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Spreading the news



Thank you for showing your leadership and commitment to helping continuous improvement in the maritime community.



It has been a pleasure to see extensive coverage of The Nautical Institute on social media channels in recent weeks. As well as our own reporting of events and developments, several members are active in drawing attention to their own activities and shining a spotlight on how The Nautical Institute helps them with key industry contacts and sharing of best practice.

On that note, congratulations to NI President Jillian Carson-Jackson FNI, recently awarded the Safety4Sea Personality of the Year award. This is presented to 'an individual that provided industry influence and contributed towards safer and sustainable shipping'. The award is a well-deserved mark of recognition of her dedication to the development of The Nautical Institute, and of her work towards a safer, more professional and more inclusive industry.

We have also welcomed many new members recently – some of whom have used social media to announce the fact they have joined leading professionals committed to high standards and their own personal professional development.

To our new members, thank you for joining us, a very warm welcome and thank you for showing leadership and commitment to helping continuous improvement in the maritime community. There remains lots to be done – as you will see in this edition of *Seaways*, where once again we have to point out the huge importance of rigging pilot boarding arrangements properly.

We owe comprehensive diligence to this task. Others are quite literally putting their lives in our hands and we must ensure that no short-cuts are taken when dealing with the safety of others.

Another important area is that of crew welfare. Looking after our people and ensuring they are 'OK' is as important (if not more so) than checking on their professional performance from time to time. We all need help, whether to develop professionally or personally and, as members of The Nautical Institute, others look to us for leadership. We help set an example by looking after others, ensuring they are ready in all respects to go about their duties and that the offer of help is there whenever it is needed.

There is no doubt professionals feeling good about themselves will do a much better job than those distracted by personal concerns and a lack of mental well-being. Be supportive – be the leader others look to.

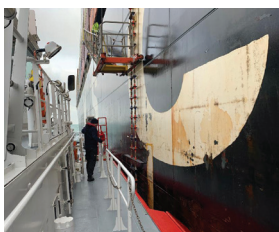
Ensuring seafarer welfare and wellbeing was identified as a priority in our most recent survey of members; an issue which is a key theme in this edition of *Seaways*. Our priorities as a professional body are driven by our members. These are typically identified and updated through a global survey of members conducted every five years. These surveys then helps us write the Strategic Plan, identifying where we should focus our efforts during this period.

Our members also contribute to Committees and other activities such as Council, which meets twice a year and reports directly to the Annual General Meetings. We are especially keen to have the support of our seagoing members as part of Council. If you would like to know more about how Council works and to represent our members under the Chair of the President, please drop me a line. We need more seagoing members of Council to be appointed next year – so do get in touch if you are interested. Drop me an email at John.Lloyd@nautinst.org

In many countries, 11 November is a date of remembrance for those lost in conflicts all around the world. In many such conflicts, civilian merchant navy mariners have suffered heavy casualties and it is right they will be remembered on this date and other dates of remembrance held throughout the year.

I will attend the Merchant Navy Memorial at Tower Hill, in London; our Immediate Past President, Commodore Nick Nash will be representing the Merchant Navy in the service of remembrance held each year in the Royal Festival Hall, London.

Remembering our lost mariners is a mark of respect important to those who have served under such challenging conditions and to the families who have lost loved ones. Merchant Navy memorials can be found in many parts of the world and I invite you to share photographs of your local memorial with me. Please include a note with permission to use your photograph as we may share it in *Seaways* or the Armillary News. 🌐



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