SOCIAL EVENT

ANNUAL PROGRAMME LAUNCH
Thursday 1st October 2026 from 18:00 to 19:30
Trinity House, Broad Chare, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 3DQ
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NORTH EAST ENGINEERING ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION
Friday 4th June 2027 from 10:00 for 11:00
City of Newcastle Golf Club, Three Mile Bridge, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE3 2DR

NORTH EAST ENGINEERING ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Saturday 3rd July 2027 from 18:30 for 19:30
Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 4JA

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www.imarest.org/group/north-east-coast-joint.html
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NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE SERVICE MUST BE
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THE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE NORTH EAST COAST JOINT BRANCH OF
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AND
THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS
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LECTURES COMMENCE AT 18:15 HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE BEFORE LECTURES FROM 17:30 HOURS AT:
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY: Meeting Room STB 1.011, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU
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TRINITY HOUSE: Board Room, Broad Chare, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 3DQ
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VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME

PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN AND EARLY WINTER 2025

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at Trinity House, Banqueting Hall, Broad Chare, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 3DQ
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Thursday 8th October 20265 * **18:15 to 19:45**
AMMONIA: CARRIAGE AS CARGO, USE AS FUEL AND PROVISION AS BUNKER
by Sean Bond, Director – Global Gas Development, American Bureau of Shipping
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 22nd October 2026 **18:15 to 19:45**
PORT OF BLYTH: OVERVIEW AND CASE STUDIES
by Alan Todd, Port Director, Port of Blyth
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 19th November 2026 * **18:15 to 19:45**
ALL HANDS ON DECK: THE RISE OF OFFSHORE ROBOTICS
Vahid Walker, Technical Director, Walker Subsea
at South Shields Marine School, L Block Lecture Theatre, South Tyneside College. NE33 3EN

Thursday 3rd December 2026 **18:15 to 19:45**
OPTIMISING VESSEL PERFORMANCE FOR DECARBONISATION
by Barry Kidd, Vessel Performance Manager, International Paints
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

PROGRAMME FOR WINTER AND EARLY SPRING 2027

Thursday 21st January 2027 * **18:15 to 19:45**
ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY FOR SHIPBORNE WAVE MEASUREMANTS
by Gabriela Grasu, Research Student, Newcastle University
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 4th February 2027 **18:15 to 19:45**
SAFE ACCESS AT SEA: THE EVOLVING WORLD OF SHIP TO SHORE GANGWAYS
by James Russell, Managing Director, Tyne Gangway
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 18th February 2027 **18:15 to 19:45**
CABLE REPAIR / LAYING OPERATIONS INCLUDING ROV INTERVENTION
by Peter Jorgenson, Subsea Operations, Global Marine
at South Shields Marine School, L Block Lecture Theatre, South Tyneside College. NE33 3EN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 17:30

Please consult the North East Coast Joint Branch Programme pages on the IMarEST and RINA websites for any updates or changes in the Programme:
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PROGRAMME FOR WINTER AND EARLY SPRING 2027 (continued)

Thursday 4th March 2027 **18:15 to 19:45**
THE ENGINE THAT WON THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC
by Martin Shaw, Chair of the IMarEST History Society
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 18th March 2027 * **18:15 to 19:45**
CRYOGENIC STS TRANSFERS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF FSRUs AND LNG BUNKERING
by Stephen Davidson, Chief Technical Officer, CryoSafe Services
at South Shields Marine School, L Block Lecture Theatre, South Tyneside College. NE33 3EN

PROGRAMME FOR SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER 2027

Thursday 22nd April 2027 **18:15 to 19:45**
95th ANDREW LAING LECTURE
FROM IMAGINING TO SEEING: HOW ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY SHAPES OUR VIEW OF THE SEAFLOOR
by Blair Thornton, Professor of Marine Autonomy, University of Southampton
at Newcastle University, Lecture Room STB 1.010, 1st Floor, Stephenson Building. NE1 7RU

Thursday 6th May 2027 **18:15 to 19:45**
UPDATE FROM THE COMMERCIAL WORKBOAT SECTOR
by Kerrie Forster, Chief Executive Officer, The Workboat Association
at South Shields Marine School, L Block Lecture Theatre, South Tyneside College. NE33 3EN

Thursday 27th May 2027 **18:00 to 19:30**
ESTABLISHING A VALUE CHAIN FOR SUBSEA MINERALS
by Christopher Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Glomar Minerals
at Neville Hall, NEIMME Lecture Theatre, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 1SE
6th Annual Joint Meeting with the
North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers

Friday 4th June 2027 **10:00 to 11:00**
NORTH OF ENGLAND ENGINEERING ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION
at City of Newcastle Golf Club, Three Mile Bridge, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE3 2DR

Thursday 3rd July 2027 **18:30 to 19:30**
NORTH OR ENGLAND ENGINEERING ANNUAL DINNER DANCE CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEIMME
at the Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 4JA

* = Committee meeting scheduled