

The Nautical Institute launches Command Diploma Scheme

The Nautical Institute's flagship distance learning programme, the Command Diploma Scheme, was launched on 24 March in Singapore at the first of this year's Nautical Institute Command Seminars.

This scheme is intended for those about to take command as well as those who have just done so. At its core are the subjects that existing and aspiring Masters have identified as areas of concern: onboard leadership and management, navigation and shiphandling, ship's commercial business and coping with emergencies.

NI's Command Diploma Scheme provides a practical way for aspiring officers to prepare themselves for the responsibilities and realities of command at sea. It comprises a well thought-out programme of self-directed learning, with challenging practical assignments plus a final essay and interview, all designed to take the candidate far beyond the minimum requirements of STCW. Candidates benefit from having their work assessed by experienced mariners, all of whom are senior members of The Nautical Institute.

Award of the Nautical Institute Command Diploma offers a way for new Masters both to build their confidence and to distinguish themselves from their colleagues.

In today's highly competitive and challenging work environment there is a significant advantage to having independent verification of readiness to serve successfully as Master.

David Patraiko FNI, Director of Projects for The Nautical Institute, said: *'Assuming command of a ship is a huge responsibility; you become responsible for the lives of your crew, the ship, your cargo, the commercial success of your company and of course the environment. The NI Command Diploma Scheme is a culmination of many experienced Masters' knowledge brought together to help the Master-to-be prepare as best possible for this ultimate challenge.'*

For further information on the Command Diploma Scheme, readers are invited to contact NI by email at: command@nautinst.org

As with the other four Command Seminars being organised by The Nautical Institute this year, the Singapore event will explore the theme of Navigation Accidents and their Causes. Within this overall theme, the speakers – all senior maritime professionals – will consider topics such as navigation assessments,

mentoring, ice navigation and lessons to be learned from accidents and near misses.

Other venues hosting Command Seminars this year are Cape Town (10 / 11 April), London (17 / 18 May, held in conjunction with the Institute's annual general meeting), Cork, Ireland (12 / 13 October) and Limassol, Cyprus (3 November).

Details about all these events can be found on the Institute's website at: www.nautinst.org/Command-2017

About The Nautical Institute

The Nautical Institute is an international representative body for maritime professionals involved in the control of sea-going ships. It provides a wide range of services to enhance the professional standing and knowledge of members who are drawn from all sectors of the maritime world. Founded in 1972, it has over 50 branches worldwide and some 7,000 members in over 120 countries.

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David Patraiko FNI, Director of Projects for The Nautical Institute.

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