

# MEETING THE CHALLENGE

The Impact of The Nautical Institute

2020





# OUR VISION

To provide inspiration, knowledge and leadership to maritime professionals around the world.

**OUR MISSION:**

- To inspire maritime professionals
- To work together
- To share ideas and best practices
- To enable better decision making through the process of professional development
- To provide a safer, environmentally sound and sustainable maritime industry



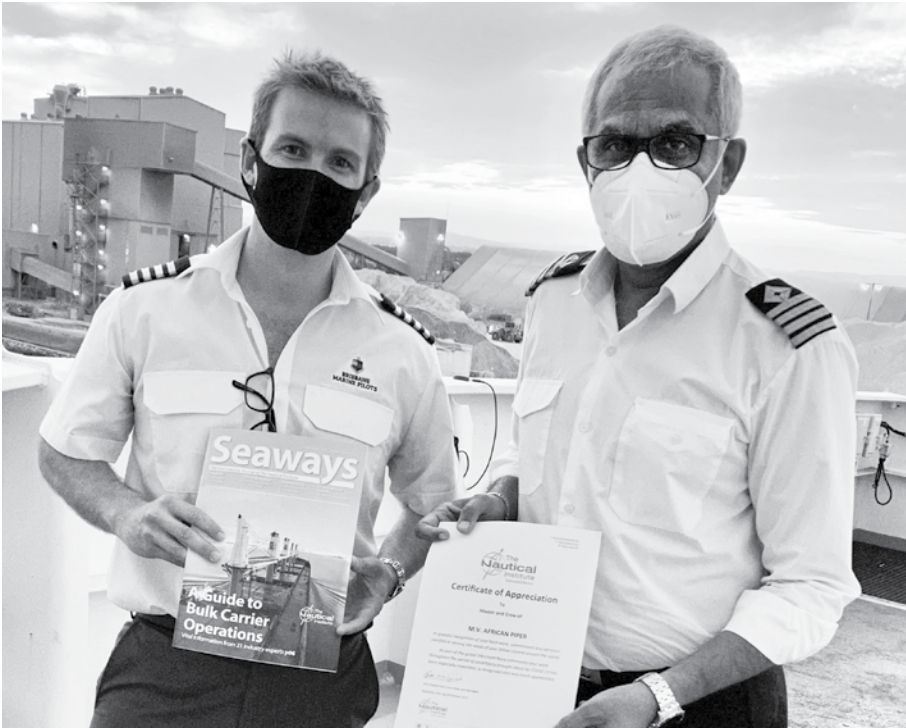
# SUPPORTING THE INDUSTRY

As a membership organisation, it has been particularly important to provide additional support and recognition for our members and the wider maritime industry throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to maintaining all our regular activities at pre-pandemic levels, we have:

- Established a dedicated welfare and support page on our website, featuring a range of valuable resources. This includes updates and guidance from national and international organisations – all in one convenient location
- Developed an online training standard and moved all training courses online, ensuring safety while maintaining direct interaction and quality of teaching
- Extended the validity of all DPO certificates by a period of six months to provide confidence and reassurance to the market
- Shared and amplified the voices of those campaigning for an end to the unjust treatment of seafarers – in *Seaways*, in webinars, at branch meetings, online and at the IMO
- Helped develop and promote the Neptune Principles on seafarer welfare and travel
- Awarded Certificates of Appreciation to crew on visiting ships in recognition of the sacrifices made by seafarers during the pandemic.

“All Masters were very, very grateful to receive this certificate and it means a lot for the entire crew. It’s a way to tap the shoulders of all seafarers to say ‘Many thanks for doing such a wonderful job’”

**Capt Firoze Pasha, harbour pilot**





“A comprehensive end-to-end guide to exemplary safety practices that will be useful for all participants in our workforce”

David Peel, General Manager, Rightship on  
*A Guide to Bulk Carrier Operations*

“Nicely pitched... a very efficient way to get up to speed on how things are developing in the near to medium term”

Attendee feedback on webinar

“Extremely insightful course and the more seafarers who have access to courses like these the better and fairer the industry will become”

Second Officer participating  
in Onboard Assessment online  
course, November 2020

# FOCUS ON OUR STRENGTHS

In order to meet the challenges outlined in our vision and mission statement, we concentrate our efforts in four main areas.

## INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Our range of practical and accessible guides to best practice was extended this year with the launch of:

- A Guide to *Bulk Carrier Operations*, a new publication aimed at STCW certificate holders on bulk carriers.
- A new edition of *Stowaways by Sea*, including an enlarged section on migrant rescue
- The development of a trial taskbook for IMEC

The 25th issue of *The Navigator* offered a chance to reflect on the many vital safety issues we have covered over seven years of publication – and direct readers to the complete online archive, available to all navigators free of charge.

Our sincere thanks to the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN) for being the principal supporter of *The Navigator*.

## BRANCHES AND MEMBERSHIP

Our Institute's global network of branches continued to play a vital role in promoting the message of professionalism, best practice and safety and in providing constructive input to decision-makers. They proved hugely adaptable in the face of the pandemic with many holding online meetings, both social and technical, allowing members to share their expertise around the world.

In addition to Branch meetings, Nautical Institute HQ produced a series of webinars on a wide range of technical issues, available to members and non-members worldwide. These were hugely popular:

- 30 webinars in 2020 (May-December)
- Over 15,000 individual attendees
- Average registration of 840
- Highest attendance 962

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## RESEARCH AND RELATIONSHIPS

Raising awareness of the vital importance of the maritime sector has been a key theme for much of the industry in 2020. The Nautical Institute joined forces with ITN Productions to produce *Navigating the future*, a film that aims to raise awareness and understanding of the shipping industry.

Throughout the year, we cooperated with organisations at every level, locally, nationally and internationally, to push for the recognition of seafarers as key workers.

Thanks to the generous support of the TK Foundation, The Nautical Institute (NI) was able to step up its promotion of mentoring with *Mentoring at Sea – the 10 Minute Challenge* – a dedicated video and social media campaign promoted the importance of mentoring onboard; a key component of both safety and well-being.

Five short videos were produced, using an innovative approach to mixing real-life interviews with NI volunteers with animation. These videos were then promoted over Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, further supported by webinars attracting over 1000 participants.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Full support for our recognition, accreditation and certification programmes continued throughout the year.

- Online course standard developed
- Processing time for DP certification reduced to 1-2 weeks
- 43 courses granted the NI Approved for CPD logo
- Five specialist courses recognised for CPD in the offshore sector.
- 4,499 DP certificates and revalidations – an average process time of 1-2 weeks
- All short courses moved online

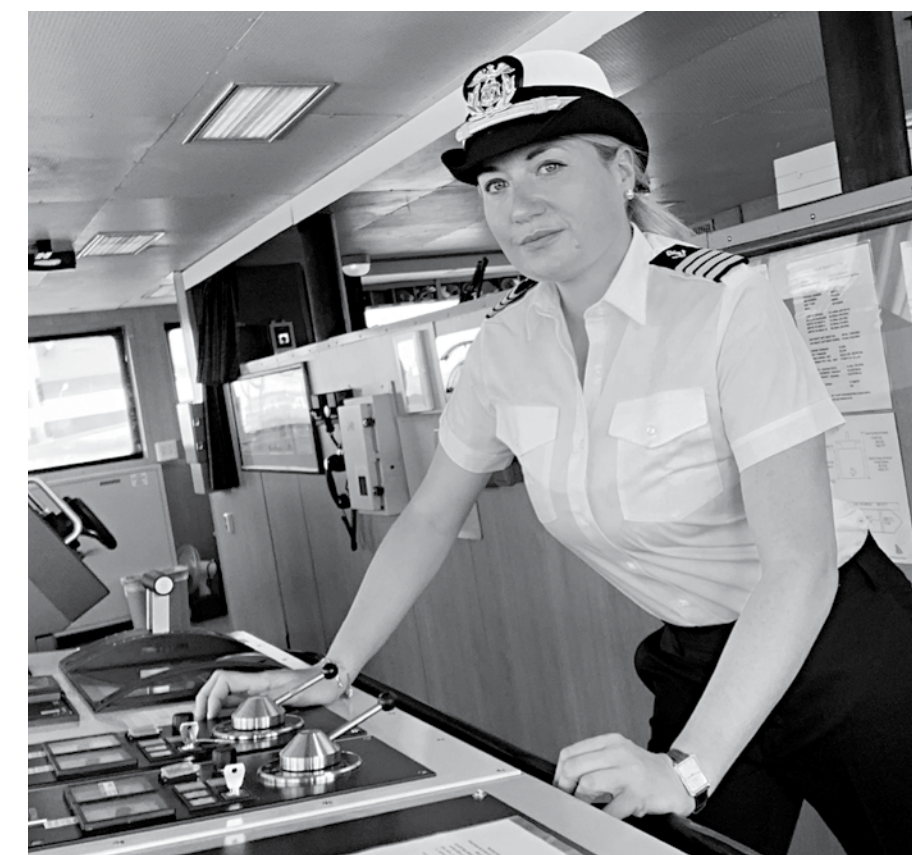
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# THE NAUTICAL INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

In 2020, The Nautical Institute Foundation (NIF) was formally established and began engagement with the maritime community. This new charitable initiative will enable the NI to extend the scope and reach of its current activities. The NIF has its roots within the NI and aims to improve standards in areas where the NI has an interest but which are not the main focus of its own activities. These might, for example, include projects related to work

such as marine surveying and training in port safety or environmental awareness. Among other things, the NIF will look at training and accreditation in the many maritime industries which are currently unregulated, focusing on areas with less developed safety cultures and standards. Project delivery will be based on perceived need, by assessing safety and environmental statistics or by following up calls from industry bodies, NGOs or maritime communities.



## GROW, LEARN AND REACH OUT BY JOINING THE NAUTICAL INSTITUTE

- Take advantage of the opportunity to meet industry professionals, potential employers and like-minded individuals
- Be supported at the local level through our extensive network of Branches
- Keep informed of current industry developments and debate through our highly respected monthly journal *Seaways*
- Access one free online training course per year on a topic of your choice, courtesy of Videotel.

“The Nautical Institute helps me stay at the leading edge of the maritime industry – through meeting industry peers, its seminars and its publications. My membership has been a great investment which has enriched me with professional knowledge and a valuable network.”

**Captain V S Parani, Fellow of The Nautical Institute**



# SETTING THE PROFESSIONAL AGENDA

Our flagship publications *Seaways* and *The Navigator* are read, shared and distributed around the world. Through *Seaways*, Nautical Institute members are at the cutting edge of developing professional knowledge, while *The Navigator* establishes best practice for all navigators, everywhere, right from the start.

## SEAWAYS



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## THE NAVIGATOR

