



# 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 – Claudene Sharp-Patel, President Elect, IMarEST		
10:05	<b>Panel Discussion</b>		
	Sue Harland, President, Southern Joint Branch. (Moderator)		
	Industry: Del Redvers, Sustainability Director, BMT		
	Academia: Dr Neil Williams, Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Southampton		
TBC			
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 <i>Azizur Rahman</i>	Risk to Life Management in the Royal Navy <i>Lt Cdr Edward Higgins</i>	Risk Tolerability for Managing Navigational Safety <i>Andrew Rawson</i>
11:45	From Compliance to Commitment: Rethinking Sustainability and Biodiversity in Shipping <i>Noelita Fernando</i>	Governing Global Shipping: Ethics, Accountability, and Resilience <i>Rahul Kulkarni</i>	Ethical Responsibilities of Maritime Education Institutions in Officer Formation <i>Captain Marion Penales</i>
12:10	The Underrated Cost of Green Shipping <i>Thuladu Mazibuko</i>	Navigating to Net-Zero Ambitions: The Ethical and Operational Responsibilities of Shipping Companies in the Modern Era. <i>Samson Onyeabor</i>	Human impacts of maritime technology: An ethical perspective for the seafarer <i>Captain Ann Pletschke</i>
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. <i>Katie Wills</i>	Ethics as an expert witness in the maritime industry <i>Marcelo Rodrigues</i>	Ethical by Design: A Proactive Lifecycle Approach to Maritime Safety and Wellbeing <i>Sam Bird</i>
14:05	Potentially Polluting Wrecks <i>Harriet Rushton</i>	The human Element in times of increasing automation: Ethics, Training and Accountability <i>Alexander Vassiliadis</i>	Ethical construction of floating wind turbines <i>Alan Crowle</i>
14:30	Ethical AI and Sustainable Technology in the Ocean's Depths <i>Todd Kleperis</i>	<i>Lizzie McCaig</i>	TBC
14:55	Atlantic Whale Deal: Mitigating Whale-Ship Collisions Through Technology and Synergy between Researchers and the Maritime Industries <i>Ines Orfao</i>	Beyond Compliance: Closing the Gap Between Regulation and Environmental Performance in Marine Wastewater Management <i>Martin Shutler</i>	TBC
15:15	Session Q&A		
15:45	Refreshment Break		
16:15	Closing Keynote		
16:30	Drinks Reception		