

Impact Report 2025





A message from our CEO

Operational safety and continuing professional development are at the heart of everything we do at The Nautical Institute. Whether working at sea or ashore, maritime professionals make decisions every day that directly affect lives, assets and the environment. Supporting those professionals with practical guidance, training and high standards remains our core purpose.

In 2025, we focused on enabling safer maritime operations through education, professional development and sharing best practice. Confidence in our ability to deliver high-quality publications, training and qualifications remained strong, reflecting the industry's recognition of its agile needs and the importance of continuing professional development in an increasingly complex operating environment.

Our members are part of a global community that brings together experience from across all sectors, regions and career stages. By listening to the needs of our industry and working collaboratively with other organisations and institutions, we help share this knowledge and maintain high standards in training and operational safety.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our members and partners. Their passion for our industry, their commitment to sharing knowledge and best practice and their support for our IMO delegate scheme and SeaGoing correspondence group, among other initiatives, make our impact greater.

This report is testament to how working together allows us to improve professional standards through training and education. In doing so, we continue to promote safety, resilience and sustainability across the maritime industry.

Thank you all for another impactful year.

Captain John Lloyd FNI

Chief Executive Officer
The Nautical Institute



The Nautical Institute Highlights

14,000+
members

150+
countries

60+
branches

86
training
centres



Training and learning

12,000+
online exams
delivered

5,000
students enjoyed
our benefits

46,000+
DPOs trained
worldwide

261
approved DP
instructors



Our online courses and
self-study programmes enjoy an overall
satisfaction rate higher than **4.7**



Publications

3
new books
published
in 2025

3,000
attendees at
book-related
webinars



50+
50+ reports through our Mariners'
Alerting and Reporting Scheme



Our purpose

For more than 50 years, The Nautical Institute has been promoting the highest standards of professionalism, competence and safety across the maritime industry. As a registered charity, we exist to advance public education in nautical science and nautical studies, working with regulators, educators, the industry and our membership to improve operational safety and sustainability.



Vision

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



Mission

- To inspire maritime professionals
- To enable better decision making by working together
- To share ideas and best practice
- To provide a safer, environmentally sound and sustainable maritime industry

Membership and branches

A growing, global professional community

14,000+
members

150+
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worldwide

With more than 14,000 members around the world, we support maritime professionals working at sea and ashore with their continuing professional development. Benefits of our membership include: our monthly technical magazine *Seaways*, access to specialist online maritime courses, one-to-one interview coaching and presentation at the International Maritime Organization and other maritime authorities.

In 2025, more than 5,000 student members of The Nautical Institute enjoyed a range of complementary benefits, including access to the digital version of *Seaways*, branch workshops and networking events.

Our volunteer-led branches actively support their local maritime communities with workshops, technical conferences and events that promote networking.



Member statements

“ Professional recognition, networking opportunities, industry updates, advocacy, representation, credibility and trust are essentially how membership supports maritime professionals in upholding high standards, advancing their careers and contributing to a safer, more efficient maritime industry ”

Captain Jesus Menacho Pierola AFNI

“ It is the members who make it truly special. They believe in you unconditionally, offer support, share their expectations and give valuable advice ”

Verena Stiller AMNIS

“ It is an honour to be part of one of the most professional and influential organisations in the global maritime community, supporting seafarers and their professional development ”

Professor Vladimir Torskiy FNI

“ The exposure and experience which I receive as a student member and Younger Member Ambassador give me sufficient momentum to excel in my career in the maritime industry ”

Ajmal Ismail AMNIS



“ A well-judged blend of professional experience, best practice and technical knowledge, this book gives ship crews a clearer view of a pilot’s expectations, supporting seamless cooperation on the bridge ”

Captain Alan Stroud AFNI, UK Maritime Pilots Association

Information and publications

Sharing best practice where it matters most

Our publications and technical guides, available both in physical and digital format, continue to be a valuable resource of knowledge for maritime professionals working at sea and

ashore around the world. Our publications, written by mariners for mariners, are a leading source of learning for professional practice and operational safety.

Impact highlights

3

new books
published in 2025

120+

orders from
companies

3,000+

attendees at our
book-related webinars

20+

orders from maritime
training institutions



Seaways

Our globally recognised monthly member's technical magazine, *Seaways*, offers the most vibrant professional discussion and insights in the industry. Contributions come directly from maritime professionals aiming to share best practice and improve operational safety, allowing readers to be kept up to date with changes in legislation, management and technical procedures.



“*Seaways* has consistently maintained its reputation as a cornerstone of maritime journalism, providing insightful, relevant and expertly crafted articles on pressing issues within the industry. I can confidently state that it is a journal we eagerly await every month. Authored by maritime professionals, its content resonates deeply with our colleagues onboard and ashore, addressing vital concerns and fostering discussions that drive progress. At Anglo-Eastern, we have long recognised the value of *Seaways*, ensuring its distribution across all our ships and training centres for over two decades. This commitment underscores the journal's significance as a resource that not only informs but inspires, enabling maritime professionals to stay at the forefront of industry advancements”

Captain Vikrant Malhotra Group Managing Director, QHSE

Research and relationships

Industry collaborations that matter



Considering the rapid changes in the industry, our research projects and consultations focus on operational safety, the human element and the impact of technology, providing thought leadership and practical guidance aligned with our member's needs.

Through our consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and collaboration with other institutions, we influence regulation and standards on maritime safety.

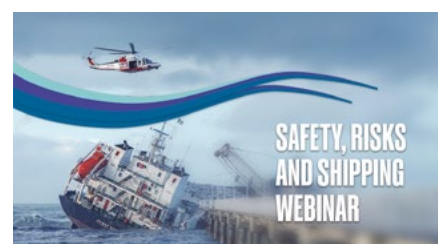
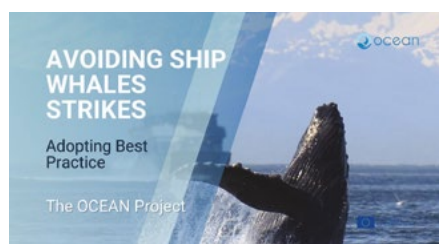
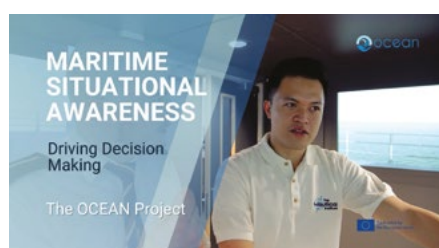
Our free webinars, featuring leading experts from our industry, focus on current topics and provide a continuous source of knowledge for maritime professionals around the world.

With support from our volunteer members, our IMO delegation made 21 interventions and participated in nine paper submissions. Our

interviews with senior members and delegates from the IMO and our video series "Your voice at the IMO" promote collaboration and strengthen our impact in the industry.

The European funded OCEAN project (Operator-Centred Enhancement of Awareness in Navigation) concluded in 2025 and the seven high-quality training videos promoting navigational safety remain freely available on our YouTube channel and the project's website.

In collaboration with Lloyd's Register Foundation, we started our STEER Project (Seafarer, Technology, Engagement, Empowerment and Resilience), which will allow us to explore the impact of technology on seafarers over the following two and a half years. With our focus on #ListeningToSeafarers we deliver a practical toolbox that supports better decision making.



The Navigator

In association with the Royal Institute of Navigation (RIN) and the International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN), our free publication, The Navigator, provides insights and valuable guidance to seafarers around the world.



MARS Reports



With the generous support from our Nautical Affiliate partners, we published more than 50 reports through our Mariners' Alerting and Reporting Scheme (MARS) confidential reporting

system, providing the industry with a free valuable database that helps reduce risk and supports seafarers and maritime professionals in improving operational safety.



“ Martech Polar has been proud to support The Nautical Institute’s Mariners’ Alerting and Reporting Scheme for over nine years. MARS continues to be an extremely valuable resource for mariners where we can share and learn from each other’s close calls and incidents in an open and objective forum ”

Captain David (Duke) Snider FNI, Martech Polar Consulting Ltd

The Nautical Institute Academy

Supporting your maritime career journey



Learning is a lifelong journey. The Nautical Institute supports seafarers and maritime professionals through high-quality training courses, designed to help their career journey.

Our online courses and self-study programmes enjoy an overall satisfaction rate higher than 4.7/5.

With the generous support of The Seafarers Charity, we offer scholarship schemes that allow mariners from all around the world to have access to training that further supports their career development.

In collaboration with The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST), we have re-launched the Certificate of Excellence (CoE), an international accreditation recognising organisations that demonstrate globally benchmarked standards of quality in maritime training and education. The Certificate of Excellence sets a benchmark for quality and continuous improvement in maritime education and training.



high-quality
training courses



4.7/5
satisfaction rate



scholarships for
global training



re-launched
the CoE

“ I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the ILM Level 3 Leadership and Management in Maritime Operations Course. It was truly an enriching experience, and I am grateful for the scholarship provided. The course struck a perfect balance between an academic approach and hands-on experience. The professionalism of the instructors was commendable, and their dedication to ensuring our understanding of the material was evident throughout. Their ability to seamlessly blend theory with practical discussions made the learning process both engaging and informative. I am excited to apply the leadership skills and knowledge gained from the course in my professional life, as well as in my personal endeavours. Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. ”

**Leonard Rodriguez 09/11/25 QSE Manager, DPA & CSO, Venezuela,
The Seafarers' Charity Scholarship for Leadership and Management**



Qualifications: Marine and offshore

Setting the global competency standards for DPOs

Confidence in The Nautical Institute's dynamic positioning certification framework remains strong. Our accredited training network and instructor community ensure consistent, high-quality learning for DPOs worldwide.

Our efforts are focused on providing training and certification that align with the industry's high and evolving standards for operational safety.

Impact highlights

86

accredited training centres globally

261

approved DP instructors

46,000+

DPOs trained worldwide

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online exams delivered



Events

Keeping professionals around the world connected

Every year, our events bring together maritime professionals, decision makers and innovators to exchange ideas, share knowledge and support our mission for a safer, environmentally sound and sustainable maritime industry.

From technical conferences to targeted networking opportunities, our events promote the exchange of ideas as well as build relationships.

In February, we hosted delegates during the human element, training and watchkeeping (HTW) week at the IMO, promoting our work around safety and highlighting the contribution we make by directly representing our maritime community through our consultative status. All delegates, from member states and NGOs, had the opportunity to meet our teams and learn about our publications and the wider work we do.

Our technical conference in Dubai focused on future maritime skills and was attended by more than 130 delegates.

During London International Shipping Week, we co-hosted an event with WISTA on future-ready skills for the maritime industry.

Following the Kind Leadership workshop, organised by MPC in collaboration with The Nautical Institute and CHIRP, we hosted a networking event at Lambeth Palace, bringing together maritime leaders who focus on promoting thought leadership and safety in our industry.

Our technical committees, supported by our members on a voluntary basis, allow us to be at the top of our industry's needs and deliver training initiatives, publications and events that best support thought leadership and operational safety.

We are grateful to all our sponsors for their continued support, which enables us to expand our reach and strengthen our impact in building a more resilient, competent and safer maritime industry.

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Looking ahead

Our impact in the industry is testament of the strength of The Nautical Institute's global community. Through the growth of our membership, the expert knowledge shared within our community and our cooperation

with organisations that share our vision for a safer, environmentally sound and sustainable maritime industry, we are well positioned to extent our impact and continue serving maritime professionals around the world.







The Nautical Institute is an international membership organisation for maritime professionals, working at sea and ashore, and a leading authority in the maritime industry. We promote the highest standards of professionalism, best practice, competence and safety in the maritime industry by providing professional development opportunities, training, publications and accreditation.

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