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Shaping the Future of Dynamic Positioning: Innovation, Competence and Collaboration

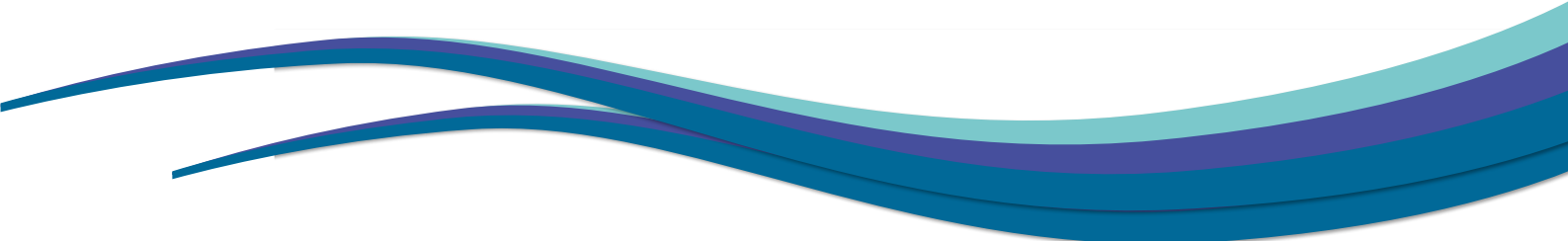
Welcome to the 6th Global Dynamic Positioning & Offshore Energy Conference, hosted by The Nautical Institute at SUNY Maritime College, New York.

New York provides an ideal setting for this year's conference. As a global centre for business, innovation, and maritime activity, and with the rapid growth of offshore wind developments along the U.S. East Coast, it reflects the exciting opportunities and challenges shaping the future of the offshore industry.

Over two days, the conference will bring together DP professionals, vessel operators, training providers, equipment manufacturers, regulators, and industry leaders from around the world to share knowledge, exchange experiences, and discuss the latest developments in Dynamic Positioning.

The programme covers a wide range of topics, including operational excellence, training and competence, technological innovation, human performance, offshore renewable energy, and emerging technologies. Through presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities, delegates will gain practical insights while contributing to the ongoing development of safer, smarter, and more sustainable DP operations.

We are delighted to welcome you to New York and look forward to an engaging and collaborative event.

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Global Dynamic Positioning and Offshore Energy 2026

Wednesday, October 7

07:30

Shuttle Service

Pick up at the Renaissance New York Flushing Hotel at Tangram

08:00

Registration

Lobby of the MAC

Session 1: Opening Plenary

08:30



Welcome address, opening remarks & session chair

Capt. John Lloyd FNI, Chief Executive, The Nautical Institute

08:45



The NI Accreditation and Certification update briefing

Capt. Qasim Masood AFNI, Head of Qualifications M&O, The Nautical Institute

09:00



SUNY Welcome Remarks

Mark Johnson, Deputy Maritime Administrator, US Maritime Administration

09:30



Keynote speech

Rear Admiral John Okon, President of Maritime College

10:00

Morning coffee break

Lobby of the MAC

Session 2: Operating DP safely in a changing world



Session Chair

Capt. Qasim Masood AFNI, Head of Qualifications M&O, The Nautical Institute

10:30



What if it's not just DP Competence – Equipment Failure, is it getting worse?

John Flynn, Marine Manager, Stena Drilling

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Automation Complacency

Andrea Correa da Cruz, Instructor, Kongsberg Maritime Training Center Brazil

11:10



To Target? Or not to Target? That is no longer the Question! A New Class of Optical Local Position Reference Sensor for Safer Dynamic Positioning

Russ Miles, CEO, Furlong Sesning Ltd

11:30



What the DPO wishes the engineer knew?

Renata Santos, Maritime Instructor, Maersk Training Brazil

11:50

Live Q&A and Slido

12:00

Lunch break

Special Events Room, behind the Dining Hall

Session 3: Building competence, assurance and industry standards

13:10



Session Chair: Potential Move of DP Training to STCW Part A, Why or Why Not?

Capt. Glenn Fiander MM AFNI, Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

13:30



Embedding Competence in DP Operations

Richard Purser, Technical Advisor Marine, IMCA

13:50



The Artifact-Driven Audit: Transitioning from Subjective Compliance to Proven Risk Intelligence

Capt. Steve Mason AFNI, Regional DP & Marine Assurance Manager, ABL Group

14:10



Aligning DP Simulation with Operational Reality: Lessons from NI-Accredited Training Practice

Diego Tavares Bonfim, Product and sales manager, Simulations and ports solution, Wärtsilä

14:30



Model Based Testing

Capt. Nanjappa Moodera, General Manager, MOL Maritex Co.,Ltd.

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Live Q&A and Slido

15:00

Afternoon coffee break

Lobby of the MAC

Session 4: Workshop: Deriving maximum Value from the MTS DPC Guidance Documents

15:30 - 17:00



Presenter

Suman Muddusetti, Chairman, Marine Technology Society DPC



Workshop Facilitator

Chuck Centore, Vice Chair, Marine Technology Society DPC

Panellists



John Flynn, Marine Manager, Stena Drilling



Richard Purser, Technical Advisor – Marine, IMCA



Capt. Charlie Stuart, Chief Instructor, Tidewater DPEC & Nautica Maritime Training Centre



Capt. Glenn Fiander, Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland



Dr. Surender Kumar, Research & Development Advisor, Azureus Simulations Asia



Janis Sticenko, DP Project Manager, Novikontas Maritime College, Latvia

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Mat Bateman, Owner & Marine Consultant, Keelson Marine Assurance



Capt. Kirk Raymond, Hornbeck Offshore

17:00



Day 1 Closing Remarks

Capt. John Lloyd FNI, Chief Executive, The Nautical Institute

17:00

Networking Drinks

SUNY Maritime

Depart from SUNY approx 19:00 to Renaissance Hotel

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08:15

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Session 5: The future of DP training

09:00



Session Chair: Dynamic Positioning Training and Use of AI Tools — A Trainer's Perspective

Dr. Surender Kumar FNI, Research & Development Advisor, Azureus Simulators Asia

09:20



Train the brain – how human performance and great instructors shape better decision makers

Louise Engel, Founder & Director, Nautical Science Academy

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Bridging the 20-Year Gap: Tailoring DP Simulator Training for the Gen Z Digital Native.

Janis Sticenko, DP Project Manager, Novikontas Maritime College Latvia

09:50



Understanding Operational Risk, Cognitive Demand and Human Reliability in DP Operations

Sandeep Banger, Electrical & DP Manager, Tidewater

10:10

Live Q&A and Slido

10:20

Morning coffee break

Lobby of the MAC

Session 6: Innovation and emerging challenges in DP



Session Chair

Janis Sticenko, DP Project Manager, Novikontas Maritime College Latvia

10:45



Riser Influence on DP Current in MODU Operational Performance

Capt. Bambang Eka Wibawa, DP Instructor, DPTC PIP Semarang, Indonesia

11:05



DP CPD – Are we delivering?

Mat Bateman, Marine Consultant, Keelson Marine

11:25



Using DGNSS and avoiding contact incidents

Capt. Charlie Stuart, Chief Instructor, Tidewater DPEC & Nautica Maritime Training Centre

11:45



Preserving Human Decision-Making in Intelligent Offshore Operations: A Competency-Based Approach to Training and Human Performance

Talita Scarcela, Training Delivery & Maritime Market Development Support, Maersk Training

12:05

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Lunch break

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Session 7: Future trends in DP



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Navigating Change: Public Policy impacting the Offshore Contracting Sector

Sophia Haywood, Policy & Advocacy Director, IMCA

13:35



Ultra-Deepwater Anchoring on DP: Torpedo Anchor Deployment in the Brazilian Pre-Salt

Capt. Luana Marchiori, Sebastian DP Academy

13:55



Extending DP Competence to Remote Operations: Considerations for the NI Annex J Training Scheme

Dr. Prof. Kim, JeongMin (AFNI), KIMFT(Korea Institute Maritime and Fisheries Technology)

14:15



Enhancing Dynamic Positioning Operator Performance Through Integrated Training Methods: An Empirical Study in Offshore Maritime Operations

Capt. Mahmoud Shawky Shehata Hosny, AASTMT – MT & SMA Maritime Training Centre

14:35

Live Q&A and Slido

14:45 - 15:15

Afternoon coffee break

Lobby of the MAC

Session 8: Closed Session for RTPs

Closed session for NI RTP Agenda items and discussion

15:15- 17:00



Session Chair

Capt. Qasim Masood AFNI, Head of Qualifications M&O, The Nautical Institute

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Presenter

Charlotte Brolly, Qualifications Assistant Manager, The Nautical Institute



Panellist

Janis Sticenko, DP Project Manager, Novikontas Maritime College



Panellist

Dr. Surender Kumar, CEng FIMarEST, FNI, PhD, Research & Development Advisor, Azureus Simulators Asia



Panellist

Capt. Glenn Fiander, Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

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Conference Closing Remarks

Capt. John Lloyd FNI, Chief Executive, The Nautical Institute

18:30

Gala Dinner

Depart SUNY for Cruise Gala Dinner approx 17:00, Return from Cruise to Renaissance Hotel approx 21:30

With many thanks to this years conference host



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