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SUMMER 2025



Welcome to the member magazine of Propeller Club Liverpool. Where we showcase all that we have done, and all that we are.

Our busy year celebrating 10 years continues - we may even extend the good feelings for longer. As ever we have met up for First Thursdays, hostelry toured, but we've even been down to that there London, and are getting all geared up for our Gala dinner! One not to be missed, booking details inside but seats/tables are going fast!

Wherever we are and whatever we do, it would all count for nothing without you, our friends, supporters and members.

So thank you to all who have supported us so amazingly for so long, and here's to another decade and more. Whatever we do, we want you to be part of it...and if you have ideas for more, let us know.



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Welcome from your team

Welcome to the Summer 2025 edition of Leading Edge magazine! As the management board of Propeller Club Liverpool, we're thrilled to celebrate a decade of bringing together maritime professionals, students, and enthusiasts.

Ten years. It's quite something to reflect on a decade of Propeller Club Liverpool, and what strikes us most isn't just what we've accomplished, but how we've done it—together, as a community that genuinely cares about each other and our industry. This milestone belongs to every one of you—our members, partners, and supporters.

You've shown up, contributed your expertise, shared your challenges, celebrated successes, and created this remarkable network that's become so much more than just a professional club.

Our First Thursdays are a reliable constant in our busy calendars where meaningful connections happen naturally. We've seen competitors become collaborators, mentors find mentees, and countless friendships form over a simple drink and conversation. These gatherings have generated real value, both professionally and personally, for so many of us.

We take particular pride in bridging generations within our industry. Watching experienced professionals engage with students and newcomers, sharing insights that no textbook could provide—these moments represent the very best of what we stand for.

This commitment to nurturing emerging talent remains at the heart of what we do. Our community impact has grown over the years. From practical support for seafarers through clothing donations and backing Wallasey Mariners Park, to industry advocacy through LISW and our recent commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant—we've tried to direct our collective energy where it can make a meaningful difference.

Looking back fills us with genuine gratitude for the friendships formed, the knowledge exchanged, and the positive influence we've had on Liverpool's professional landscape. Looking forward? We're excited about where we go next, together.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Here's to the connections we've made, the community we've built, and to many more years of supporting each other and our industry with the warmth and authenticity that makes Liverpool special.

The Management Board
Propeller Club Liverpool



First Thursdays

There is nothing like the buzz of maritime networking, and Propeller Club First Thursdays are the place where we all come together and business gets done.

If you haven't yet attended, you really must!





First Thursdays





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First Thursdays



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Gearing up for London

London International Shipping Week returns this September, bringing together the global maritime community for a week of networking, insight, and collaboration. As one of the industry's most anticipated gatherings, LISW offers an unparalleled opportunity to connect with decision-makers and thought leaders from across the shipping world.

Propeller Club Liverpool will once again be in attendance, representing our vibrant maritime community and strengthening connections with colleagues from around the globe.

Monday Evening Reception – A Propellerists Tradition

As tradition dictates, we'll be hosting our popular reception on Monday evening 15th September – an event that has become something of a LISW institution over the years.

Our reception has earned a reputation as one of the week's most genuine networking opportunities – a place where conversations flow naturally and meaningful connections are made without pretence.


Whether you're a Propeller Club member, an industry colleague, or simply curious about our community, we'd be delighted to welcome you. It's the perfect way to kick off your LISW experience with good company and conversation.



Join Us in London

If you're planning to attend LISW, we'd love to see you at our Monday reception.

For more information about the event and to register your interest, please visit the official LISW website at <https://lisw.com/> or contact us directly.



WATCH PARTY

WHEN HK CAME TO PC LPL

The Captain's Table has established itself as a leading global pitch competition specifically designed for startups in the maritime and logistics industry. Founded in Hong Kong, this prestigious challenge brings together innovative startups, industry leaders, and regulators to accelerate solutions to some of the sector's most pressing challenges.

The competition focuses on core categories relevant to maritime and logistics operations, providing a platform for startups to showcase their groundbreaking ideas and gain exposure to industry leaders, investors, and potential partners. This grassroots-led initiative has become a significant event within the global maritime community, driving forward-thinking solutions and supporting the next generation of industry innovators.

Propeller Club Liverpool is particularly proud of our involvement with this cutting-edge initiative. Last year, we hosted an energetic breakfast watch party that brought our members together to view the competition live, creating a vibrant atmosphere of engagement with maritime innovation right here in Liverpool.

In a memorable moment of international collaboration, the Hong Kong event connected directly with our Liverpool gathering via video link. Our members appeared as "giant heads" on the screens in Hong Kong – a slightly surreal but thoroughly modern way to bridge the geographical distance between these two historic maritime cities.

This connection exemplifies our commitment to staying at the forefront of maritime innovation and international partnership.

The Captain's Table represents exactly the kind of forward-thinking initiative that aligns with our mission to support and advance the maritime industry through collaboration and knowledge exchange.



THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE

WELCOME HOME

Queen Anne

Visiting the city to celebrate 185
years of the company



The magnificent Queen Anne provided a moment of maritime grace and powerful presence as she once again visited our magnificent waterfront.

Propeller Club Liverpool was honoured to receive an invitation from the Women Officers Network of Carnival Corporation and Captain Louise Sara MNM to board this stunning vessel.

The gathering, as well as seeing a visit by HRH The Princess Royal, showcased the journeys of remarkable women who have overcome significant barriers in their maritime careers. Mersey Maritime CEO Ruth Wood shared her experiences, and Jaqueline Bott of Cunard stirred the souls of all with an impassioned insight into a career of challenges overcome. Their stories of determination, perseverance and success provided not just inspiration but practical templates for those who will follow in their footsteps.



SEASONAL *hostelry tour*

As the festive season approached, Propeller Club Liverpool continued our cherished tradition with the annual Christmas Hostelry Tour, this time exploring the top end of town with all the merriment one would expect from our maritime community.

Our yuletide expedition began at The Caledonia, where warm lighting and warmer welcomes set the perfect tone for the evening ahead. The pub's cosy atmosphere provided the ideal backdrop for catching up with fellow members and sharing tales of the year's adventures.

Navigation proved slightly more challenging this year, with a couple of our planned ports of call undergoing refurbishment, proving that even the most experienced maritime professionals can face unexpected route adjustments! Nevertheless, in true seafaring spirit, we adapted our course and continued our merry way through Liverpool's finest establishments.

The evening's highlight, as many would attest, was the appearance of Terry's legendary curry puffs – those delectable morsels that have become as much a part of our hostelry tours as the pubs themselves. These culinary delights provided much-needed sustenance as we continued our journey through the city's historic drinking establishments.

What truly made the evening special was the exceptional turnout. From industry veterans to newer members, the diverse mix of attendees created a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie and conversation that epitomises the Propeller Club spirit. Business cards were exchanged, industry insights shared, and more than a few festive toasts raised as the evening progressed.

By the final venue, with cheeks flushed from both winter air and good cheer, and the ones on our faces not much better, it was clear that our Christmas Hostelry Tour had once again succeeded in bringing together our maritime community in the most enjoyable way possible.

Here's to another successful year of Propeller Club events, to friendships old and new, and to whatever adventures await us in the coming year. Cheers to all who joined us – your presence made the evening truly special!





gala
night

THE BEST *of times...*

What a night! Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make last year's Propeller Club Liverpool Gala Dinner an absolute triumph. From the moment the first Prosecco cork popped to the final encore on the dance floor, the evening was everything we'd hoped for and more.

The combination of excellent company, fine dining, and that special Propeller Club atmosphere created a truly memorable occasion. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces alongside new friends, all coming together to celebrate our maritime community in style.

The dance floor certainly got a workout! From sophisticated waltzing to some rather less sophisticated moves as the evening progressed, your enthusiasm was infectious. The singing, ranging from impressive to enthusiastically off-key—added another layer of entertainment that won't soon be forgotten.

Most importantly, the laughter and conversation flowing throughout the evening reminded us all of why these gatherings matter so much. In an industry that can sometimes feel fragmented, these moments of genuine connection and shared enjoyment are invaluable.

Summer Ball Alert!

While we're still basking in the afterglow of our winter celebration, we're already looking ahead to our Summer Ball. Consider this your advance warning: preparations are underway for another unforgettable evening, this time with a distinctly summer flavour.

So dust off your dancing shoes, prepare your vocal cords, the Summer Ball is going to be sweaty.

Hey Besties



gala
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The GWs
left no crumbs

Dr Emma
got the assignment

Slay

gala
night



Main Character
Energy



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This flex is
Giving me life



Glowing Up
No Skibidi

Welcome!

Propeller Club Liverpool & West



Very Subtle
Very Mindful

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With low key drip

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Great People & Good Times



Our June First Thursday event proved to be one as vibrant as ever, thanks to the combined efforts of Mersey Maritime and Stone Marine Shipcare.

The evening demonstrated perfectly why these monthly meet-ups have become such an essential part of Liverpool's maritime calendar.

The venue was packed with maritime professionals from across the spectrum - from shipcare specialists to port operators, maritime lawyers to logistics experts. The buzz of conversation and exchange of ideas created exactly the atmosphere these events are designed to foster.

Whether you're a regular attendee or new to the industry, First Thursdays provide the perfect platform for making connections and sharing insights.

Thank you to everyone who attended.







A photograph of three people (two women and one man) smiling and posing for a photo. The man in the center is wearing a tuxedo and glasses. The woman on the left is wearing a blue dress, and the woman on the right is wearing a black dress. They are standing in front of a backdrop with large, stylized letters.

MMIA AWARDS

Mersey Maritime has launched the eleventh annual Mersey Maritime Industry Awards (MMIAs) and is calling on maritime and logistics businesses across the Liverpool City Region and the wider North West to submit their entries for 2025.

Celebrating the very best of the sector, the MMIAs champion businesses, organisations and individuals operating in or supporting the maritime, logistics, and energy industries. The awards are open to any eligible organisation across the North West and surrounding areas, with free entry for Mersey Maritime members only.

See <https://merseymaritime.co.uk/mersey-maritime-launch-eleventh-annual-industry-awards/> for more details



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CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled to share that John Wilson, Chief Executive of Liverpool Seafarers Centre (LSC), has been awarded the prestigious British Empire Medal (BEM) in recognition of his services to seafarers' welfare.

The award highlights Mr. Wilson's commitment and contributions to improving the lives of those who arrive at the port of Liverpool.

Mr. Wilson is acutely aware of the significant challenges faced by seafarers today, including loneliness, isolation, restricted shore leave, long contracts, minimum crewing, and fast vessel turnarounds.

The most rewarding aspect of his work at the Liverpool Seafarers Centre is the direct impact he and his team have on the lives of seafarers. "Meeting with seafarers, both men and women, and being able to make a positive difference, even through a welcoming smile or by fulfilling their needs and wishes, is incredibly fulfilling."

A huge congratulations from all your Propellerist friends.





The Propellerists are a generous bunch. So when the call came to provide seafarers visiting Liverpool with some Christmas cheer, we knew that we would be digging deep and helping as best we can.

In addition to sweets and lashings of smellies, mainly Lynx Africa (apologies if the docks now smell like a teen disco). We also donated over 30 coats and a host of cold weather gear.

We are proud to give, we are happy to help and it wouldn't be a community if we didn't. So well done everyone!

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LEARNING DOWN THE LAB

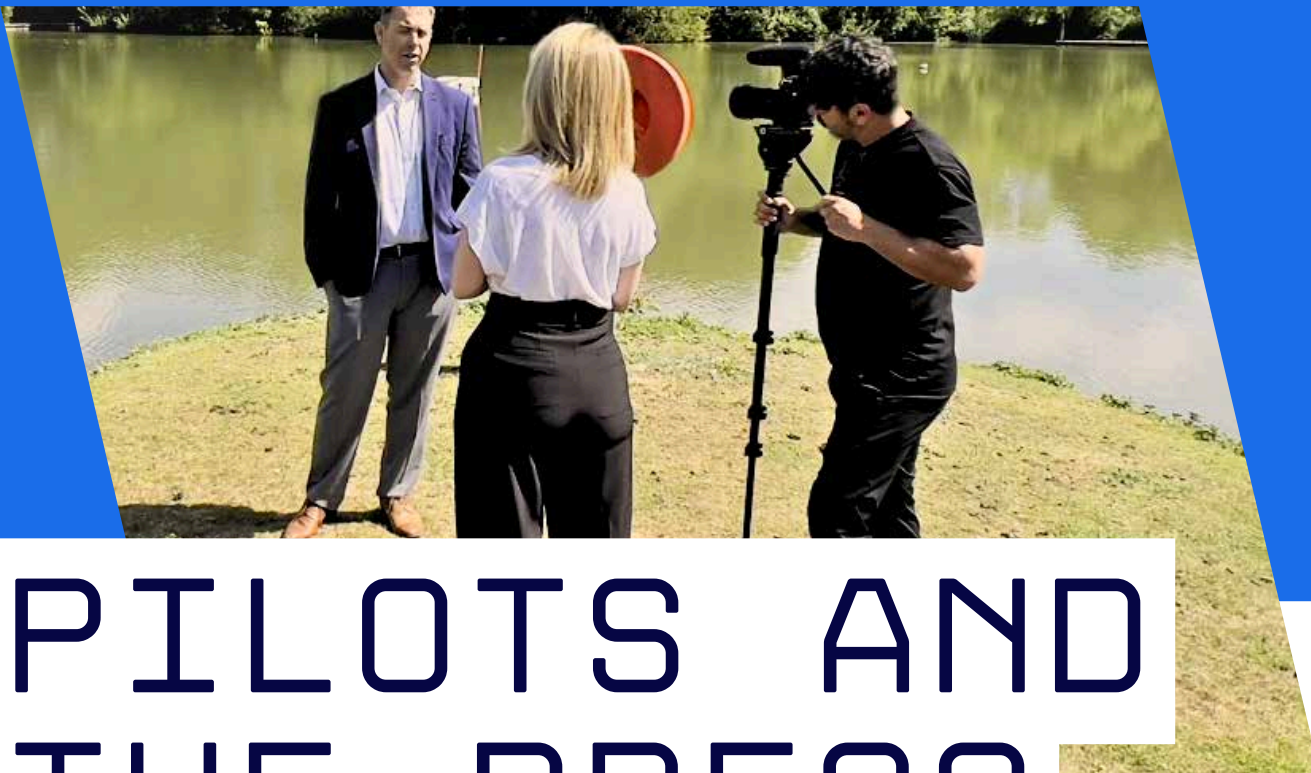
When it comes to maritime investigation and analysis, few facilities can match the sophistication of Brookes Bell's The Lab. During a recent visit, Louise McWatt had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the remarkable work being conducted at this cutting-edge facility.

Materials Laboratory Technical Lead Dr Holly Edwards provided a fascinating tour, demonstrating how the smallest details can unlock crucial insights into maritime incidents. The Non-Destructive Testing Team showcased their innovative deck probe technology – essentially maritime 'X-Ray Specs' that provide vessel owners with invaluable structural insights without invasive testing.

The Lab represents the intersection of traditional maritime knowledge and cutting-edge forensic science. It's where complex investigations unfold through meticulous analysis, advanced technology, and expert interpretation. This work, though often unseen, plays a crucial role in maintaining and improving maritime safety and efficiency.

The visit served as a powerful reminder of the depth of expertise within our maritime community and the continuous evolution of maritime technology and investigation techniques. Highlighting once again how Liverpool remains at the forefront of maritime innovation, hosting facilities that contribute significantly to global maritime safety and knowledge.





PILOTS AND THE PRESS

READY FOR ANYTHING

In a significant step toward enhancing the visibility of maritime pilots' crucial work, key members of the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots Association (UKMPA) recently participated in an intensive media training workshop at the prestigious Warsash Maritime School's Timsbury Lake facility.

The one-day session, led by maritime communications specialist Louise McWatt, brought together Captain Chris Hoyle, Captain Alan Stroud AFNI, and Captain Jason Wiltshire, focusing on developing effective communication strategies to highlight the vital role of UK maritime pilots.


Maritime pilots are the unsung heroes of our maritime industry, working tirelessly to protect UK trade and maintain safety across our coastal and inland waterways. Yet their critical contribution often goes unrecognized by the wider public. This training aimed to change that narrative by equipping UKMPA representatives with the tools and confidence to communicate their story effectively.

The workshop delved into essential aspects of media engagement, including key messaging development, stakeholder communications, and audience understanding.

Throughout the day, participants showed remarkable progress in developing their media engagement skills, building a foundation for more effective public communication about their profession.

The choice of Timsbury Lake as the venue added a fitting maritime backdrop to proceedings, reinforcing the practical nature of the pilots' work while they developed these crucial communication skills.





At the Sharp End

On a spectacular early summer evening, with Liverpool's waterfront providing a stunning backdrop, Brookes Bell celebrated a remarkable milestone - 20 years of The Sharp End course. The Royal Liver Building's balcony provided the perfect setting for this special occasion, as the setting sun painted the river and docks in golden hues.

The Sharp End has played a vital role in bridging the knowledge gap between shore-based maritime professionals and the operational realities of shipping. For two decades, it has given those who may never have served at sea the opportunity to experience firsthand the dynamic world of ports, vessels, and the seafarers who operate them.

As we watched the sun set over the Mersey, it was clear that The Sharp End has become more than just a course - it's an essential part of maritime education in Liverpool, helping to maintain our city's position at the forefront of maritime excellence.

Congratulations to Brookes Bell on this significant achievement. Here's to another 20 years of bringing the maritime world closer to those who serve it from shore.





So Many Amazing **MARITIME WOMEN**

There's something special about Liverpool's maritime community, and at its heart lies an extraordinary network of women who have shaped, steered, and strengthened our industry. At Propeller Club Liverpool, we've been fortunate that our culture has been profoundly influenced by remarkable female professionals who lead not through grand pronouncements about gender equality, but through sheer excellence, determination, and vision.

There are issues and challenges of bringing more females into the industry, but thankfully, Liverpool has seen that female leadership is simply part of our DNA. Our maritime community has been enriched and energised by generations of women who have brought their expertise, insight, and innovation to every aspect of the industry.

As an old Liverpool saying goes, "When you have either a strong wind or a good woman behind you, you get where you need faster!" In our case, we've been propelled forward by some of the finest minds in maritime professionals who happen to be women, but who are first and foremost respected for their contributions to our industry.

This natural integration of female leadership has created a maritime community that's more dynamic, more inclusive, and ultimately more successful. From boardrooms to docksides, from maritime law to ship management, women in Liverpool's maritime sector have quietly but effectively transformed our industry.

To all the women who make our maritime community what it is - thank you. Your leadership, mentorship, and friendship have created something truly special in Liverpool. We don't just talk about breaking glass ceilings; we've built a community where they never existed in the first place.

Here's to the power of community, to the strength of leadership, and to the extraordinary women who make Propeller Club Liverpool what it is today.





A groundbreaking initiative is set to transform how we introduce maritime careers to young minds. Propeller Club Liverpool recently participated in an exciting development meeting for Animates, an innovative digital learning library that's charting a new course in maritime education for primary school children.

This creative project, spearheaded by Natalie Reeves Billings and Alex Cousins, brings maritime concepts to life through engaging digital animal characters, speaking directly to children in their own language and on their preferred platforms. It's a fresh approach that combines local humour, interactive technology, and storytelling to spark early interest in our industry. The initiative stands out for its innovative approach to maritime education.

This approach is particularly valuable as we seek to unlock maritime career pathways early. By introducing children to the excitement and possibilities of maritime careers through engaging, age-appropriate content, we're planting seeds that could grow into future industry leaders.

This collaboration between Animates and the maritime sector represents a significant step forward in addressing our industry's future workforce needs. By making maritime magical for young minds, we're not just teaching - we're inspiring the next generation of maritime professionals.

As our industry evolves, initiatives like Animates will play a crucial role in ensuring maritime remains an attractive and accessible career choice for future generations.

<https://www.hannahjesse.com/work/the-animates-learning-in-liverpool>



Everton & The Lawyers



Hill Dickinson has secured the naming rights for Everton's new waterfront stadium. As one of the world's leading maritime law firms, their involvement feels particularly appropriate for a stadium in the historic Bramley-Moore Dock.

The Hill Dickinson Stadium represents one of the largest naming rights deals in European football, showcasing both the firm's commitment to the city and their ambitious vision.

For our maritime community, seeing a company with such deep roots take this step brings an extra sense of pride to the development. There's something poetic about Bramley-Moore Dock, once bustling with maritime trade, now hosting a world-class stadium bearing the name of a firm that has served the shipping industry for generations. It's a perfect example of maritime heritage continuing to shape our city's future. Good luck to all involved in this exciting new chapter!

HILL DICKINSON

Find Your Voice

Inspired by Jim Bellew's vision of capturing maritime voices, Propeller Club Liverpool is embarking on an exciting new venture: The AziPod- our very own podcast series.

This initiative aims to share the rich tapestry of stories that make our maritime community so unique and fascinating.

We're looking for your voices. Whether you're a seafarer with tales from the high seas, a maritime professional with insights into the industry's evolution, or someone whose business has been shaped by our maritime heritage - we want to hear from you.

These stories matter. They're not just about the past; they're about understanding our present and shaping our future. From personal adventures to professional insights, each voice adds another layer to our understanding of maritime Liverpool and its global connections.

If you have a story to share or would like to contribute to this exciting new project, please get in touch. Help us create a living archive of maritime voices, and stories that captures the essence of our community and inspires future generations.

Let's make waves in the podcast world together! Watch our for updates on recording and release.



Maritime Innovation >



The inaugural Mersey Maritime Innovation Summit marked a significant milestone in Liverpool's maritime evolution, bringing together the region's brightest minds at LJMU's Student Life Building. This landmark event, part of the 'Navigating Maritime Innovation in the Liverpool City Region' project, showcased our city's commitment to leading maritime innovation.

Supported by the Department for Transport's Maritime Cluster Development Fund and integrated into the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Innovation Investment Fortnight, the summit demonstrated the powerful collaboration between industry, academia, and government.

Ruth Wood, Mersey Maritime CEO, opened proceedings, followed by LJMU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mark Power's keynote address. Paul Tallon, Innovation Manager at Mersey Maritime, provided crucial updates on the region's maritime innovation initiatives.

The summit featured groundbreaking presentations from industry leaders including GRAFMARINE Ltd., GT Wings, Maersk, and Bibby Marine - all currently delivering transformative projects. Academic innovation took center stage with presentations from LJMU and University of Liverpool, while the LCR Freeport Innovation Challenge Fund and Royal Academy of Engineering shared exciting opportunities.

The event culminated with a networking lunch and tour of the new CENTRAL TECH innovation hub - a space set to accelerate maritime innovation in our region. This summit wasn't just about showcasing current innovations; it was about positioning Liverpool City Region at the forefront of maritime technology and development.

The enthusiasm and engagement demonstrated by all participants suggest we're well on course for an exciting future in maritime innovation. We look forward to joining future iterations and sharing wider industry views.

Celebrating Success

Liverpool John Moores University recently celebrated a significant milestone as its Maritime Masters September class of 2025 marked their graduation. This cohort exemplifies the diverse and dynamic nature of modern maritime education, with graduates representing a wide spectrum of backgrounds and career trajectories.

The success of these graduates reflects LJMU's commitment to its core values - being student-focused, inclusive, courageous, and community-minded. These aren't just words on paper; they're evident in the varied career paths these alumni have forged, from ship management to port operations, maritime law to logistics innovation.

Their diverse backgrounds have brought fresh perspectives to traditional maritime challenges, while their new roles demonstrate the breadth of opportunities available in today's maritime industry.

As we look forward to celebrating the January class of 2025's graduation in July, it's clear that LJMU's approach to maritime education - combining academic excellence with practical industry engagement - continues to produce professionals who are well-equipped to shape the future of our sector.

This success story isn't just about individual achievement; it's about building a stronger, more diverse maritime community. These graduates represent the next generation of maritime leaders, bringing fresh perspectives and innovative thinking to our industry.

Congratulations to all graduates - you're not just LJMU alumni; you're now part of Liverpool's continuing maritime story.





PEOPLE DOING GREAT THINGS

Liverpool Seafarers Centre has been certified as one of the UK's Best Places to Work by Great Place to Work®! This incredible recognition comes just in time for #VolunteerWeek (June 2nd – 8th), making our celebrations even more special.

This award is a true testament to the exceptional commitment we have to fostering a supportive, engaging, and fulfilling environment for everyone involved with Liverpool Seafarers Centre, especially our invaluable volunteers. They are truly the backbone of the Centre, providing vital support to seafarers visiting the Port of Liverpool, and we are proud of the dedicated team we have built here at Liverpool Seafarers Centre.

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If you're looking for a rewarding volunteering opportunity with an organisation recognised for its outstanding workplace culture, especially during #VolunteerWeek, we invite you to get in touch. Whether you can offer a few hours a month or more, your contribution will be greatly valued.

To learn more about volunteering opportunities and how you can become part of one of the UK's best places to work, please visit liverpoolseafarerscentre.org or call 0300 800 8080.

Science & Art of Cargo Handling



It's amazing to see the level of personal attention some cargoes still demand. Lysander Shipping recently demonstrated their "routinely exceptional" approach shifting 24 massive cable reels from the Far East to North Wales.

This wasn't just any shipment. With each reel contributing to a total weight exceeding 800 tonnes and a volume of 1,426 cubic meters, this project required precision planning and expert execution. The journey from vessel to final destination involved specialised handling at Liverpool port, careful storage arrangements, and a meticulously planned road delivery.

True to their hands-on philosophy, Lysander dispatched their own representatives to oversee operations at the port. This personal touch - increasingly rare in today's automated world - ensured that every aspect of the cargo handling met their exacting standards.

The success of this operation showcases why specialised breakbulk handling remains a crucial skill in modern shipping. From the initial discharge to the final delivery, every step was carefully monitored and executed, resulting in an on-time delivery that delighted their customer.

It's a reminder that while shipping may be going digital, there's still no substitute for experience, expertise, and boots on the ground.



The Big London Maritime Social

Who says you need a grand venue for a grand occasion? Thanks to the brilliant Karen and Nicole from IMPA (International Marine Purchasing Association), Propeller Club Liverpool recently co-hosted a wonderfully intimate gathering in what might be London's smallest pub - proving that it's not the size of the venue that matters, but the quality of the company you keep.

Despite the cozy confines, the pub was bursting with maritime professionals from both ends of the country, creating that special atmosphere that happens when northern and southern maritime communities come together. The event marked a successful reinvigoration of our Propellerist social events in the capital, demonstrating the strength of our industry's networks and friendships.

The evening perfectly captured what our events are all about - bringing people together, fostering connections, and strengthening the bonds within our maritime community, regardless of geography.

The success of this gathering has paved the way for our next London event on June 25th. If you'd like to join us for another evening of maritime camaraderie, get in touch - though we can't promise the venue will be any bigger!

A heartfelt thank you to Karen and Nicole for helping make this happen. Here's to many more successful north-south maritime meetups!





Next Big London Maritime Social

Venue: The Crutched Friar
London EC3N 2AE

Wednesday 25 June 2025

Time: 17:30 – 20:00

Made possible by: IMPA

Sponsored by: Lunar Marine & AIMSS



To attend, please email ks@impa.net



TEN YEARS OF HAPPINESS...KINDA

Steven Jones, founder of the groundbreaking Seafarers Happiness Index, recently took to the stage at Seatrade Logistics Middle East in Dubai. Joined by fellow Propellerists Ben Bailey and Jacqui Hammond from the Mission to Seafarers, the team presented ten years of vital data about seafarer wellbeing to a packed audience.

This milestone presentation showcased a decade of collecting and analyzing seafarers' stories, experiences, and challenges. The Seafarers Happiness Index has become an essential barometer for measuring and understanding the welfare of maritime professionals worldwide, giving voice to those who keep global trade moving.

The enthusiastic reception in Dubai demonstrates the growing recognition of seafarer welfare as a crucial industry issue. Through ten years of consistent data collection and analysis, the Index has helped drive positive change in maritime policy and practice.

The presentation and panel debate not only shared statistics but, more importantly, brought to life the human stories behind the numbers - stories that need to be heard across our industry.

This successful event marks another significant step in spreading awareness about seafarer welfare, proving that an initiative that started in Liverpool continues to make waves globally.



WELCOME

We're delighted to welcome Marine Turbo to the Propeller Club Liverpool family. With over five decades of excellence in turbocharger services, they bring a wealth of expertise and industry knowledge to our maritime community.

Established in 1970, Marine Turbo has built an impressive reputation as one of the world's leading turbocharger specialists. Their comprehensive service offering spans emergency breakdown assistance, planned maintenance, and their world-renowned remanufacturing expertise. From shipping fleets to cruise vessels, naval clients to offshore platforms, their reach extends across the maritime sector and beyond.

What particularly impresses us is their commitment to quality - they're one of the longest-serving independent turbocharger specialists to maintain both ISO 9001 and Lloyd's accreditation. This dedication to excellence aligns perfectly with our club's values and aspirations.

Their joining strengthens our technical expertise within the club and adds another layer of specialist knowledge to our network. We look forward to the insights and experience they'll bring to our discussions and events.

Welcome to the club, Marine Turbo! We're excited to have you as part of our growing maritime community.

<https://marineturbo.co.uk/>

 **MARINE TURBO**
The Genuine Alternative



WELCOME

We're delighted to welcome Marine Environmental Solutions AB (MESAB) to Propeller Club Liverpool. Part of the Instalco group, MESAB brings cutting-edge environmental expertise and a passionate commitment to greener shipping solutions.

Their mission resonates strongly with our industry's current challenges: contributing to a greener maritime sector through innovative technology and comprehensive solutions. MESAB's expertise in Ballast Water Treatment Systems (BWTS) and Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) positions them at the forefront of maritime environmental compliance.

What sets MESAB apart is their holistic approach to marine environmental solutions:

- Advanced 3D-CAD-PID capabilities for complex installations
- Comprehensive project management services
- Expert installation and retrofitting services
- Ongoing maintenance and support
- Leading-environmental technology integration

As part of the Instalco group, MESAB brings additional strength and resources to their already impressive capabilities. Their entrepreneurial spirit and focus on innovation align perfectly with our club's values and vision for the future of maritime.

We look forward to the valuable perspectives and expertise they'll bring to our discussions about environmental challenges and solutions in shipping. Their membership enriches our community's knowledge base, particularly in the crucial area of maritime environmental technology.

Welcome to the club, MESAB! Your expertise in green solutions adds an important dimension to our maritime community. <https://mesab.eu/>



WELCOME

We're thrilled to welcome Briggs Marine to the Propeller Club Liverpool family. With 50 years of experience as a family-owned and operated business, they bring an impressive legacy of maritime expertise and a comprehensive understanding of coastal, nearshore, and offshore operations.

What makes Briggs Marine particularly special is their ability to deliver total solutions across a remarkably diverse range of marine services:

- Subsea cable operations
- Offshore wind services
- Port and vessel management
- Commercial diving
- Environmental services
- Marine salvage
- Terminal and energy storage solutions
- HV services

Their commitment to creating bespoke solutions while maintaining the highest safety standards and cost-effectiveness aligns perfectly with our club's values. As environmental challenges and renewable energy opportunities reshape our industry, Briggs Marine's expertise in these areas becomes increasingly valuable.

The family-owned aspect of their business brings a personal touch to their professional excellence - something we particularly appreciate at Propeller Club Liverpool. Their half-century of experience, combined with their forward-thinking approach to sustainable marine solutions, makes them an exciting addition to our community. Welcome to the club.

<https://www.briggsmarine.com/>



WELCOME

We're delighted to welcome Marine Masters to the Propeller Club Liverpool family. Since their founding in 2016, they have rapidly established themselves as a leading force in maritime operations, bringing expertise in salvage, offshore energy, decommissioning, and maritime transport.

Marine Masters exemplifies the power of collaborative expertise. Their approach combines creative solutions with cost-effective operations, delivering results for clients across the maritime sector. From salvage operations to renewable energy projects, their work demonstrates technical excellence and innovative thinking.

What particularly impresses us is their commitment to environmental and social responsibility. Their adherence to ISU environmental standards and robust ESG strategy shows a forward-thinking approach that aligns perfectly with our industry's future challenges. Their support of Maritime Just Transition principles demonstrates a commitment to both environmental and social sustainability.

Though headquartered in the Netherlands, Marine Masters brings an international perspective through their network of regional partnerships. Their services span:

- Salvage operations
- Offshore and decommissioning services
- Transport and installation
- Ship operations and superintendency

A Perfect Fit

Their addition to Propeller Club Liverpool enriches our community with expertise in crucial areas of maritime operations. Their commitment to safety, sustainability, and innovation makes them an ideal addition to our network.

Welcome Marine Masters! Your expertise and values make you a valuable addition to our maritime family. See <https://www.marinemasters.nl/> to learn more





MV Derbyshire Award Open

The Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society (LS&HS) is now seeking nominations for the prestigious MV Derbyshire Award 2025. This annual award, which honours the memory of those lost aboard the MV Derbyshire during Typhoon Orchid in September 1980, celebrates outstanding contributions to maritime safety and innovation.

The award has recognised remarkable achievements in the field, including Survitec's groundbreaking Seahaven Advanced Evacuation Systems and Recall Recover Limited's innovative trauma-informed approach to maritime investigations. These past recipients exemplify the award's commitment to advancing safety standards across our industry.

As we approach this year's awards, the LS&HS invites nominations from across the maritime sector. Whether it's technological innovation, procedural improvements, or outstanding contributions to safety culture, we want to hear about individuals and organisations making a real difference to maritime safety.

The MV Derbyshire Award serves not only as a memorial but as an ongoing catalyst for positive change in our industry. Each nomination helps ensure that the legacy of the Derbyshire continues to drive improvements in maritime safety.



TO NOMINATE

<https://liverpoolshipwreckandhumanesoc.org.uk/nominate/#mvd>



ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.



Sometimes the most powerful stories of maritime community spirit come from the simplest acts of generosity. Thanks to the incredible support of Propeller Club Liverpool members, we recently helped send our resident photographer Al Disley on a life-changing journey to New York City.

When we put out the call for support, our members responded with characteristic generosity, demonstrating once again that our maritime community extends far beyond business networking. Your contributions didn't just fund a trip - they invested in potential, in creativity, and in the kind of cross-cultural exchange that makes our industry special.

Al's stunning photographs of New York's city and landscape tell their own story of discovery and wonder. From the bustling ports to the iconic waterfront, his lens has captured the essence of another great maritime city, bringing a fresh Liverpool perspective to the Big Apple.

The impact of this experience goes beyond the remarkable images Al has created. As he puts it himself, this journey has been mind-blowing and potentially life-changing. That's what happens when a community comes together to support one of its own.

You can see Al's amazing photo documentary of his New York adventure in his online albums - each image a testament to your generosity and his talent.

To everyone who contributed: Thank you for proving that while Liverpool and New York may be separated by an ocean, they're connected by something stronger - the spirit of maritime community.



Celebrating History and Bravery

The Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society (LS&HS) recently opened its treasure trove of maritime history to the public at The Hatch gallery in New Brighton. This remarkable event brought to light stories of courage, sacrifice, and humanity that have too often gone untold.

Founded in 1839, the LS&HS has been a silent guardian of Liverpool's maritime community for nearly two centuries. The showcase down The Hatch offered visitors a rare opportunity to examine historical artefacts and documents that tell the story of countless rescues, acts of bravery, and the society's ongoing mission to protect life at sea.

Among the exhibits were medals awarded for heroic rescues, historical documents detailing dramatic saves, and artefacts that speak to the evolution of maritime safety. Each piece told its own story of courage and compassion in the face of maritime peril.

The event succeeded in its aim to engage new audiences with this vital part of Liverpool's maritime heritage. Visitors were particularly moved by the personal stories behind the artefacts - tales of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to save lives at sea

This showcase wasn't just about preserving history; it was about ensuring these important stories continue to inspire future generations and remind us of the ongoing importance of maritime safety and humanitarian service.

The success of this event demonstrates the enduring relevance of the LS&HS and its mission, proving that while times may change, the value of saving lives at sea remains constant.

To learn more and to support the work of the Society visit the website <https://liverpoolshipwreckandhumanesoc.org.uk/>



Propellerists Out and About



Propellerists do like to get out and about. Special prize if you spot any in the wild. And of course always approach and ask for a #SelfieWithSue at the very least.

As can be seen in this small selection of delightful images, it is a community which is all about smiles and camaraderie.

Interestingly it would seem that Sue Henney had never seen a Help for Heroes hoodie before.



Propellerists Out and About





Save Our Maritime Heritage

The SS Daniel Adamson - 'The Danny' - stands as a remarkable testament to our maritime heritage. As the UK's last surviving steam-powered tug tender with original engines, she's more than just a vessel; she's a living piece of history that connects Liverpool's past with its present. Now, she needs our help. The campaign has even featured on the TV news. Granada Reports' Paul Crone loves maritime!

A Crucial Moment

2025 brings unprecedented challenges for this beloved vessel. With mandatory safety updates required and a critical 10-year boiler service approaching, The Danny faces its most demanding year yet. The preservation society needs to raise £150,000 to ensure this maritime treasure continues to sail our waters.

What's at Stake?

The funds will support:

- Essential dry-docking and maintenance
- Critical boiler inspection and engineering work
- New life rafts and safety systems
- Updated fire-fighting equipment
- Vital staff and volunteer training
- Educational programs for future engineers

Why It Matters

The Danny isn't just a boat - she's a floating testament to the maritime heritage that built Liverpool and Britain.

Her Art Deco saloons and powerful steam engines offer unique insights into our industrial past, while her educational programs inspire the next generation of maritime professionals.

How You Can Help

Whether it's £5 or £500, every contribution helps secure The Danny's future. Consider:

- Making a one-off donation
- Setting up monthly support
- Organising fundraising events
- Volunteering your time and expertise

As Propeller Club members, we understand the importance of preserving our maritime heritage. Let's come together to ensure this remarkable vessel continues to inspire and educate for generations to come.

DONATE HERE

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thedanny?msocid=2022876fb2b06319316a92afb350623f>

Remember: When we lose vessels like The Danny, we lose irreplaceable connections to our maritime past. Let's keep this piece of history afloat together.



Nautical Institute & Us

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Propeller Club Liverpool takes immense pride in our close relationship with The Nautical Institute, an organisation that continues to set the highest standards for maritime professionalism worldwide.

Our connection with both the global body and our local branch has fostered invaluable collaboration and knowledge exchange within our maritime community.

We're particularly delighted to congratulate Captain Daniel Millett of Brookes Bell on his appointment to the Nautical Institute Council.

This appointment not only recognises Danny's expertise and commitment to maritime excellence but also strengthens Liverpool's voice in global maritime affairs.

Adding to our celebrations, we're proud to announce that our own Steven Jones has been made a Fellow of the Institute - an honour bestowed at the recent AGM in Dubai.

Congratulations to both Danny and Steven on their achievements, and here's to the continuing success of The Nautical Institute!



Nautical Institute President, Captain Trevor Bailey recently attended one of our First Thursday events

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Making a Commitment to the Armed Forces

The Propeller Club Liverpool is proud to announce its formal commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, marking a significant milestone in our organisation's history. This pledge reinforces our dedication to ensuring that those who serve or have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated with fairness and respect within our maritime community. The pledge symbolises our recognition of the value that serving personnel, veterans, and military families contribute to our organisation and the wider maritime sector.

What Is the Armed Forces Covenant?

The Armed Forces Covenant represents a promise by the nation that those who serve or have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives. The covenant focuses on helping members of the armed forces community have the same access to government and commercial services and products as any other citizen.

By signing this covenant, the Propeller Club Liverpool acknowledges the sacrifices made by serving personnel, veterans, and their families, and pledges to uphold the principles of the covenant in our policies, services, and operations. create meaningful opportunities for those who have served our country and enhance the strength and diversity of our maritime community.

For more information about the Armed Forces Covenant and how you can support this initiative, please visit the official Armed Forces Covenant website at www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk.



TOP 100

SUPER SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce that two esteemed members of the Propeller Club Port of Liverpool have been recognised in the prestigious All About Shipping Top 100 Women list.

Anna Kaparaki, rose in the rankings to 45th position. As a Lecturer in Maritime Law at Liverpool John Moores University and Senior Solicitor at Mackinnons LLP, Anna brings exceptional expertise to both academia and legal practice. Her dual role in education and law, combined with her active participation in WISTA UK and our Propeller Club, showcases the immense talents within our maritime community.

Sue Henney, Head of Marketing at IDWAL and a Trustee of ISWAN and the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society, has earned her place on this distinguished list. Her leadership in maritime marketing and dedication to industry advancement exemplify the calibre of professionals within our organisation.

You will know too that if you have ever been ill, under the weather, missed a few meetings or whatever, our Sue is fast to check in. She cares! About shipping, about Liverpool, about us all...and we are very, very lucky to have that human connection at the heart of all we do.

This recognition highlights not only their individual achievements but also reflects the strength and professional excellence of our Propeller Club membership. Their success inspires us all and reinforces the vital role women play in shaping the maritime industry's future.

Please join us in congratulating Sue and Anna on this well-deserved recognition.

<https://allaboutshipping.co.uk/2025/02/19/100-top-women-in-shipping-for-2024-by-allaboutshipping-co-uk-results/>

Global Connections for Maritime Security



Our region's maritime expertise was in the spotlight recently as Chris Farrell of Neptune P2P Group along with Rina Sowler took part in a significant visit from Shandong Port Group delegates to Peel Ports. The delegation from Qingdao experienced firsthand how Liverpool's £400 million port investment has created one of Europe's most efficient container terminals.

The visit focused on crucial aspects of modern port operations, including:

- Operational efficiency innovations
- Global logistics solutions
- Integrated security frameworks

The timing of the visit coincided with Neptune P2P's latest research on Port Facility Security trends for 2025, highlighting the growing importance of balancing production demands with robust security measures. Liverpool Port's advanced facilities, including deep-water berths and state-of-the-art automation, provided the perfect backdrop for discussions about future port security challenges.

This international exchange demonstrates Liverpool's continuing role as a leader in maritime innovation and security, while strengthening valuable connections between British and Chinese maritime expertise.



Business Engagements Show Way Ahead

We're pleased to share news of Stone Marine Shipcare's recent meeting with COSCO Shipping. Such engagements between Liverpool-based maritime businesses and global shipping leaders demonstrate the continuing relevance of our local maritime expertise.

Stone Marine Shipcare's interaction with one of the world's largest shipping companies reflects positively on Liverpool's maritime services sector. These kinds of meetings help build the relationships and understanding that our industry thrives upon.

It's particularly encouraging to see such positive engagement between British and Chinese maritime interests, highlighting how our industry continues to bridge international boundaries through shared professional values and goals.

Such stories remind us that Liverpool's maritime expertise continues to resonate globally.





Celebrating a STEM and Social Champion

In an industry that increasingly demands both technical excellence and social awareness, Dr. Cristina-Steliana Mihailovici stands out as a remarkable example of modern maritime leadership.

Recently recognised among the Top 50 Women in Engineering, her work spans the crucial intersections of maritime science, sustainability, and social progress.

Beyond the Academy

What makes Dr. Mihailovici's work particularly special is her commitment to reaching beyond traditional academic boundaries. As a STEM Ambassador, she actively works to inspire the next generation of maritime professionals, while her role as a Sustainability Ambassador demonstrates her commitment to addressing our industry's environmental challenges.

Inspiring Young Minds

Perhaps most uniquely, Dr. Mihailovici has collaborated with her daughter Nicole Noelia on an educational project featuring 'Little Globy' - a character designed to teach children about cultural awareness and environmental responsibility. This creative approach to education shows how maritime expertise can be translated into accessible, engaging content for young learners.

As our maritime industry continues to evolve, voices like Dr. Mihailovici's remind us that excellence in shipping isn't just about technical knowledge - it's about creating a more sustainable, inclusive, and forward-thinking industry for all.



The Mancunian Way

We at Propeller Club Liverpool have been made aware of a quaint little provincial city which is harbouring great maritime ambitions. That place is Manchester!

Yes, it may sound like the start of the discussions which led to the building of the Manchester Ship Canal - and we don't want to open old wounds. That said, our Manc brethren based in the city are hankering after a little slice of some maritime networking action.

As such, we are just pondering the logistics and looking to get something going. If you would like to join us, or have maritime contacts out that way let us know.

Small bit of trivia for you...the only Premier League clubs with ships on their crests are Manchester's United and City! So, we do feel we owe them a visit.





We Found Our Friend

Many of you may remember that when HMS Price of Wales first visited Liverpool that some Propellerists had the wonderful idea of making a special gift to hand to the officers when they called into First Thursday.

What to get the ship that has everything? Well, we decided that a big grey Superlambanana would fit the bill. The wine had worked its wonders at that point, clearly.

Anyway, we made one. We actually painted and mounted one, even getting Timpsons to make a little plaque. This was a work of art! Which was proudly presented to the ship as a gift of appreciation from Liverpool's maritime community.

Years later, we got to wondering whether a) they ever actually picked it up from Baby E, and whether it b) was on the ship. We were so thrilled to spot our gift when Propellerists attended an event onboard last year. Phew, she lives happily on the bar. Which is rather fitting.





Save the dates

We're buzzing with excitement about our upcoming events and really want all Propellerists to get involved! Our regular First Thursdays continue to be a fantastic chance to connect, catch up, and network in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. These gatherings have become a staple for the club, and we'd love to see even more members join us.

As the holiday season approaches, we're planning our special Summer Hostelry Tour—a new summer tradition filled with good cheer, great company, and a few surprises along the way. It's the perfect way to celebrate the cheer of the city with fellow members and spread some Summer holiday spirit.

And the best is yet to come! We're also preparing for an exciting gala event that promises to be one of our most memorable occasions yet. While we can't reveal too much just yet, rest assured it's something you won't want to miss. Keep an eye out for more details soon, and in the meantime, make sure to mark your calendars and get involved in all the fun!

London Maritime Social
Wednesday 25th June

Hot Summer Ball
Thursday July 3rd

Summer Hostelry Tour
Friday 1st August

First Thursdays:
4th September
2nd October

LISW Reception
Monday 15th September



The maritime industry is changing, and at the forefront of this transformation is I Exist Too, an organisation championing LGBTIQ+ visibility and inclusion in our sector. Their recent forum in Malta (IET25) demonstrated how far we've come – and how far we still need to go.

Founded in 2023, I Exist Too has quickly established itself as a crucial voice for maritime professionals who have historically felt invisible or marginalised. Their Declaration of LGBTIQ+ Inclusion within the Maritime Industry represents a commitment to concrete action, not just words.

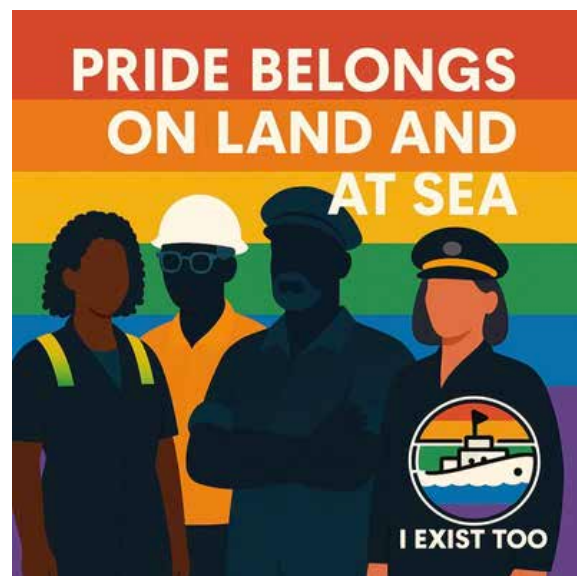
The 2025 forum brought together industry leaders, seafarers, and advocates to address key challenges:

- LGBTQ+ experiences at sea
- Diversity in maritime education
- Mental health support
- Inclusive practices across all maritime sectors

The event's success was backed by major industry players which is recognition that for too long, parts of our maritime community have felt unable to be their authentic selves at work. As an industry that connects the world, we must ensure we're connecting with and supporting all our people.

The message is clear: in modern shipping, there's room for everyone to be who they are, safely and proudly.

<https://www.i-exist-too.com/>





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