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Royal Australian Navy International Fleet Review, Sydney

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Mariners one and all,

Yes, I fully admit that the absence of NISEA branch newsletters is a burden I hold personally: I won't blame the lack of bandwidth on the far side of the globe (Papua New Guinea) at all. I can, however, articulate the legend of 'wash wash mary' the mermaid bathing hole and a few others for a reasonable price.

Big news for the Branch, and the Australian nautical community, is that the 2014 NI Annual General Meeting and associated Command Seminar is coming to Sydney: put 16-17 June 2014 in your diaries now. Volunteers are required to help arrange venues, hosting duties to chaperone some of the key players and professional and social activities for the hundreds of expected guests down under. To register your support please advise one of the committee members. It will require all hands on deck to get such a large and influential occasion up and running, and craft the maritime agenda for 2014-15.

This month, a catch-up compilation of key interests and articles: policy consultation, care of the maritime environment (everyone's responsibility), International Fleet Review and Sea Power/Pacific 2013 round up, as well as Bridget Hogan's visit from NI Headquarters to Adelaide, Launceston, Melbourne, Canberra, Newcastle and Sydney.

Your contributions are vital to focus the membership on pertinent issues and camaraderie. Please forward input to ashleypapp@gmail.com.

Stay safe out there, and keep the land on the left - Editor.

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Sydney and area – remember...

13 December: Christmas function.

Stay tuned to emails.

RSVP required – please e-mail:

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Conference

Ideas in Movement: the Role of Conflict and Commerce in the History of Navigation

Royal Institute of Navigation

National Maritime Museum, London

3–4 April 2014

<http://www.rmg.co.uk/researchers/conferences-and-seminars/ideas-in-movement>

Mentor Required

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (<http://www.asrc.org.au/>) is in need of a maritime professional mentor for an asylum seeker who is a maritime logistician and currently completing a PhD in Logistics and Port Management. The mentoring position, once a training session and initial meeting with the asylum seeker is complete, will have a time commitment of one hour per fortnight which will be conducted in a private on-line space created specifically for the program, worcs@asrc.org.au. If you are interested in reading more about the program please do so here: <http://www.asset.asrc.org.au/engage/worcs/>

Filipino Seafarers Doing it Tough After Typhoon Haiyan

Our thoughts go out to the thousands of Filipino seafarers affected by the devastating typhoon earlier this month: just calling home to check on loved ones is a trial in itself. The financial impact means many of those sailors are going to have spend many more months or years at sea to rebuild their family's housing; many in ships not fully subscribing to IMO, ISM, STCW or MLC requirements.

The Mission to Seafarers has set up a fund to help with communications back home. Details can be found at <http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/Mission-to-Seafarers-Sets-Up-Fund-for-Filipino-Seafarers-Emergency-Communications-2013-11-12/>

Lloyd's Maritime Atlas 2014

Published since 1951, this is the oldest and respected atlas in the shipping industry has been fully updated and enhanced with brand new maps and features. [Find out more](#)

And – if you are in Canberra, check out 'mapping the world' on at the national library of Australia <http://www.nla.gov.au/mapping-our-world/highlights>

Expression of interest sought

The Ministry of Infrastructure, Tonga is currently looking for a qualified Maritime Advisor for their Maritime and Ports Division (MPD). This is an employment opportunity in the Kingdom of Tonga.

If you're interested please submit your detailed CV to Pua Latu platu@tscp.to

The deadline for submission is Friday the 13th December 4:30pm LOCAL Tongan time.

If you have an event, photo, not-for-profit plug or date for the Noticeboard, please submit it to the editor.

People and places

Members:

If you take a peek in Seaways you will see that we have some membership changes – we welcome P. R. Beekman (AUS / VIC) and M. P Doyle (AUS-NSW) as Associate Fellows; H. R Glenn (AUS-TAS) as Member.

We also welcome W. Laing (AUS / VIC) and M Doyle (AUS / NSW) to the branch.

Crossing the Bar:

Captain John Cecil Williams ‘crossed the bar’ on 11 October 2013 after a long battle with cancer at the age of 87 years. Captain Nick Lampe passed away 10 October 2013, aged 66 years. (*With thanks from CMMA*)

If you have any notices for people and places please make sure you forward these to the editor!

	<p>Nautical Institute Command Seminar and AGM 2014 ‘Navigation Competence’ Australian National Maritime Museum Sydney 16-17 June 2014</p>
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2014 Command Seminar and AGM in Sydney

Planning has commenced for the 2014 Command Seminar and Nautical Institute Annual General Meeting to be held in Sydney. This is an exciting chance to show off the best of down under and influence the international maritime agenda. The success of this year’s AGM in Sri Lanka allowed that nation to showcase their wares and bring the international NI committee and representatives from a vast number of nations to their shores: see <http://niagm2013.lk>

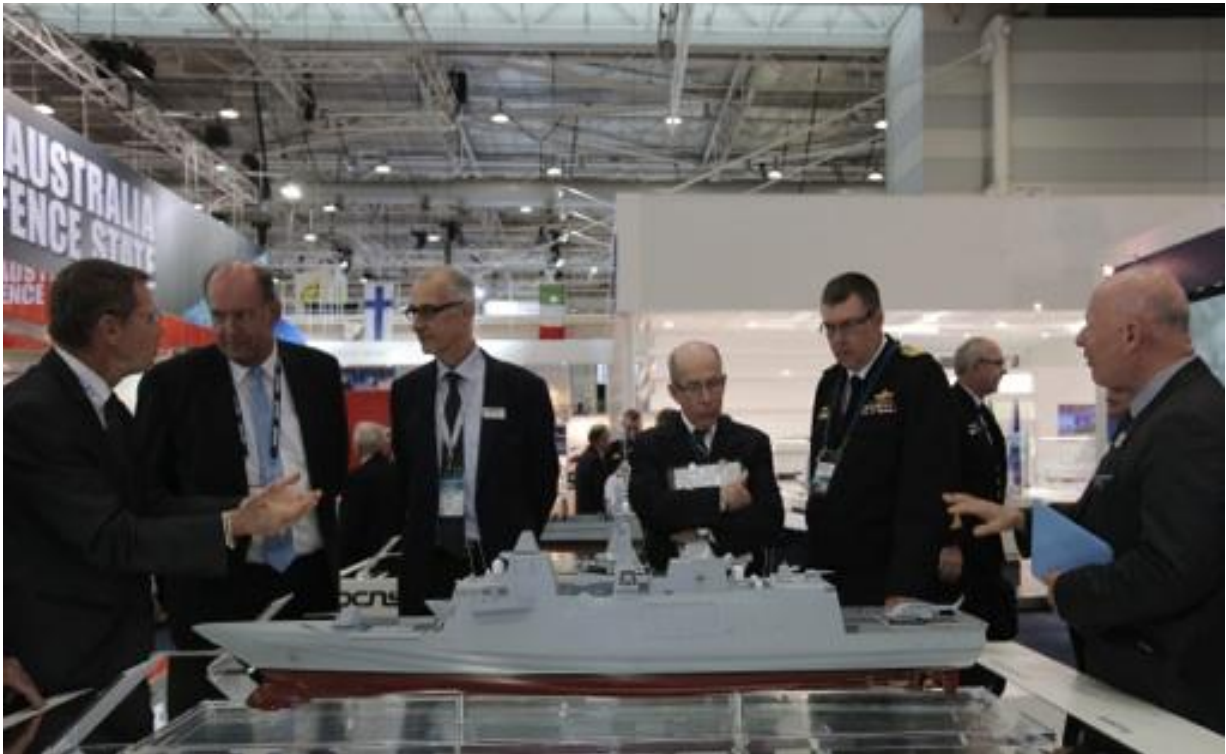
During the International AGM and associated seminar, delegates have the potential to join members from more than 110 countries and geographical areas with different experiences and backgrounds to sit side-by-side and partake in fellowship.

The 2014 venue has been arranged for Australian National Maritime Museum, 16-17 June 2014. The programme for the two days will be out in due course and will include guests speakers on a range of topics centred on the theme of **‘Navigation Competence’** and social activities. If you have ideas for speakers, forum session facilitators, social activities and/or connections for travel and accommodation events, tours and other activities to show off our nation then please put your ideas forward to the committee.

Looking ahead, it is important that the branch focuses on using its increased capacity and on delivering some of key objectives of NI HQ and its strategic plan at a local level.

Sea Power Conference and Pacific 2013 Expo

Congratulations to Captain Justin Jones RAN and his team for leading the Sea Power Conference in October. The Royal Australian Navy Sea Power Conference 2013 formed a key part of the International Fleet Review commemorating the 100th anniversary of the arrival in Sydney of the First Australian fleet of warships. The conference explored the theme of Naval Diplomacy and Maritime Power Projection with a focus on the utility of navies in the Maritime and Asian Century.



Defence Minister and Chief of Navy and delegates at Pacific 2013 Expo

The Sea Power Conference brought together eminent scholars and strategic thinkers as well as senior leaders in the Australian Defence Force and visiting navies to engage in strategic issues affecting the ADF, RAN and our partners in the coming century. Alongside the formal content of the conference, bilateral meetings occurred between many delegations representing Naval Diplomacy in action. The unofficial theme of the conference was undoubtedly collaboration and joint partnerships. Acknowledgement that a secure maritime domain underpins worldwide economic prosperity was central to much of the conference. As was working collaboratively to strengthen Freedom of Navigation.



Visit from NI HQ – Bridget Hogan

In September and October the branch welcomed NI's Director of Marketing and Publishing, Bridget Hogan. Bridget had an ambitious program of meetings and presentations, including Melbourne, Launceston, Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney.

Bridget Hogan is responsible for the Institute's 100 plus book titles, its magazine production and its marketing and communications. She has been involved with the publishing industry for more than 40 years and has worked in the maritime industry for over 35 years.

Following work as senior shipping writer at Lloyd's List, Bridget went on to work at various other maritime publications before setting up her own consultancy. Bridget has also edited Marine Money, contributed to a number of international maritime and related journals and has trained and mentored many over her career. Bridget moved to join the Institute five years ago.

While in Melbourne Bridget launched a new NI publication on maritime security handbook – Coping with Piracy. The launch was an intimate affair onboard the Jubilee Sailing Trust vessel Lord Nelson. Bridget also participated in the Sea Power Conference, where NI had a booth space with sister organization IMarEST.



Ms Bridget Hogan from NI HQ visiting the NISEA meeting in Sydney, showing some of the NI publications



Are you a maritime professional? Join the Nautical Institute



The presence and influence of The Nautical Institute confers professional standing on seafarers and those with nautical qualifications. Seaways is the monthly journal which links members and provides an opportunity to keep up-to-date and share knowledge. Check out the NI website for all the details (www.nautinst.org). You can update your membership details using the [on-line system](#).

International Fleet Review

From the 100 cadets cheering ships at Fort Denison right up to Governor-General Quentin Bryce aboard HMAS *Leeuwin*, the Ceremonial Fleet Review lived up to all expectations. Crowds of people gathered at all vantage points around Sydney Harbour as tall ships, recreational craft, cruise ships and charters cleared the harbour to make way for *Leeuwin* with Ms Bryce, HRH Prince Harry and CN VADM Ray Griggs to conduct the review.



The Real Thing - 100 Years On..... and the Cheap Copy - Manus Island Style

After receiving a Royal salute and cheers from ships moored at Garden Island, *Leeuwin* took pride of place in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge as a 100-gun salute ignited proceedings before HMA Ships *Sydney*, *Darwin*, *Perth*, *Parramatta*, *Bundaberg*, *Diamantina* and *Huon* sailed past *Leeuwin* to be reviewed.

In the lead up IFR, Iain Kerr enjoyed an adventure in the tall ship *Lord Nelson*. His ripping yarn was going to be published in this newsletter but instead you can read it in November 'Seaways'.

Anyone can sail on the Jubilee Sailing Trust tall ships; STS LORD NELSON & SV TENACIOUS, no prior experience is necessary. For further information on the JST, its ships and charitable aims can be found at www.jst.org.uk.



November 2013 NISEA Sydney Presentation - Marine Oil Spill Response

Many thanks to Mr Shayne Wilde from Transport NSW who has been involved in several international and domestic maritime environmental incidents in his 30 years experience in the maritime industry. He is a true expert in marine pollution response. His entertaining dissertation included discussion of NSW and national legislation, state emergency management as part of the NSW whole-of Government Emergency Plan, and coordination with national arrangements. Shayne articulate the responsibilities of the Incident Controller, incorporating sage insight into public information management and perception v reality and the accuracy of information: assume the worst until further notice. Public information and perception (rightly or wrongly) helps mobilise and/or shape public assistance/responses/opinions.

An important element of prevention and response in marine pollution is cooperation with Commonwealth agencies, especially AMSA, and the shipping and resource industries. Interestingly, not all marine pollution is caused by shipping - urban run off, shore facility leakage are frequent - and not usually caused by negligence, although there are some famous exceptions. Marine pollution principles are Prevention, Preparedness, Response (incorporating a purpose-built penguin/wildlife cleansing response facility), and Recovery (including resumption of operations and trade in a port or region).

International obligations were explained (including pollution, wetlands and migratory bird species treaties), and also the regulatory and enforcement powers, including intervention, punishment and reparation that are part of the NSW Transport Department (Roads and Maritime) remit. Lessons from international incidents are important to inform future preparations for responses.



MV Pasha Bulker aground at Newcastle in June 2007

Shayne's personal experiences in dealing with the *Pasha Bulker* off Newcastle, the *Rena* in NZ, the *Montara* offshore platform in the Timor Sea, the *Iron Barron* in Tasmania and the *Pacific Venturer* off Moreton Island, all played a role in developing the preparation and response procedures.

To learn more, visit <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/freight/marine-pollution-response>



AMSA e-Navigation Consultation and Information Group

Iain Kerr facilitates a consultative group on Australian e-Navigation and other matters. Recent consultations have sought feedback or passed on information on:

- The status of the Galileo satellite navigation system;
- Domestic Vessel Standards - <http://nationalsystem.amsa.gov.au/openconsultation.php>;
- International Dynamic Positioning Operators Association (IDPOA) update - http://www.dpoperators.org/6degrees/6degrees_Issue16_Summer_2013.pdf

If you're interested in becoming part of the solution, email iain.kerr@amsa.gov.au

Largest Inland Maritime Disaster in History? Remembering the November 1913 “White Hurricane”

Maritime travel on the US-Canada Great Lakes can become hazardous quickly, especially when the infamous November gales blow. In 1913, Weather Bureau forecasters would send gale warnings via telegraph to more than a hundred stations along the Great Lakes shores, where volunteers would display flags and lanterns to warn sailors of deteriorating conditions. These warnings were typically hoisted 12 to 24 hours in advance of a storm. For sailors leaving port, there was no means of knowing the character of an approaching storm, and vessels beyond the sight of land were unable to obtain any information. In the case of the ‘White Hurricane’ Weather Bureau forecasters issued gale warnings on November 7. However, even the forecasters were caught by surprise by the strength and longevity of the powerful storm.

One hundred years later, NOAA in the Great Lakes is commemorating the Storm of 1913, not only for the pivotal role it played in the history of the Great Lakes, but also for its enduring influence. Modern systems of shipping communication, weather prediction, and storm preparedness have all been fundamentally shaped by the events of November 1913. NOAA has created a [Centennial Anniversary Website](#) to remember the events of 1913 and highlight NOAA’s advances in technology and services.



For our members with a North American heritage: www.maritime-executive.com/article/Maritime-History-Remembering-the-November-1913-White-Hurricane-2013-11-08



GPS Rollover - Bring Out the Sextant

Thanks to Mike Squires:

GPS week rollover caused the problem reported in an incident report to the ATSB. The GPS system is synchronized to a different time scale than Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and calculates time by counting the number of weeks up to 1,023rd week. After week 1,023 the week number count is reset to zero. This is called "GPS week number rollover". This rollover occurred on the 11th of August 2013, and the week number was reset to the week 0, that is, 26th of December 1993.

Furuno had issued an "Important notice to customers" regarding this problem on 14 February 2013. More information can be found on Furuno website: http://www.furuno.co.jp/en/news/notice/20130214_001.html

One wonders how many other ships had problems or whether it was just Furuno?

You can keep up to date on the great sextant debate - do we still need them? - on the NI LinkedIn site.



Reports from NI Headquarters

Our jet-setting reporter David Bendall reports his most recent NI Board meeting in London was quite productive with discussion on the success of the DP training scheme, but with some stress on NI staff managing the success of such a high profile and much-sought activity; ISO 9001 certification; and other training and accreditation opportunities being undertaken by the Institute.

The NI 'home' in London has, for years, been just around the corner from the IMO building, Albert Embankment. With the work of the institute growing, and the fact that the lease was coming up for review, a long hard look was taken at where NI would have its offices. David reports that, after a long negotiation, NI will take over more space from the Marine Society, who own the building.

The NI Council meeting will be held on 5 December – the branch forwards an update to these meetings – if you have any specific comments you would like brought to the attention of the NI Council please forward these to Jillian at sec@nisea.org by 2 December.

NI Social Media Links



Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/thenauticalinstitute>



Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/NauticalInst>



Linked In at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Nautical-Institute-1107227/about>

Standing dates for your calendars...

**2nd Wednesday of the month
1830 hrs**

**Sydney Branch of the Company of Master Mariners of Australia
Standing invitation to NI members**
Combined Services Club, Barrack Street, Sydney
Contact: Barclay Ross barclaypross@gmail.com or Jillian Carson-Jackson
sec@nisea.org

**2nd Wednesday of Feb, May,
Aug and Nov – 1830 hrs**

Joint NI / CMMA meeting
Combined Services Club, Barrack Street, Sydney
Contact: Barclay Ross or Jillian Carson-Jackson Contact: Barclay Ross
(barclaypross@gmail.com) or Jillian Carson-Jackson (sec@nisea.org or
0448468867)

**4th Wednesday of the month
1830 hrs**

**Melbourne Branch of the Company of Master Mariners of Australia
Standing invitation to NI members**
RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Contact: Ms. Alex Evered (secmel@mastermariners.org.au or 03 9699 3332)

**Last Wednesday of the
month
1130 for 1200 hrs**

**South Australia Branch of the Company Of Master Mariners of Australia
Standing invitation to NI members**
Largs Pier Hotel, 198 Esplanade, Largs Bay
Contact: Howard Pronk (ahpmarine@gmail.com or 0407 714 619)

<http://www.nisea.org>

Sydney meeting instructions: to be issued pending new venue - stay tuned for emails. Please advise Barclay Ross (02 9975 5578 or barclaypross@gmail.com) or Jillian Carson-Jackson (sec@nisea.org) by 1200 on the Thursday before the meeting. Realising that unforeseen events arise, should you find that that you cannot attend please advise Barclay by 0930 on the Monday before the meeting and the "no show" charge may be avoided.



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