

The Nautical Institute launches *Shiphandling Logbook*

Shiphandling is probably the most important skill for mariners and one of the most difficult to practice. The Nautical Institute recognises the value of gaining sea-time and developing shiphandling skills and has now published *Shiphandling Logbook*, launched on 7 February.

This logbook aims to provide seafarers with an essential tool to help them manage the development of their shiphandling skills and take advantage of training opportunities. Mariners will be able to record and reflect on their experiences, provide evidence of what has been learned, identify gaps and be encouraged to take opportunities to learn more, it has been reported

The Nautical Institute's Director of Projects, David Patraiko FNI, commented: *'Mariners should take advantage of every opportunity to improve their understanding of shiphandling, to identify any additional learning they need and to arrange for this to happen. The logbook should encourage mentoring, which costs very little, if anything, and is essential to the learning of shiphandling. If done well, it will lead to greater safety, as the skill levels and confidence of officers will increase.'*

This easy-to-use logbook includes a complete list of manoeuvres and understanding required under STCW. *Shiphandling Logbook* is advertised as an essential tool regardless of ship and trade for those who wish to develop their professionalism.

During the month of February 2018, this publication is The Nautical Institute's Book of The Month, available at a discounted price of £21. To purchase *Shiphandling Logbook*, readers are invited to contact: pubs.admin@nautinst.org