

ECDIS Ltd Launches Two New Cyber Security Awareness (CSA) Courses

IAIN Corporate Member ECDIS Ltd has expanded its 35+ strong training portfolio with two new courses for Cyber Security Awareness (CSA) Operators and for Management. The courses cover a wide range of topics from What is Cyber Security, to Risks of the Internet and Hacking as well as providing a case study from a large American company who staged a cyber attack.

The courses have been developed and delivered to the maritime industry in response to the ever increasing recognition of its impact both onboard and ashore. The effect of cyber attacks can be detrimental not only to company finances due to delay but also to the safety of the crew and passengers.

A pilot of the course was run on 6 December to gain invaluable feedback from students and it has proven to be a popular course with Simon Jobb of Condor Ferries stating that it was *‘Productive all round’*.

Their goal is to be the world’s first to receive MCA approval by writing the course in accordance with the IMO’s Interim Guidelines for Cyber Security, as well as Bimco’s Cyber Security Guidance and the STCW Table A-VI/6-1 and A-VI/5.

From STCW/CONF.2/34 the writer and course instructor George Ward commented: *‘The course went well, we are feeling positive that this will be an invaluable tool for all shipping companies to gain insight into where they can improve their systems and indeed their company practices with regards to preventing cyber attacks.’*

These courses have been designed as standalone courses, or as an addition to the existing MCA Approved Bridge Team Management (BTM) course as bridge teams are at the forefront of cyber attacks.

About ECDIS Ltd

ECDIS Ltd is a privately-owned UK registered company. Originally offering just the IMO 1.27 Generic ECDIS course, it went on to become the largest global independent company in its field, it is reported, and now offers 35 STCW courses. In 2014 ECDIS Ltd was runner-up in the UK National Business Awards for International Growth competition.

As a training company with a wide portfolio of courses ranging from Deck to Security, ECDIS Ltd has a growing client base of 150 large commercial

shipping companies, governments and military clients worldwide. Over the last five-year trading period, ECDIS Ltd has achieved a documented 96% perfection feedback on training courses and 98% for equipment.