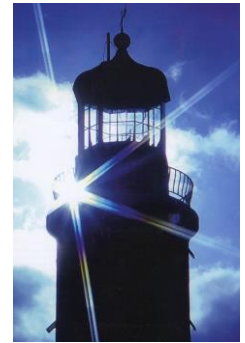


ISL News

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“Without energy the sea’s an empty mirror, motionless as a stone”

Caroline Carver 2012

LEADERS MESSAGE

All change please!

On 1st August the International Shipping, Logistics and Operations Group (ISLO) reached a terminus and reverted to its previous name, the **international Shipping and Logistics Group**. At the same time the group transferred to Plymouth Graduate School of Management. Following expansion in recent years to 23 full time staff including 4 professors, plus 7 Adjunct Faculty, the ‘International Shipping, Logistics and Operations Group’ had become unwieldy. The formation of a new ‘Strategy and Operations’ Group provided the opportunity to resume the earlier identity which now consists of 16 full time academics including 3 professors (see table), and 8 Adjunct Faculty.

Name	Role	Location
David Adkins	Lecturer: Intl Procurement & Supply Chain Management	MH
Mark Bennett	Lecturer: International Logistics & Procurement	MH
Dr Syamantak Bhattacharya	Manager: South Asia Hub	MH
Jonathan Challacombe	Programme Manager: Undergraduate Maritime Top-Up	CKY
Professor John Dinwoodie	Group Leader: ISL Group	MH
Dr Gotthard Gaucci	Lecturer: Maritime Policy and Regulation	MH
Dr Lise Hunter	Lecturer: Trade & Operation Management	MH
Dimitrios Kolovos	Doctoral Teaching Assistant	CKY
Dr Irina Neagha	Lecturer: Intl Supply Chain and Operations Management	MH
Dr Okorie Chukwuneka,	Lecturer: International Logistics	MH
Dr Shunmugham Pandian	Programme Manager: Postgraduate Maritime Programme	MH
Dr Robyn Pyne	Programme Manager: Postgraduate MBM Programme	MH
Professor Michael Roe	Director: Centre for Maritime Logistics Economic and Finance (CEMLEF) Research Group	MH
Dr Sarah Tuck	Programme Manager: Undergraduate Maritime Programme	CKY
Captain Paul Wright	Associate Director: Marine Institute	MH
Professor Jingjing Xu	Deputy Director, Centre for Maritime Logistics Economic and Finance (CEMLEF) Research Group	MH

There have been some recent staff changes within the ISL Group. We welcomed **Dr Irina Neagha** in August, and **Dimitris Kolovos** in September. Sadly we bade farewell to **Professor Dongping Song**. After nine years at Plymouth he has found a container terminal to model - in Liverpool. He has taken up a Professorial appointment at Liverpool University.

On 21 October 2013 most of the ISL Group reached a ‘terminal’ and undertook an ‘intermodal’ change, relocating offices to a waterfront location’ twixt’ marina and fishing quay in the former South West Regional Development Agency Government offices at MAST House, Sutton Harbour. Mast House lies next door to England’s oldest waterfront property - the China House. The views are inspiring but with everybody in shared offices, the café has become the focal meeting point.

The following visitors have already been welcomed to MAST House;

- *Devon and Cornwall Business Council, seeking assistance in developing new business relationships in Southern Africa.*
- *Dr **Suresh Bhardwaj** who successfully defended a thesis entitled “**Challenges and Potential of Technology Integration in Modern Ship Management Practices**”.*
- *A range of visiting speakers from Logistics and Shipping companies.*

Whilst we eagerly look forward to the opportunities which 2014 will bring, in an iconic location with potentially excellent facilities for hosting small conferences and meetings, there are also numerous challenges.

An “Academic and Research Review” should leave the ISL Group largely intact, but reshaping of the academic infrastructure of the University is inevitable as any remaining government support for UK Higher Education ebbs away. As the University moves closer to North American models of higher education any offers of sponsorship (likely to be tax deductible) for courses or short courses, conferences, students, specialist staff and chairs, facilities, prizes... would be most gratefully received by Prof Phil Megicks (Head of School) or the new Dean who is expected in March 2014. ***‘The world may change but the pride of Plymouth graduates and the welcome awaiting their return to Plymouth will not.’***

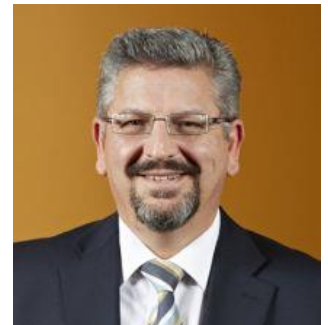
John Dinwoodie

ISL Group Leader

University News

New Dean for the Faculty of Business

Following the departure of **Professor David Wheeler** to take up the position as Chancellor at Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia, Canada the University will welcome a new Dean for the Faculty of Business. **Professor Nikolaos Tzokas** is currently Professor of Marketing at the University of East Anglia having previously been Dean of the Business School at University of East Anglia. He will take on his responsibilities from 1st March. Professor Tzokas graduated Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) in Greece. He was awarded a PhD from the School of Management at the University of Bath. His research areas of interest include Relationship Marketing, Customer Relationship Management, New Product Development and Sales Management



*Professor Nikolaos Tzokas
Dean - Faculty of Business*

First Chancellor for Plymouth University: Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum

After twenty years as a University, Plymouth inaugurated its first Chancellor, **Lord Jonathan Kestenbaum**, a life peer with a distinguished background in investment, innovation, and the voluntary sector. Jonathan Kestenbaum, Chief Operating Officer of RIT Capital Partners plc, one of Britain's most respected companies which traces its origins back to the bank of Rothschild. At the inaugural ceremony Lord Kestenbaum was presented with the University's new regalia – a silver and gold chain linking the elements of its Coat of Arms before addressing an audience of several hundred people to which he said; *“I am very humbled to have been chosen for the position of Chancellor, particularly because it is the first time the University has initiated this office. I don't take it lightly. I think people who step into a role for the first time have a particular responsibility of meeting the expectations of those who've made the decision.... So I'm very aware of that responsibility and the confidence that has been shown in me and I will do everything possible to tell the story of this great University, to as wide an audience as I can possibly reach.”*



*Lord Kestenbaum with Vice
Chancellor Wendy Purcell at the
inauguration ceremony*

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco receives Honorary Doctorate from Plymouth University

His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco was recently honoured by Plymouth University with an Honorary Doctorate for his commitment to the marine environment. During his visit to Plymouth HSH Prince Albert II took a tour of the University's £19 million Marine Building and saw a demonstration of its advanced wave tanks used for the testing of marine renewable energy devices and the simulation of coastlines and flood defences. He also met researchers of the Marine Institute, some through the 'Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation' which is dedicated to protecting the environment. As the reigning monarch of the Principality of Monaco, and head of the **Princely House of Grimaldi**, Prince Albert II established the Foundation to encourage sustainable and fair management of natural resources, and the support of innovative and ethical solutions to climate change, demand for water and issues of biodiversity.



HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

Ernesto Bertarelli, an international entrepreneur, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Marine Science from Plymouth University in July. The award recognised his role in the development of the **America's Cup**, his passion for the marine environment and his business and philanthropic interests in the areas of life sciences and education.

Group News

ISL Moves to Mast House

Among the many recent changes at Plymouth University has been the development of the Plymouth Graduate School of Management (PGSM) one of five schools associated with the Faculty of Business. As part of the PGSM and Plymouth Business School the International Shipping and Logistics Group is one of three subject discipline groups to re-locate to the newly refurbished 'Mast House', located on a waterfront site overlooking Sutton Harbour. 'Mast House' was formerly the South West Regional Government Office.



The location of 'Mast House'



'Mast House' the new home for ISL Staff

The move to 'Mast House' helps satisfy a demand for more space for the growing interests in business and management education at Plymouth. The facilities will enhance Plymouth University's postgraduate education and research offer and enhance its ability to support business through a new 'Futures Enterprise Centre'. The staff of the IS&L Group, while further developing their interest in postgraduate courses and research, continue to maintain their commitment to the successful cohort of 'Maritime Business' undergraduate courses.

The internal decoration of Mast House is tasteful. It recognises the importance of Sutton Harbour as a location from which England 'discovered' and in part settled the world. A colourful 'wall frieze' of a four high stack of international containers in the café is a reminder of the importance of shipping and logistics in the conduct of world trade. Large scale 'wall friezes' relating to some of the Faculty's international connections with Geneva, Shanghai, Boston and Colombo dominate the four main lecture rooms within the building. Further internal decoration will take place prior to the official opening of the Building in March.



The 'Mast House' Cafe



The 'Shanghai' Lecture Room

Fresher's Cruise.

The Freshers Plymouth Sound Cruise, previously supported by PYNDA is now a recognised part of the Curriculum Enhancement Programme (CEP). The CEP aids the funding of extra-curricular which enhance a students learning oportunities. The Fresher's Cruise, as before, allows students and staff to meet in an informal environment whilst giving some background to the City in which they have chosen to study.



Cruising the Sound



Sarah Tuck making 'cruise' commentary

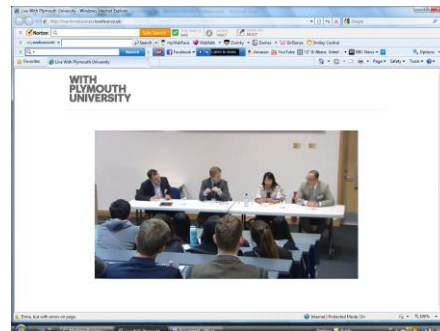
Maritime Business The Next Generation Conference.

An ambitious idea of holding an international Conference at Plymouth for marine and maritime students – to be known as the 'Mermaid' Conference at Plymouth proved a step too far. However the idea was translated into a weekend of activities for Maritime Business students under the title "**Maritime Business – The Next Generation**". The weekend, the first of the term saw a comprehensive programme including a half day Conference, a reception at the 'Distillery' followed by and evening networking cruise in Plymouth Sound and the showing of the acclaimed film 'A Hijacking'.

The Keynote address at the Conference was given by **Julie Lithgow**, Director of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and Secretary of PYNDA. Other conference participants included **Marius Tonnevik** of RG Hagland Shipbrokers, **Samantha Evans** of Zodiac Maritime and **Claudio Chiste** of Investec, Ship and Marine Finance. **Mark Warner**, Chairman of PYNDA chaired the Panel Discussion which was webcast to organisations including Singapore Maritime Academy. **Robyn Pyne** was the principle organiser of the event, with support being given by Jennifer Allen of Plymouth Business School.



Robyn Pyne introduces Julie Lithgow, Keynote Conference speaker



The Panel Discussion chaired by Mark Warner as seen on the Web.

Plymouth University stages Graduation Ceremony...in Hong Kong.

More than 120 PLYMOUTH students graduated from Hong Kong University's, School of Professional and Continuing Education with a degree awarded by Plymouth University. This year's graduation was specifically attended by students on the **BSc (Hons) International Shipping and Supply Chain Management**, BA (Hons) International Trade and Operations Management and BSc (Hons) Business Management courses. This year Jonathan Challacombe represented the International Shipping and Logistics Group at the Graduation Ceremony. The Ceremony was also attended by the University Vice Chancellor **Professor Wendy Purcell**.



*Plymouth University in Hong Kong - Graduation Ceremony 2013
(Jonathan Challacombe fourth from right)*

The partnership with Hong Kong University's SPACE is currently Plymouth's largest overseas link, with student numbers growing and over 500 now based in Hong Kong.

London International Shipping Week and the ISL Group.



Paul Wright (centre) at the July launch event of the London International Shipping Week (Frame from the LISW promotional video)

The ISL Group of Plymouth University was involved in activities leading up to and during the inaugural London International Shipping Week (LISW) which took place in September 2014. **Paul Wright** attended the launch event in July at the prestigious Norton Rose Fulbright Building on the South Bank of the Thames. The event was addressed by **Stephen Hammond**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport and attended by leading figures of the maritime community including Alderman & Sheriff **Jeffrey Evans** and **Doug Barrow** of Maritime London.

Members of the International Shipping and Logistics Group made useful contributions to the LISW. **John Dinwoodie** presented a paper at the Low Carbon Shipping Conference held at University College.

Robyn Pyne delivered a paper at the Greenwich Maritime Institute who hosted a conference on the topic of 'China's Growth as a Maritime Power'. Honorary Doctor and former PYNDA Chairman **Phil Parry** gave a Keynote talk at an event organized by the Shipping Professional Network on board the '**Golden Hind**' (a replica of Francis Drake's ship) located on the South Bank of the Thames. The event was attended by Paul Wright and Robyn Pyne. Paul was also among the 200 delegates who attended the International Chamber of Shipping's Annual Conference at the British Library. Plymouth University alumni **Richard Clayton**, Editor of Fairplay International, **Andy Winbow**, Assistant Secretary General International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and **Peter Hinchliffe**, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping and regular visiting speaker at Plymouth University were involved. The climax of the week was the 'London International Shipping Week Conference', *Propelling World Trade*. Thirteen **maritime business students** accompanied by **Sarah Tuck** and Robyn Pyne attended the Conference followed by attendance at the Plymouth Nautical Degree Association (PYNDA) Reception which took place at 'The Sterling' Gherkin Building. The next London International Shipping Week will take place in September 2015

Britain and the Sea

Established in 2012, the second Britain and the Sea Symposium, *Reliance On and Protection Of Britain's Maritime Interests* was held at Plymouth University in early September. Supported by the Marine Institute the Symposium had a line up of distinguished speakers including **Vice Admiral Sir Richard Ibbotson**, retired Deputy Commander Fleet, **Paul Wright** Associate Director Marine Institute, Dr **Harry Bennett**, Associate Professor in History at Plymouth University, Professor **Martin Attrill**, Director of Plymouth University's Marine Institute, Cdre **Steve Jermy RN (retd)** author of the book 'Strategy in Action' **Cdre Jake Moores RN (retd)**, **Andy Parkin** of 'Two Four', Professor **Michael Roe** of CEMLEF and Cdre **Richard Farrington RN**, Commodore Devon Frigate and Submarine Flotilla. **Julian Parker** of the Maritime Foundation chaired the Symposium. Details of the event can be found at <http://www.britainandthesea.org/>. The Symposium was reported in the journal '**Warship International Fleet Review**' as well as **MI News**. Plans are underway for **Britain and the Sea 3**, which will be a two day event to be held at Plymouth on September 11th and 12th 2014. Britain and the Sea 3 will consider how Britain's maritime capability can be enhanced and will have a focus on issues of maritime awareness, training and education associated with businesses and the 2015 Strategic and Security Defence Review. .



Britain and the Sea 2 was supported by the Marine Institute.

World Maritime Day 2013

The annual joint meeting of maritime professional bodies The Nautical Institute, IMarEST and RINA, supported by the Marine Institute celebrated World Maritime Day 2013 with the theme set by the International Maritime Organisation; '**Sustainable Development in the Shipping Industry**'. Introduced by Paul Wright Chairman of the South West of England Branch, Nautical Institute, the two guest speakers were **Dr Steven Fletcher**, Director of Plymouth University's Centre for Marine and Coastal Policy Research and **Julian Parker OBE**, Chairman of the Board of Experts, the 'Green Award'.



Julian Parker and Dr Steve Fletcher.

University Technical College Plymouth

A highlight of the City was the opening in September of the University Technical College Plymouth in Devonport. The college which is sponsored by Plymouth University has been built to help provide qualified young persons in technical skills. The vision of UTC is to provide '*A world-class centre of educational excellence for Plymouth in marine engineering and advanced manufacturing, where young people are offered outstanding learning opportunities in industry, innovation and enterprise*'. There are ten Employer Partners including Babcock International, the Royal Navy, Plessey and Princess Yachts. **Paul Wright** representing the Marine Institute



Education for tomorrow's technologists.

attended a VIP Open Evening. He was impressed with the 'state of the art' facilities and the 'work day' business ethos and discipline associated with the education of the 14 – 19 year old students.

Seamanship Centre Demolished ... to make way for the new Marine Station

Many former students at Plymouth will have been aware of the Seamanship Centre located at Coxsides. Opened in 1967 and visited a year later by HRH Prince Philip. Cadets were taught the rudiments of the sailor's trade at the Centre. Following the demise of Cadet training at Plymouth in the early 1990s, the Seamanship Centre became the Diving and Marine Centre for Plymouth University. Despite internal changes the Centre has not been able to fully support the range of activities now being demanded. Consequently in October 2013 the Centre was demolished and work begun on a new Marine Station. It is anticipated that the £4.5 Million Marine Station will be completed by July 2014



September 2013 – 56 Years On



October 2013 Demolition complete



July 2014 The NEW Marine Station.

Post Office Stamps: Celebrating the Merchant Navy

In September 2013 the British Merchant Navy was recognised by the publication of a series of 6 stamps.



Information about stamps states 'the rise of Great Britain as an imperial superpower was contingent upon her merchant shipping **Today Britain remains reliant upon merchant shipping**'. This is recognised by members of the IS&L Group who through their activities help encourage young persons in the development of careers within and associated with the merchant shipping industry.

Visiting Speakers

During the Autumn it has been good to welcome the following Visiting Speakers to address final year Undergraduate and Postgraduate students studying International Shipping and Logistics.



Peter Murnaghan and Peter Huggins of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport who informed students about the opportunities provided by the Institute, in particular the 'Knowledge Centre'.



Peter Hinchliffe (right), Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping who spoke on the key challenges associated with developing the shipping industry's international regulatory framework.



Plymouth University graduate **Dinesh Sharma** (left) Marine Consultant with Drewry who described the challenges for the container shipping sector in a talk entitled **'Bring in the Giants'** (a reference to the new 18,000 TEU containerships)



Clive Kessel, Director of Norvik Shipping (left) who shared with students his business experiences working within the shipping and logistics industries, including the establishment of a new European hub for China Clay and the movement by ship of spoil from the London Cross Rail project..



Bill Box, Senior Manager Communications and External Relations of INTERTANKO, the independent tanker owners body, had a good audience when he spoke on the **"Challenges for the Tanker Industry in the Second Decade of the 21st Century"**



It is always a pleasure to have Associate Professor **Dr Philip Rogers** come to the University to share his knowledge of the **Dry Bulk markets**. Philip is a member of PYNDA and has worked for as Research Director with Galbraiths and ICAP. Prior to attaining a doctorate Philip served at sea and trained at Plymouth School of Navigation.



Tommy Gates, graduated in 2011 from Plymouth University with a degree in Maritime Business and Logistics. He now works for Orient Overseas Container Lines as Commercial and Pricing Analyst. He shared his passion and interest for the **'Container Trades'**



'Short Sea Shipping – the Slow Route for Sustainability' was the topic explored by **Dr Merv Rawlinson** an independent consultant and postgraduate examiner. In his presentation to students he put forward the case for more investment in Europe's short sea and coastal shipping sector.

Graduation 2013

The weather was a little disappointing for the 2013 Graduation Ceremony. However for students graduating the weather didn't matter as in the marquees erected on Plymouth Hoe they received recognition for work undertaken during their time at Plymouth University - their degree certificate.

In addition to the certificates, the following **Prizes** were awarded :

PYNDA Prize -

Best Maritime Business Dissertation: **Dimitrios Nakis**

PYNDA Prize

Outstanding Performance in Maritime Business and Maritime Law: **Aaron Ya Lun Wee**

Shipping Professional Network London Prize

Best Commercial Practice Honours Dissertation: **Fern Rogers**

Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Prize (Undergraduate)

Highest Marks in Maritime Business and Logistics: **Mengyan Ma**

Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Prize (Postgraduate)

Highest Marks Overall in International Logistics and Supply Chain Management: **Yang Xiong**



Shipping and Logistics students celebrating their achievements!

Davis Johnson & Co Prize (Postgraduate)

Highest Marks Overall in International Shipping: **Veronic Ngau Hui Fen**

David Viner Bursary

Awarded to a Navigation and Maritime Science undergraduate who produced the most relevant and challenging personal development plan during Stage 2: **Joseph Ward**

(Note : David Viner is a member of PYNDA and took the BSc Nautical Studies degree between 1969 and 1973. He is a specialist in insurance and loss adjustment)

Doctors of Philosophy

Chia-Hsun Chang was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in recognition of a programme of work entitled “*Container Shipping Risk Management: A Case Study of Taiwan’s Container Shipping Industry*”.

Lise Hunter was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in recognition of a programme of work entitled “*The mediating role of entrepreneurial leadership: an investigation of SMEs competitiveness in the South West food and drink manufacturing.*”

Staff News

Professor Michael Roe and **Dr Syamantak’s** doctoral candidate, **Captain Suresh Bhardwaj**, submitted a thesis titled: *Challenges and potential of technology integration in modern ship management practices*, for which he was awarded a doctorate. The thesis was examined by Professor Mike Barnett and Professor John Dinwoodie. Suresh Bhardwaj is a Professor Emeritus at Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) Chennai, India. He is engaged in research and related activities forming the core of University’s research strategy to synthesize knowledge generation with social science underpinning and applying them in maritime domain. Suresh is Editor of ‘*AMET Maritime Journal*’, an international peer reviewed journal.



Professor Emeritus, Captain
Suresh Bhardwaj PhD

Jonathan Challacombe is pleased that a new degree programme in which he has been involved, *BSc (Hons) International Supply Chain and Shipping Management* is now accredited by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. The degree will be delivered ‘off campus’ through the Supply Chain Academy, Upminster, London. As Programme Manager, of Maritime ‘Top Up’ Programmes, Jonathan is responsible for some 47 students from Singapore Maritime Academy who commenced their one year Maritime Business programme at Plymouth in September 2013. Jonathan is also a member of the organization committee which provided a one day workshop on ‘*Water Ballast Management*’ supported by Plymouth Marine Laboratories, SAHFOS, the Marine Biological Association and Plymouth University’s Marine Institute.

Lise Hunter is developing interests in export activity through her work with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The ISL Group has recently gained **Corporate Membership of the Institute of Export**. Involvement with the IoE will provide new links with industry key players as well as providing additional learning resources for staff and students.

Syamantak Bhattacharya was awarded a ‘High Commendation’ for a paper published in the International Journal of Employee Relations entitled: *Sociological Factors Influencing the Practice of Incident Reporting: the Case of the Shipping Industry*.

Some Recent Publications and Presentations

Bhattacharya S. Howell K E. *Regulating Globalised Business through Functionalism: Lessons from the International Maritime Tanker industry*, British Academy of Management Conference, Liverpool . September 2013.

Bhattacharya S. *Looking for Efficiency in the Indian Container ports: Where are the Port Workers in this debate?* International Conference on Supply Chain & Logistics Management. December 2013.

Wright P G *Impact of Climate Change on Shipping and UK Ports*. MCCIP Science Review. (referred to in the MCCIP Annual Report Card) November 2013:

Wright P G *Future Opportunities and Challenges for Shipping and Ports in Devon*. Devon Maritime Forum Presentation. Exmouth. November 2013.

Wright P G *Shipping and Maritime Trends Britain and the Sea 2 Conference*. Maritime Foundation. Presentation. Plymouth University. September 2013

Graduate News

In November 'Tradewinds' reported that **Brian Nixon**, graduate of Plymouth University and formerly with Morgan Stanley has '*been pulled in to handle risk management, chartering and derivatives*' at the newly formed London Office of Lavinia Bulk, a subsidiary of the Greek-based management company Laskaridis.

The October edition of 'Ship Management' had a two page profile on **Tor Ostervold** who in 2008 completed a Masters Degree (with distinction) in International Shipping at Plymouth University. Tor is now Chief Executive Officer of ECOsubsea. ECOsubsea was set up by Tor Ostervold and specialises in in-water hull cleaning and collection of waste from ships.

It was pleasing to see **Craig Eason** who undertook studies at Plymouth in Nautical Science leading to a Certificate of Competence as Deck Officer (1985 - 1989) is Technical Editor at Lloyds List. For the final paper run of Lloyds List in printed form* on December 20th 2013 Craig contributed an article '*Innovations to Influence Shipping*' which looked at the 'top 10' inventions that have impacted the industry since the paper was founded in 1774. **Lloyds List is now published only as an e- newspaper*"

Student News

BUSA National Sailing Championships (2013)

Despite gale force winds for the two days of the championship they took place in the shelter of the Cattewater. The '**Marine Institute 150 Trophy**' was presented by Paul Wright to Bristol University, winners of the Firefly Class (Race 2). Plymouth University took the Team Trophy for a second year running. A new trophy for the leading all-women's team was won by Plymouth University.

As a preliminary to the Championships **Pete Goss MBE**, Honorary Doctor in Marine Science of Plymouth University, provided an exciting and compelling inaugural pre-race talk to students. Titled '**Dare to Dream**'. Pete enthralled a large audience with tales of his personal ventures. Highlights included rescuing fellow competitor, Ralph Denelli in the Southern Ocean during 'Vendee Globe' Round the World Race in 1997, the development of the revolutionary super - catamaran '*Team Philips*' and the building and sailing of the '*Spirit of Mystery*' re-enacting a nineteenth century voyage from Cornwall to Australia. Innovation, Technology, Challenge and Adventure are the common threads between all Pete's projects. The talk was a real inspiration.



The BUSA dinghy fleet fights it out in the shelter of the Cattewater



Richard Stevenson (Pro – Vice Chancellor) thanks Pete Goss MBE following the BUCS/BUSA inaugural talk

Round Up

Student Gains Award for Safety Awareness

The 19th annual British Shipping Safety Awareness Awards ceremony took place at the UK Chamber of Shipping in December. The ceremony was hosted by the UK Chamber's Director-General Mark Brownrigg and returning sponsor Trinity House's Deputy Master, Captain Ian McNaught was on hand to present the awards after a welcome from Commodore David Squire. Daniel Pile who is on the **BSc (Hons) Navigation and Maritime Science** degree programme at Plymouth University was the recipient of the third place prize for his suggestion of a 'more effective way to present an on-board safety meeting, including the use of appropriate technology'. Daniel's sponsors are CMA-CGM with training organised by the Ship Safe Trainign Group (SSTG)



Daniel Pile (left) and Navigation Programme Manager Tom Critchton

British Shipping

The Autumn Newsletter 2013 '**Flagging Up**' reported that the British Register had grown by 20 ships of which 12 were newbuilds and 8 were transferred in from other flags. At the end of September 2013 the UK Ship Register stands at **1318 ships** with a gross tonnage of 16.11 Million making it the **11th largest registry** in the world. CMA CGM is the UK Shipping Register's largest tonnage customer with a total of 3.1 Million gross tons entered.

TS Tectona

An update from Dr Roger Crabtree about the 'Tectona' gives news as to her activities and in particular her links with Plymouth University.

"Tectona" is now in refit in her mudberth at Southdown, after a successful season only marred by the engine fault which caused cancellation of our Step Aboard event in August. For the first time "Tectona" hosted two Plymouth University medical students on one of the rehab voyages. This went really well, with one of them saying it had rekindled her enthusiasm for medicine! The rehab people also found it interesting to have the students aboard and were impressed by the way they got stuck in to the work on board despite seasickness. It was a Student Selected Unit module for year 4 and they have to do an assessed piece of writing plus an art or other creative work. The results will be presented at the Medical Humanities Festival on 25th March. We're planning to have more students next year, all being well! Tectona is also becoming involved with Swarthmore Tectona Adventure Rewards which offers adventure sailing for Plymouth students who have been either in Local Authority care or fostered. It is found that young people in such circumstances have a great need to gain confidence and 'self efficacy' which can be supplied through by sail training".



TS Tectona – former training ship of the Plymouth School of Navigation re-engaged with Plymouth University

Maritime Media Awards

Plymouth University was represented at the Maritime Media Awards at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London by Paul Wright. The Guest Presenter was the First Sea Lord, Admiral George Zambellas. Plymouth University nominated Philip Hoare for his work '*The Moby Dick Big Read*' which was part of the first Plymouth Book Festival and for his book '*The Sea Inside*'. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall who has strong links with the South West of England won the coveted Donald Gosling Film Award for his series '*Fish Fight*' which awakened public concern over the '*destructive ways our seas and fish stocks are managed*'. The First Sea Lord stated that '*The Maritime Foundation works tirelessly to explain our dependency on the sea. It's right that it does because the world's oceans connect nations and peoples around the globe.*'



The view of Sutton Harbour from Mast House

Events Diary January – June 2014

January 30 th	PYNDA AGM and Social, Dickens Inn, St Katherine's Dock, London
February 1 st	32 nd International Shipwreck Conference, Plymouth University
February 19 th	'Resilience of the South West Transport Network'. Plymouth University
February 20 th	Marine Institute Spring Public Event 'The Eddystone Reef' Plymouth University
March dtbc	Official Opening of 'Mast House'
March w/c 3 rd	Maritime Business - First Year and Third Year Fieldtrips
March 11 th	'Maritime Responsibilities in Cornish Ports' Nautical Institute, Truro
March 11 th – 13 th	Oceanology International 2014, ExCeL, London
March 26 th – 29 th	Maritime Business - 2 nd Year Fieldtrips
April 29 th – May 1 st	Multimodal 2014 NEC Birmingham
May 20 th – 21 st	Society of Maritime Industries Annual Conference 2014 - Bristol
June 7 th – 12 th	Solitaire de Figaro Stopover – Plymouth
June 9 th – 14 th	International Festival for Business 2014 – (Maritime, Logistics and Energy Themed Week)
June 10 th – 12 th	Seaworks Exhibition - Southampton
June 12 th - 13 th tbc	NavCon2 Conference 'Lighting the Way' Plymouth University
June 26 th	Seafarers UK Public Event Plymouth University

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