Southern Joint branch symposium

ETHICS IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Southampton Solent University, UK

09:00	Registration & networking		
09:30	Welcome address – **Sue Harland, *President,* Southern Joint Branch**		
09:45	Opening Keynote: Exploring integrity and responsibility at sea **Claudene Sharp-Patel, *President Elect,* IMarEST**		
10:05	Panel Discussion: Is the sector keeping pace ethically with the scale of its global influence and transformation?		
	Sue Harland, President, Southern Joint Branch. (Moderator)		
	Del Redvers, Sustainability Director, BMT		
	Dr Neil Williams, Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Southampton		
	Dr Helen Devereux, Associate Professor, Warsash Maritime School		
	Claudene Sharp-Patel, President Elect, IMarEST		
10:50	Refreshment Break		
Session	**Environmental Ethics and Sustainability at Sea**	**Corporate Governance and Ethical Leadership in Maritime Trade**	**Technology, Automation, and Maritime Responsibility**
11:20	Well-to-Wake Emissions of Methanol-Fuelled Container Shipping on the Asia–Europe Trade Lane: A Break-Even Electricity Intensity Analysis ***Azizur Rahman, AMET University***	Risk to Life Management in the Royal Navy ***Lt Cdr Edward Higgins, Royal Navy***	Risk Tolerability for Managing Navigational Safety ***Andrew Rawson***, ***NASH Maritime***
11:45	From Compliance to Commitment: Rethinking Sustainability and Biodiversity in Shipping ***Noelita Fernando, Lloyds Register***	Governing Global Shipping: Ethics, Accountability, and Resilience ***Rahul Kulkarni, Senior LNG and Shipping industry leader***	Ethical Responsibilities of Maritime Education Institutions in Officer Formation ***Captain Marion Penales, Sharjah Maritime Academy***
12:10	The Underrated Cost of Green Shipping ***Thuladu Mazibuko, Maritime Professional***	Navigating to Net-Zero Ambitions: The Ethical and Operational Responsibilities of Shipping Companies in the Modern Era. ***Samson Onyeabor, D&S Maritime and ISO Consultancy Ltd, UK***	Human impacts of maritime technology: An ethical perspective for the seafarer ***Captain Ann Pletschke, The Nautical Institute***
12:35	Session Q&A		
12:55	Lunch		
Session	**Environmental Ethics and Sustainability at Sea**	**Corporate Governance and Ethical Leadership in Maritime Trade**	**Ethics in Shipbuilding and Maritime Engineering**
13:40	Building climate change resilience through supply chain stability. ***Katie Wills, BMT***	The ethics of care at sea: How commercial seafarers navigate the caring-intrusiveness tension while living and working together ***Gloria Kutscher, University of Southampton and Derin Kent, University of Warwick***	Designing Beyond the Rules: Bridging the Gap between regulation and Safety ***Lizzie McCaig, Lloyd's Register***
14:05	Potentially Polluting Wrecks ***Harriet Rushton, UK MOD and Matthew Skelhorn SALMO***	Beyond Compliance: Closing the Gap Between Regulation and Environmental Performance in Marine Wastewater Management ***Martin Shutler, Hamworthy***	Ethical by Design: A Proactive Lifecycle Approach to Maritime Safety and Wellbeing ***Sam Bird, Cairn Risk Consulting Ltd***
14:30	Ethical Frameworks for AI-Driven Vessel Routing: Data Equity, Algorithmic Transparency and Biodiversity Governance ***Angelina Spilnyk, University of Southampton***	Vacant	[Meaningful] human oversight and control of complex software intensive systems in maritime applications ***Dr Jonathan Earthy, Lloyd's Register***
14:55	Atlantic Whale Deal: Mitigating Whale-Ship Collisions Through Technology and Synergy between Researchers and the Maritime Industries ***Ines Orfao and Adriano Lima, MARE/ARNET - ARDITI***	Vacant	Ethical construction of floating wind turbines ***Alan Crowle, University of Exeter***
15:20	Session Q&A		
15:45	Refreshment Break		
16:15	Closing Keynote **Annabelle Ransome-Williams,** President, RINA		
16:30	Drinks Reception		