII issued the Corporation with a Royal Charter setting out its responsibilities for the safety of navigation around the UK coasts. Much has happened since then, but safety of navigation remains the heart and soul of this venerable institution. Ancient though it is, Trinity House is at the forefront of utilising a balance of the latest technology with traditional methods to ensure that their services, including lights and buoys, pilotage and radio aids to navigation meet the needs of the seafarer.

The Nautical Institute, over its much shorter lifespan, has always worked closely with Trinity House to serve the seafarer. In recent years this has particularly been the case with regard to eNavigation and the effect of offshore renewable energy projects on the shipping routes. A number of events will take place during the year to celebrate the 500th Anniversary and the Institute is pleased to be able to hold one of the Command Seminar 2014 series at Trinity House, London on 16th/17th October with their support and as our part in acknowledging their anniversary.

In addition to the Command Seminar, Trinity House has offered to fund a bursary or prize of £500 for a Nautical Institute member to be presented annually, starting in 2014. We were invited to propose our own criteria to Trinity House and these, having been approved by the Executive Board and Trinity House, are set out below:

- Open to any Generation 'Y' Nautical Institute member (born after 1975)
- Prize to be awarded for the best seminar paper/



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presentation or article on the subject of improving the safety of navigation as part of the Institute's competency project under the current Strategic Plan 2011 - 2015

- Nominations will be accepted from branches, other members, employers, or Institute staff, but an article may also be submitted by the member direct to NIHQ
- Annual period 1st July to 30th June, although the period for the first prize is extended to 30th August 2014 to allow for the later initial promulgation of the prize scheme.

A small Judging Panel will be formed and we will be delighted to welcome a Trinity House representative, Elder or Younger Brother, to be a part of it. It is envisaged that the Panel will comprise:

- A member of the Institute's Executive Board or delegation to its Technical Committee
- A Trinity House Elder or Younger Brother nominated by Trinity House
- The Nautical Institute's Chief Executive or Director of Projects.

The submissions of the nominees will be circulated in advance for the Panel to prepare for their annual meeting at NIHQ.

Presentation of the first prize will be made at the Command Seminar 2014 in London, and at a suitably high profile NI event such as the AGM in subsequent years. The article and prize presentation will be covered in *Seaways* and the Institute will assist the member in whatever way possible to see his or her idea for improving the safety of navigation implemented. The Institute undertakes to cover the winner's travel expenses and it is expected that he or she will be given the opportunity to present their paper at the seminar where the prize will be awarded.



Entries should be sent by 30 August 2014 to:  
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