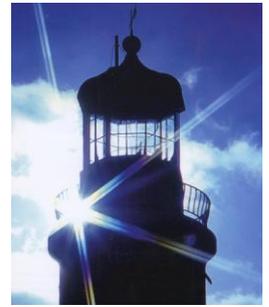


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Like the sea touching every coastline in the world Plymouth University looks outwards, a lighthouse of thought beamed to the four points of the compass".

Marine Building, Plymouth University

LEADER'S MESSAGE

17th July 2013

On a sunny July day, Plymouth can proudly rival Barcelona's claim to being Europe's Waterfront city. Armada Way is not usually as crowded as La Rambla, but it is much pleasanter. A classroom by the waterfront, whilst not as grand as those in Barcelona's Maritime Academy, will befit incumbents of postgraduate International Shipping and Logistics programmes in Plymouth. The former South West Regional Development Agency Government offices at MAST House in Sutton Harbour, next to the China House pub, offer a unique and iconic venue for Masters' students in the near future. Precisely who will move there, and when, remain dependant on building conversion work but the prospect is tantalizing. Given recent successes, the International Shipping Logistics and Operations (ISLO) Group now numbering 21 professors and lecturers has grown unwieldy, as has the former School of Management which now exceeds 100 staff. Dr Hilary Duckett now heads up a new "Plymouth Business School" (PBS), as an undergraduate School of Management and Professor Phil Megicks heads up the new Plymouth Graduate School of Management (PGSM), which will be based at MAST House. These will form two of the five schools in the reformulated Faculty of Business. Postgraduate programme managers and professors with heavy research supervision commitments are most likely to relocate to MAST House, and the ISLO group will reform as the ISL group, shedding about seven members who will join a new Strategy and Operations group. Both groups will nominally join the PGSM, but continue to service PBS seamlessly.

A number of staff changes are taking place. In April the Dean Professor David Wheeler left to become principal of a University in Canada. After eight years at Plymouth, we also say farewell to Professor Dongping Song, who moves to Liverpool University located close to a real container terminal, the likes of which he could only dream about at Plymouth. Dr Irina Neaga joins us from Loughborough to take on some of Dongping's duties, and Dimitris Kovolos will join us in September, as a Doctoral Teaching Assistant. Dr Sarah Tuck has returned to work after a period of illness, and thanks are due to Dr Robyn Pyne for stepping in to take on extra duties at short notice.

Elsewhere life proceeds apace. Prof Mike Roe has recently returned from the annual conference of the International Association of Maritime Economists, accompanied by several PhD students who also gave papers in Marseilles. Teaching in Hong Kong has recently been undertaken by Dr Syamantak Bhattacharya and Dr Shunmugham Pandian. Later this week I set out for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to the triennial World Transport Research Conference, where PhD student Andrei Kuznetsov will deliver a paper on a Sustainability Management System for Smaller Ports.

At a recent research seminar in Plymouth, our visiting Korean post-doctoral researchers, Drs Hee Yong Lee and Dr Junghyun Yoon, presented on the Impacts of Industry-University-Government network on Port Competitiveness in South Korea. Mark Bennett recently visited Newcastle University where he is researching into The Carbon Impacts of Container Movements in Supply Chains. Dr Chukwuneke Okorie is now settling down to married life in Plymouth and Dr Gotthard Gaucci had moved into a new office.

Paul Wright, Robyn Pyne and Jonathan Challacombe have led a variety of student visits enabling them to benefit from attendance. Prof Dongping Song led the European Logistics Association annual conference, and earlier led a popular student visit to the Multimodal Exhibition at the NEC.

We will give fuller news of the impressive list of student achievements when we report Degree Day proceedings in the next New Year edition of ISL News. In the meantime we offer a small word of caution when you visit us. The UK Border Agency now requires us to take a photocopy of the passport of everybody who visits before we can pay any travel expenses or fees. On the plus side however, “enrichment” funds which draw on the increased revenues arising from increases to UK and EU fees, now give programme managers much more flexibility to fund experts to visit Plymouth, or student to visit experts. In short there are even fewer acceptable excuses for not meeting up soon.

Prof. John Dinwoodie

PRESTIGE LECTURE

The University supports a regular ‘Prestige’ Lecture Programme.

In January **Sir John Parker** was invited to give a Prestige lecture at Plymouth University. His theme was ‘**Engineering and the Leadership Journey**’, a topic which had resonance to all involved in management, particularly in maritime business. **Sir John**, President of Royal Academy of Engineering commenced his career studying Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering at the College of Technology and Queens University, Belfast. He then joined the ship design team at Harland & Wolff. After senior appointments at Lloyds Register, Austin & Pickersgill (Shipbuilders) and the Board of British Shipbuilders Corporation he returned to Harland & Wolff as Chairman and Chief Executive. He then lead a turn - around which saw the business transfer from the public to the private sector. Sir John has had many significant Board appointments including Chairman of Babcock International, Director of British and National Grid, Transco and Deputy Chairman of P&O Princess Cruises. In 2005 as Chairman of P&O he oversaw the sale of P&O Ports to DP World (Dubai). In his presentation he spoke of the challenges and disappointments which he had experienced during his lifetime’s work in leading large organisations.



*Sir John Parker
President Royal Academy
of Engineering*

Keynote Speaker to the Cruise Leadership Conference.

Another key maritime industrial person to visit Plymouth University during the first half of 2013 was **David Dingle**, Chief Executive Officer of Carnival UK. He presented a Keynote address at the ‘**Cruiseship Leadership Conference**’ organized by the Cruise and Hospitality Management Group, led by Dr Philip Gibson.

In his address David spoke about the organizational development and positioning of Carnival UK, its mission and the key aspects associated with leadership in a dynamic and market driven organization.

Among the key messages he left with the audience were that a **Business Vision should be ‘clear and simple’** and that a **Business Strategy should be ‘dynamic and clearly communicated**. In 2012 David Dingle was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Plymouth University



*David Dingle
CEO Carnival UK*

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

MAST House

MAST House was leased to Plymouth University early in 2013 to provide additional space for the activities of the Plymouth Business School, in particular postgraduate work undertaken by the Plymouth Postgraduate Management School. After internal conversion it is anticipated that staff and students will move in from late September. The model of the 'Cutty Sark' presently on display in the Portland Square Building will be placed in modern casing in the entry to the building. When refurbished the model of the SS 'Norham Castle', built in 1883 will be displayed on the second floor of the building – a reminder of the University's maritime heritage.

Demolition of former Seamanship Centre to provide a Marine Station.

The former Seamanship Centre, known to many as the Marine and Diving Centre, is to be demolished to make way for a new waterfront Marine Station. The purpose of the £3.6 Million refurbishment is to further enhance the standing of Plymouth University as a global leader in marine education and research. The refurbishment will transform a prominent but neglected area of the city's waterfront Plymouth University. It is recognized that; *'Coxside is an important and unique asset that will enable the University to build on its standing by providing a waterfront campus, affording students a near seamless transition from the lecture theatre out into the marine environment. With more than 2,600 marine and maritime students generating £16.3M of teaching income, Coxside is a key differentiator amongst UK Universities and a critical one in attracting the best marine talent to Plymouth'*.



Artists impression of the 'new' Marine Station

Down goes another: Isaac Foot Refectory to be demolished.

The Isaac Foot Refectory, built as part of the Residential Nautical College in the 1960s to provide a large cadet dining room, staff common room and 'superior' accommodation for senior students is shortly to be demolished. Presently used as the central refectory for staff and post-graduate students the building will be replaced by a 'striking' 10 storey student accommodation block which will house 159 students. The development is the start of a possible £30 Million scheme to establish 900 bedrooms in new and converted accommodation across the University Campus. Plymouth University has been granted 13 planning and listing consents enabling the work to be undertaken over the next three years.



Isaac Foot Refectory soon to be demolished

RESEARCH

CEMLEF

The CEMLEF (CEntre for Maritime Logistics Economics and Finance) has recently promoted a seminar series in which Mr Sihyun Kim, Mr Young-Joon Seo and Dr Hee Yong Lee provided three presentations on upcoming issues in the shipping and port industry. Topics covered *'Busan; Mega-Container Port in North East Asia'*, *'Cooperation for Collaborative Advantage in Supply Chains involving Maritime Organisations'* and *'the Competitiveness of Container Terminal Operating Companies'*.

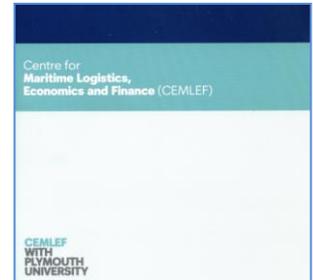
As part of the **Plymouth University's Festival of Research**, the Centre for Maritime, Logistics Economics and Finance (CEMLEF) hosted Dr Tristram Smith, a Lecturer in Energy and Transport at University College (UCL) London. During his visit to Plymouth University he spoke on. *'The Global Freight Shipping System and its Future Energy Demand, Efficiency and Sustainability'*. Professor John Dinwoodie, explained to attendees that Plymouth University has until recently been involved in a multi-million pound **'Low Carbon Shipping - A Systems Approach' Project**, which has been led by Tristram.

Scholarship Awards by CEMLEF

Two areas for **Scholarship Awards** to undertake funded PhD research have been established, one in maritime governance and the other in 'small' ports. Professor Michael Roe will be guiding research in '*Cosmic Capitalism and Maritime Governance*' and Professor John Dinwoodie will lead the research into '*International Dissemination of a Port Sustainability Management System for Smaller Ports*'. The research work follows on from the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) which was developed with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners. In 2012 work won the ESRC Best Application of Social Science to a KTP Award.

CEMLEF Brochure

The Plymouth Business School Research Centre has produced a series of illustrated booklets to showcase the world class research being undertaken by the PBS Research Centre summarising recent achievements and events, future projects and key aims. Three centres CEMLEF, Centre for Maritime Logistics Economics and Finance, SERC, Service and Enterprise Research Centre and SLGP. Centre for Research in Sustainable Leadership, Governance and Policy, are members of the Marine Institute.



Cover page of the CEMLEF Booklet.

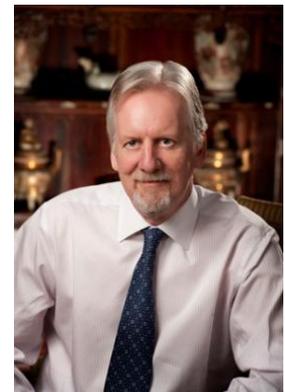
SMEU.

The non REF **Shipping and Maritime Enterprise Unit** made a report of its progress to the 'Annual Marine Institute Research Conference' in June. Key activities of its members during the year have been associated with the '150 with Plymouth Celebrations', the installation and accreditation of equipment in the Marine Navigation Centre and the support of the maritime professional organizations, particularly the Devon and Cornwall Branch of the IMarEST / RINA and the South West of England Branch of the Nautical Institute. A planned suite of one day Conference/Workshops in 'Leadership, Management and Shipping' was planned but withdrawn. Short Courses in ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems) which will be run in the ECDIS Suite are now being advertised in the maritime press.

STAFF NEWS

Farewell to David Wheeler

At the end of April Professor Wheeler, Dean of Plymouth Business School and pro Vice Chancellor at Plymouth University crossed the Atlantic to take up the appointment as Vice Chancellor and President of Cape Breton University Sydney Nova Scotia, Canada. In the relatively short period David had been present at Plymouth he had done much to establish a new and exciting self belief in the talents of business education at Plymouth. He had reorganised the Faculty into separate schools and placed emphasis on Business Strategy and Management Practices for Sustainability. He will be following a similar mission in Canada. Plymouth University is seeking a new Dean for the Faculty of Business. In the interim the role of Dean is temporarily held by Professor Simon Payne.



*David Wheeler
'farewell' to Plymouth*

Jonathan Challacombe

Jonathan reports that he has supported the ISLO 3rd Year and Postgraduate Field Trip to London and organized a second year Field Trip to IMERYS during a 'dismal day in March'. In May he presented a paper entitled "*European Dry Cargo Shipping Trends*" to the Bulk Ports, Terminals and Logistics 2013 Conference held in Antwerp.

Michael Roe

As Internal Examiner, Michael Roe is pleased to report that **Chia-Hsun, Chang** successfully defended his PhD thesis entitled '*Container Shipping Risk Management: A Case Study of Taiwan Container Shipping Industry*.' His supervisors were Professors Dongping Song and Jingjing Xu. The External Examiner was Dr

Yongmei Bentley, of the University of Bedfordshire. Chia-Hsun Chang benefitted from a student award from the Marine Institute which allowed him to attend the International Association of Marine Economists 2012 Conference held in Taiwan where he presented a paper 'Evaluating Risk Mitigation Strategies in Container Shipping Supply Chains'.

Michael has been appointed as External Examiner to City University Postgraduate programmes in Shipping, Trade, Finance, and Energy for the next four years. With 220 full-time international students this is one of the largest programmes of its type in Europe.

Michael attended and presented a Key Note paper 'Maritime Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility in Shipping – Process Rather than Form' at the 2nd International Maritime Incident and Near Miss Reporting Conference held at Kotka Finland. This was attended by specialists from across Europe, Australia and Canada and formed the concluding part of an EU funded project directed towards corporate social responsibility, shipping and safety.

Shaofeng Liu

The prominent publisher, Taylor and Francis, has recently announced the appointment of Professor Shaofeng Liu as the new Associate Editor for the well-established international journal **Journal of Decision Systems** which has over 20 years of success in publishing scientific research in decision support systems. Professor Shaofeng Liu's responsibility is in the area of Integrated Decision Support Systems addresses the integration of decisions along supply chain activities and the integration of decisions across both forward supply chains and reverse logistics. Details about the 'Journal of Decision Systems' and "Call for Papers" are present of the journal's website: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/editor/TJDS-new-associate-ed-cfp.pdf>

Dongping Song. Farewell – Moving to the North West of England's Premier port

Dongping Song is leaving Plymouth at the end of the academic year to take a Chair in Supply Chain Management at Liverpool University. His contribution to the ISL Group has been very significant. Following academic studies at Nankai University China Dongping Song gained a Doctorate in Control Science & Engineering at Zhejiang University in 1998. This achievement was followed in 2001 by a second doctorate in Manufacturing Engineering at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Dongping Song came to Plymouth in 2005 following a position as post-doctoral Research Associate in the 'Container World Project' at Imperial College London in which he was involved in modeling the international container and UK inland container shipping business. He was appointed as Reader in International Logistics at Plymouth University in 2008 and promoted to Professor of International Logistics in 2010.



Professor Dongping Song at his farewell lunch.

Harry Heijveld. Ordained as a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church

Harry Heijveld will be remembered by many staff and past students at Plymouth University. In 2004 after working with the International Shipping and Logistics Group for 15 years he received a call to serve God as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. On the 22nd June 2013 Paul Wright was privileged to witness his ordination at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface Plymouth. Harry had initially served as a marine engineer with Holland America, followed by a period as manager at Wilton FitzNoord, a major ship repair business in Rotterdam. He came to Plymouth in 1989 to take a Diploma in Management Studies, which he followed with a Masters degree in International Shipping. He was offered a full time teaching post during which time he studied for a Doctorate in the 'Marketing of Ferry Services' and served as Programme Manager for Maritime Business. In the latter capacity where his attributes of concern and interest in students was fully utilized. After serving the Church in a voluntary capacity Harry undertook study at St John's Seminary at Womersley enabling him to fulfil his calling. The liturgy at the ordination service included the hymn 'The Servant King' from which the words



Paul Wright with Harry Heijveld following his ordination.

'He calls us now to follow Him, To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the servant King seems to neatly sum up the transformation of his life. Harry will shortly be allocated a position from where he will to serve the Roman Catholic Church.

Paul Wright. Nautical Institute.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Nautical Institute held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in May 2013 Paul Wright was elected to serve a second three year term as a member of Council. He was also elected as Chairman of the South West of England Branch for the year 2013 – 14 at the Branch AGM earlier in the month. Paul was recently asked to represent the Nautical Institute on the South West Ports Welfare Committee.

Andrew Eccleston. A Second Retirement ?

Although not a member of the IS&L Group, Andrew has had an influence in promoting the maritime and marine activities of the University through the Navigation Group. Andrew was a cadet at the Plymouth School of Navigation followed by a period at sea in the merchant navy with Denholms Ship Management. He achieved a doctorate in Meteorology in 1980 which led to more than 20 years of international business experience in the aviation and media market sectors, delivering weather services and IT systems. On retiring from the commercial environment in 2003 he joined the Navigation Group of Plymouth University. His untiring enthusiasm for developing the maritime and marine sector at Plymouth is well recognized.

ALUMNI NEWS

PYNDA Social at Norton Rose

PYNDA's main visible activity during the early part of the 2013 was the organization of a social meeting at the prestigious offices of Norton Rose LLP. PYNDA Officers and members, including the new Chairman, Mark Warner, Secretary Julie Lithgow and Social Secretary Nick Ingle were present to welcome some 40 students from Plymouth. Philip Roche global co-head of Norton Rose's shipping group generously hosted Plymouth University students and took a great interest in their work. It was also good to see former PYNDA Chairman Ian Teare present. Ian is a partner with Norton Rose presently based in their Singapore Office. He specialises in shipping disputes with a particular focus on admiralty law and marine insurance. Ian has a degree in Nautical Studies from Plymouth University where he specialised in naval architecture. Ian joined Norton Rose in 1999 having spent seven years working in the admiralty department of another major City shipping legal practice.



Mark Warner with Philip Roche of Norton Rose

Note: On June 2013 Norton Rose LLP announced that it is to combine with leading U.S. law firm Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. to form Norton Rose Fulbright. Norton Rose Fulbright will have 3,800 lawyers and will be a top 10 global legal practice by gross revenue and by number of lawyers.



Students at the PYNDA Reception held at Norton Rose London

New Website

Following the decision by the Annual meeting of **PYNDA**, Fern Carghill of Plymouth University Alumni has been involved in designing a new **PYNDA Website** which will share the same platform as that of Plymouth University. A proposed 'new' design and format has been forwarded to the PYNDA Committee for their consideration.

Cleaning up the Directory

Han Ozturk, **PYNDA** treasurer has been very active working with Fern to 'clean' and 'update' the **PYNDA Directory**. This has not proved to be an easy task and a considerable numbers of hours has been input to ensure its accuracy. Thanks Han for all the unseen work you do in your support of PYNDA.

Vice Chancellor's Enterprise Awards 2013

More than 300 nominations were received for the 2013 VC's Enterprise Awards of which 80 were shortlisted for an Award, Among the nominees which relate to PYNDA are the 150th Celebration Operations Team and 'Tectona' Trust. The VCs Awards Ceremony will be held on Plymouth Hoe on September 12th.

OSCAR campaign sets a £1 Million Goal

OSCAR (The Ocean and Shipping Community Advancing Children's Health and Research) the charity established by former **PYNDA Chairman** and Honorary Doctor of Plymouth University, Phil Parry, successfully completed its first objective to raise £500,000. The money is used to support the work of the Great Ormond Street Hospital and its research partner, the UCL Institute of Child Health. The charity is now aiming to raise a **further £1 million** to support pioneering work for the most serious childhood illnesses. For details please visit: <http://www.gosh.org/mgf/events-and-appeals/appeals/oscar/>

VISITING SPEAKERS

Students and staff associated with ISLO have been privileged to hear from a number of visiting speakers during the Spring term. We are most grateful for their help and the industrial experience they share. Speakers who visited Plymouth during the Spring Term as part of the ISLO **Visiting Speakers Programme** are;

Mark William	Research Director	Braemar Seascope
Brian Nixon	President (Commodities)	Morgan Stanley
Richard Hill	Development Manager	DAMCO (Maersk Group)
Hugo Cabos	Manager	DAMCO (Maersk Group)
Jeremy Penn	CEO	Baltic Exchange
Claudio Chiste	Manager	Investec Bank plc
Mark Warner	Development Manager	ShipServ

One of the World's Most Influential People in the Maritime Industry's 'next generation' Speaks.

Claudio Chiste who holds a Master of Science in Shipping, Trade & Finance from Cass Business School, City of London University was among the Spring term Visiting Speakers. In 2012 Claudio was ranked by Lloyd's List, as one of the 'World's Most Influential People in the Maritime Industry's next generation'. Working for **Investec Bank plc** his presentation covered the problems and issues associated with shipping finance and the impact on banks and the shipping community. Claudio is Chairman of the Shipping Professionals Network (London).



*Claudio Chiste
Investec Bank*

TECTONA

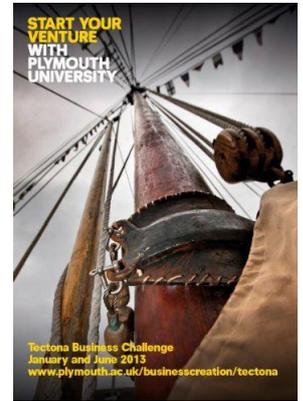
Nomination for VCs Enterprise Award

The **Tectona Trust** has been nominated for a Vice Chancellor's Enterprise award. Dr Roger Crabtree owner of the Tectona and Chief Executive of the Tectona Trust was thrilled to receive the nomination and being shortlisted. He wrote a 'Thank You Speech' s printed in 'Tectona News' which he would like to make if the Trust is selected as a finalist. It makes interesting reading and can be found on the Website: <http://www.tectona.org.uk/>

Community Event and Lord Mayors Day. The Tectona Trust was present at the Plymouth University Community Open Event on Lord Mayor's Day which was held in the Roland Levinsky Building. Representatives of the Trust met the new Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Vivien Pengelly, the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Nigel Churchill and the Dean of Students Maureen Powers. A trip on the 'Tectona has been requested by the Lord Mayor !

The Tectona Challenge

Chosen to symbolise strength, durability, navigation, growth and journeys, Tectona is the new name for the redeveloped Business Ideas Challenge. Tectona is a Business Challenge that provides expertise to help persons develop their business ideas gives support to help make it happen. The challenge is open to students, alumni and staff at Plymouth University, colleges in partnership with the University and Combined Universities Cornwall. Dr Roger Crabtree and Paul Wright were present at the January Awards Ceremony with Roger providing an inspiring speech about the work of the Tectona Trust.



A University poster for the Tectona Challenge

MARINE INSTITUTE NEWS

MARIC

Changes in the structure and organization of the Marine Institute have been initiated due to the establishment of MARIC – the £2 Million **MA**rine **I**nnovation **C**entre. MARIC provides access to the resources of Plymouth University through its network of specialist partners. It is run by a four person dedicated team, headed by Ian McFazden and guided by an Industrial Steering Group. MARIC aims to make the South West's aspiring marine and maritime firms globally competitive by (i) connecting partners with the innovation infrastructure of the University, (ii) identifying opportunities and (iii) providing access to dedicated innovation funding. The establishment of MARIC, which follows the Marine Institute commercialization project, adds to and strengthens the role of the Marine Institute as a research institute with an entrepreneurial dimension.

Visits to the Marine Building

The Marine Building has seen many visitors during the first six months of 2013 following its opening in late October 2012.. A visit to the Building was the venue of the inaugural meeting of the **South West Outport** of the **Honourable Company of Master Mariners**, a livery company of the City of London whose accommodation is the HQS Wellington, a Plymouth built wartime corvette moored on the Thames Embankment, London. Other professional organizations who have visited the COAST Laboratory and the Marine Navigation Suite have included the South West Branch of the **Nautical Institute**, the South Wales and West Branch of the **Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers**, the Exeter Flotilla (**EXEFLOT**) and the **South West Regional Ports Group**. Arrangements for the visits have been made by members of the ISLO Group with support from members of the Navigation Group.



Entering Plymouth Sound in 'rough' weather

Marine Institute to join Maritime London

A recent decision by the Marine Institute to join Maritime London will bring benefits to the IS&L Group allowing greater projection into the City, the world's Maritime Capital, at a level which will help students, alumni and staff. An opportunity, first floated in 2009 by the then Lord Mayor of the City of London, exists for raising the profile of UK Maritime Education and Training in collaboration with other universities and educational bodies of the United Kingdom.

Visit to the Old Bailey

In June, Paul Wright attended an evening meeting of Maritime London which assembled at the residence of the Sheriff of London in the Old Bailey. During the evening he was given a brief opportunity to speak about the marine and maritime work at Plymouth University. Juliet Evans, wife of the Sheriff Jeff Evans wrote the following *"Just as wife (of the Sheriff) I found the address by the sponsor and the addition by Paul Wright to be terrific value not least to the 9 Sea Cadets present."* The sponsor was Professor John Millican of Southampton Solent University. It is anticipated that the Sheriff of London, Jeff Evans, who is also Director of Clarkson's shipbrokers, will in the near future succeed to the position of Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Marine Institute Spring Term Public Event - 'Above...Below'

Organised and introduced by Paul Wright the Marine Institute Spring term Public Event was titled 'Above ... Below! - The modern approach to acquiring the skills of Navigation and Hydrography.' Two keynote speakers explained the modern approaches used at Plymouth University to help navigators and hydrographers acquire their professional skills. Captain Bob Hone presented a paper 'e-Navigation' which considered issues and challenges associated with training for navigational competence in a world of advanced electronic systems. Dr Richard Thain, Director of the Hydrographic Academy spoke to a paper titled 'Opening the Virtual Door to Hydrography' which described the challenges and opportunities in taking the Plymouth University experience directly to hydrographers and chartmakers working offshore on survey ships and oil platforms.

Ocean Business and Ocean Careers Exhibition.

In April Paul Wright spoke at the prestigious **Ocean Careers** event held alongside 'Ocean Business 13' in Southampton. Under the title '**Discover More**' he shared his knowledge of the opportunities for developing marine and maritime sector interests in higher education. Paul stated that "he spoke at the previous event in 2011 and was delighted with the interest which was shown by the audience of more than 100 persons". Two years on, with major developments at Plymouth University completed, there was even more to share with young persons considering studying topics related to the marine and maritime industrial sectors.

STUDENT NEWS

Visit to Imerys

Second year students visited IMERYS and China Clay country. The visit organized by Jonathan Challacombe was hosted by IMERYS' Regional Communications and Public Relations Manager, **Ivor Bowditch**. The visit covered the mining of China Clay and the processing of the clay, including drying techniques, to storage and transportation for overseas destinations from Fowey docks by coastal ship.



China Clay Country Cornwall

Two Days in London !

Third year and Masters students had a valuable visit to London in March. The first day included a visit to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Building on the Thames Embankment. The International Maritime Organization is the United Nations specialized agency with responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine pollution by ships. As well as informative talks the visit included a tour to the Main Assembly Room and the Knowledge Centre.



At the IMO Building ,London

Following the visit to IMO, students took a 'flight' on the London Eye and concluded the evening with a Social Event hosted by PYNDA and Norton Rose LLP (see above)

The second day involved two industrial visits, the first to Thurrock and the *Co-op Food Distribution Centre*. This had been organized through Alex Mhandire, a Visiting Speaker in the Autumn term and ably undertaken by his colleagues. A second visit was to the *Port of Tilbury* where Alison Dart, holds the position of Systems and Communications Manager. Alison a graduate of completed a degree in Maritime Business and Logistics at Plymouth in 2003, Following graduation Alison began work at Tilbury as an Operations Graduate during which time she was Assistant Project Manager involved with the implementation of a new automated paper facility. She was promoted to Systems and Automation Manager, where for two years she was responsible for managing the day-to-day running of a Warehouse Management System and Full Automated Paper Facility. Following talks about the Port of Tilbury by Simon Harper, Training Manager and Alison Dart, a tour of the port area was undertaken. This included a visit to the Cruise Ship terminal which was where passengers from the *MV*



Robyn Pyne with Alison Dart and Simon Harper of Forth Port

'Empire Windrush' disembarked from the Caribbean in June 1948 and recognized as the commencement of the UK's multicultural society. Tilbury is a private port owned by the Forth Ports Group It handles a wide variety of cargoes including grain, timber, cars and containers and is the main UK port for importing paper. Thanks to Robyn Pyne who was instrumental in arranging the two day event and all those who hosted the ISLO student body.

Visit to Multimodal 2013 NEC Birmingham 2013 - Portcentric Approach to Logistics

A visit to *Multimodal 2013* proved a 'winning' day for Antonious Xenidis who at the DP World Stand - the owners and operators of the new London Gateway container terminal - became a STIG Champion . Antonious won a bottle of wine for his containership loading skills. The challenge, using a 'DP World Port Crane Simulator' was to load a hi - cube forty foot container in the shortest possible time. His time was 1minute and 17 seconds – equivalent to 47 containers per hour. His nearest colleagues Santiago Rodriguez and Obi Oker both did well, but were a little slower!

The visit to Multimodal 2013 is of particular value to shipping and logistics students as the event which takes place at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham is well supported by exhibitors who represent the leading pragmatic edge of the shipping, logistics, ports and supply chain industries. A useful and free seminar session covering topical issues is run alongside the Exhibition.



*Antonious Xenidis
STIG Champion!*

Plymouth International Post graduate Symposium

Plymouth Business School's Postgraduate Forum held in June had as guest speaker, Commander Ian Gibson Harbour master of Salcombe who spoke on the topic "Operating a Small Municipal Harbour" . He was invited to speak by doctoral student Andrei Kuznetsov.

Seafarers Awareness Week

UK - Island Nation - Challenges facing the Global Seafarer

The Jill Craigie Lecture Theatre was the venue for a public meeting supported by the Marine Institute which was held in recognition of Seafarers Awareness Week 2013. In the presence of more than 75 persons, including the Deputy Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Nigel Churchill, the Revd Canon Ken Peters FNI Director of Justice and Welfare of the Mission to Seafarers made a presentation '**Life at Sea – Challenges, Opportunities and a New Paradigm for Seafarers Welfare**'.

Throughout his working life Ken has been actively engaged in supporting the seafarer and most recently has been involved in the development of the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) Maritime Labour Convention. Captain David Parsons, Chief Executive of the Merchant Navy Welfare Board (MNWB) spoke on the work '**Seafarers Charities**' and presented Mrs Elaine Elliot, BEM with the 'MNWB Service to Seafarers Welfare Award' in recognition of her work 'in support of the Fowey Mission to Seafarers'. The event was chaired by Captain Mike Sutherland MBE, Chairman of the South West Ports Welfare Committee, Paul Wright, Associate Director of the Marine Institute and co-organiser of the event expressed his '*gratitude to all who had contributed to the evening and for the continuing work they undertake in support of the seafarer, on whose efforts we all depend.*'



*Rev'd Canon Ken Peter
presents a talk on 'Life at Sea'*



*Captain David Parsons
make a presentation to Mrs
Elaine Elliot of Fowey*

Miscellaneous

UK Ships Register

April 2013 1393 Ships on the UK register with a GT of 16.89 M tones. The UK hold's the 11th largest Ship's Register in the world. The average age of ships on the UK Register is 20 years.

BBC News

Paul Wright made comment on BBC Radio Surrey concerning a news story about the detention of the **MV 'Torrent'** a small coaster held in the port of Rye for more than 5 months. He was asked to comment on the problems of non-payment of seafarer's wages and repatriation of the crew. These are two issues which are central to the new Maritime Labour Convention which comes into effect in late August. Paul also made comment on Radio Devon about the legal situation concerning problems associated with the **discharge of an unknown substance** from an unknown ship. The discharge had caused significant loss of life to the seabird population of the South coast. The unknown substance was eventually identified by scientists of the **Marine Institute** as polyisobutene (PIB), a substance which is not banned from being discharged into the sea from ship's tanks. A call is being made to IMO to change the classification of the substance. Other inquires from the BBC have included interest in the dangers associated with the use of the proposed '**Stad Ship Tunnel**' in Norway and an inquiry into a proposed 3 part documentary '**Shipwrecks**' by BBC 4. .

2000 Mile Rowing Race

In June two Plymouth graduates were among a four strong team known as the 'Islanders' who became world record holders after completing 2,000 mile rowing race around Great Britain. They completed the challenge in 26 days, nine hours and nine minutes. James Plumley and Josh Taylor graduated in 2011, Josh with a first class degree in Marine Studies. The University was a main sponsor of the team. Six boats started the race on June 1 but four teams dropped out due to various mechanical issues caused by the sea conditions.

Costa Concordia Documentary

In January the events which led to the '**Costa Concordia**' disaster almost a year ago were explored in a major new documentary ahead of the first anniversary of the tragedy by the National Geographic Channel. It was partly filmed at Plymouth University's new Ship Simulator housed in the Marine Building and included comment by Captain Bob Hone, Lecturer in Nautical Studies, previously Staff Captain on the Queen Elizabeth 2

International Sailing Competition

In February a team of student lead by Marcel Herrera studying for a BSc in Navigation and Maritime Science represented the United Kingdom at 'Sailing Arabia -The Tour'. Competing against some of the best teams in the world they achieved 5th place overall, being on the podium 6 out of 12 times. They obtained funding for the event by means of corporate sponsorship in the year before, and by doing so gained the respect and admiration of the global sailing community as well as peers at the university. The team is shortlisted for a Vice Chancellors Award for Enterprise.

Ocean Intelligence leaves Plymouth University

It is disappointing to learn that Can Besev and his colleagues from Ocean Intelligence, part of the Petromedia Group have decided to leave Plymouth University where they have been resident since September 2012. We wish them well in their new activities.

Uffa Fox and the Development of Yacht Design

In January, Barbara & Dominic Bridgman of Cremyll Keelboats gave a talk on the work of Uffa Fox a designer of many significant classes of small boat including the 'Firefly' which is raced by Plymouth University. Cremyll Keelboats is associated with the Eymouth International Sailing Craft Association (EISCA) which has a collection of 400 traditional boats located in Eymouth Berwickshire. The collection includes at its core, the boats previously owned by Exeter Maritime Museum.

Ocean City

Plymouth has re-branded itself as **Britain's Ocean City**. Whilst there is some controversy about the new brand, Plymouth City Council stated that the text reflects its aim to promote Plymouth as a "*major maritime city with global connections*".

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Events Diary

Sept 9 th – 13 th	ISLO / MI	London International Shipping Week
Sept 9 th – 16 th		Plymouth Ocean City Festival
Sept 10 th		Beagle Debate, Marine Institute, Graduation Marquees Plymouth (POCS)
Sept 11 th		ICS Annual Conference, London (LISW)
Sept 12 th		Chamber of Shipping Conference & Banquet, London (LISW)
		VCs Enterprise Awards Evening, Graduation Marquees Plymouth
Sept 13 th		Britain and the Sea Symposium, Plymouth University (POCS)
Sept 14 th & 15 th		Maritime Business Student Weekend, Plymouth
Sept 20 th – 22 nd		Plymouth Seafood Festival
Sept 24 th		World Maritime Day 'Sustainable Shipping', Plymouth University
Oct 19 th		Plymouth University 'Open Day'
Oct 25 th – 26 th		Future of Shipping Nautical Institute, Bristol
Nov 1 st – 3 rd		BUCS National Sailing Championships, Plymouth
Nov 21 st		Marine Institute Public Event, 'Plymouth Sound'
Nov 22 nd		Overweight & Dangerous - Carriage of Containers Seminar, Plymouth



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