



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