

NI launches DPO qualification for the renewables sector

The Nautical Institute has expanded its world-leading certification scheme for Dynamic Positioning Operators (DPOs) to include a qualification for seafarers operating in the renewables sector. This qualification is a response to the increasing need for specialist operators to work on jack-up barges needed to install wind turbines. This was reported on 7 January.

In the words of said The Nautical Institute CEO Captain John Lloyd: *‘The continued growth of activity in the renewable energy sector is an important contribution to managing global resources by sustainable means. We are pleased to contribute to the maintenance of high standards in this sector by drawing upon our experience in managing qualifications for DPOs. We thank our industry partners for helping us develop this qualification which is tailored to the specific needs of their operations and look forward to continuing our service to the maritime community.’*

The Self-Elevating Platform (Jack-up) DP training is based on The Nautical Institute’s established certification scheme. It uses the same logbook as the DP Offshore Scheme to record time spent on board the vessel. A separate task section has been developed in collaboration with employers in the renewable sector to meet the specific needs and challenges of the industry.

DPOs completing the Self-Elevating Platform (Jack-up) DP training scheme will receive a Restricted to Self-Elevating Platform DP Certificate. A minimum of 120 days on board a DP classed vessel plus 30 DP operations must be completed together with the task sections.

The Nautical Institute is an international representative body for maritime professionals involved in the control of seagoing 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 40 branches worldwide and some 7,000 members in more than 120 countries.