



## Rules for the 2026 Nautical Institute 'Pilot Transfer' Student Competition

This competition is open to all students and cadets undergoing initial maritime training.

Entrants are required to submit a complementary briefing to the International Marine Pilots' Association's (IMPA) 'Required Pilot Transfer Arrangements' poster, selecting three key significant aspects of this guidance and explaining the rationale behind each.

Only one entry per person is permitted.

Entries should be sent to [member@nautinst.org](mailto:member@nautinst.org) (stating the entrant's full name, email address, telephone number plus the name of their college, university or cadetship sponsor\*) in one of the following formats:

- an article (max 800 words)
- poster (in Word or PDF format)
- short video (all videos must be submitted via <https://wetransfer.com/> and should be in mp4 format, no longer than 4 minutes and no more than 500MB in size)

*\* The Nautical Institute will seek to verify this information prior to the awarding of a prize.*

Entries should not include any form of copyrighted content.

Entrants will be deemed to have given The Nautical Institute full permission to publish/reproduce their entry, either in its original form or as an edited version.

First prize is £500 worth of Amazon gift vouchers, with two runners-up each receiving £250 in vouchers. The Nautical Institute reserves the right to substitute each prize with an alternative prize of similar value where Amazon gift vouchers are not available in the winner's country of residence.

Prizes will be conditional on each winning entrant providing a good quality 'head and shoulders' photograph of themselves, as well as a minimum of 50 words on what winning the prize means to them. Each winner should also be prepared to make themselves available should a representative of The Nautical Institute wish to make a personal presentation.

The deadline for entries is 17.00 UK time on Monday 31 August 2026.

The winning entries will be selected by a panel of three senior members of the global maritime community, each with extensive experience of pilot transfers. In the event of any dispute, their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The winners of this competition will be announced on Thursday 1 October 2026. Each winner will be notified via the email address they used to submit their entry. If a winner does not respond to this notification within 14 days they will forfeit their prize and a replacement winner will be chosen. To claim their prize, each winner should follow the instructions in the email from The Nautical Institute, notifying them that they are a winner.

The organiser of this competition is The Nautical Institute, 200B Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JY, United Kingdom, working in partnership with the International Marine Pilots' Association (IMPA) 1 Cornhill, London EC3V 3ND, United Kingdom.