

***The Navigator* helping to develop shiphandling skills**

The current issue of *The Navigator* published on 8 February encourages readers to explore, learn and develop their shiphandling skills and knowledge.

This, the 17th issue of *The Navigator*, emphasises the value of gaining seetime.

Experts give their valuable perspectives on shiphandling methods, manoeuvres and mentoring with the aim of inspiring readers to take advantage of training opportunities and improve safety and best practice.

Emma Ward, Editor of *The Navigator*, said: *‘Shiphandling is probably one of the hardest skills to master, and one that takes time and patience to get right.’*

David Patraiko, Director of Projects for The Nautical Institute, added: *‘Few people in the world will have the opportunity to handle a massive object like a ship in such a dynamic environment with such inherent risks. Good shiphandling is a skill that navigators can be proud to achieve. It should be cherished and continually refined.’*

The Nautical Institute continues to distribute the free 12-page magazine to as many professional marine navigators around the world as possible.

Readers interested in finding out how their organisation can take part in the scheme are invited to visit: www.nautinst.org/thenavigator

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