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UK Flag statistics for last quarter

In the most recent quarter of the year (November – January), sixteen merchant vessels joined the fleet: a total of 34,859 GT has been added to the Register since 31 October 2016.

This means that the UK fleet of vessels of greater than 100 GT now stands at 15,044,042 GT and 1,324 vessels.

Amongst the companies that have flagged in this year are Atlantic Container Line, North Star Shipping, Zodiac Maritime, Gardline Shipping, Sentinel Marine, Intrada Shipmanagement,

Northern Marine Management, GulfMark UK Ltd, Fletcher Shipping, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and other quality owners.

During the last quarter, the sixteen vessels joining the Register includes 1 Bulk Carrier, 1 Oil/Chemical Tanker, 1 Commercial Vessel, 1 General Cargo Vessel, 2 Supply Vessels and 1 Cable layer.



New Director of the UKSR appointed

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has appointed a new Director of the UK Ship Register (UKSR). Doug Barrow, currently chief executive of Maritime London – where he has been promoting the UK as a centre of maritime excellence for business – says he is honoured to be taking on the role and looking forward to leading the team.

Commitment

The new appointment was announced formally at a Maritime Growth Reception at the House of Commons on Monday 16 January, which was hosted by the Rt. Hon. John Hayes CBE MP, Minister of State for Transport, together with Maritime UK.

The appointment is part of a wider commitment to generate growth in the maritime sector, encourage greater investment in the UK and promote the UK flag as a world-class register that attracts quality ship owners.



Doug Barrow

Based on the recommendations of the Maritime Growth Study, a separate UK Ship Register Directorate has now been established within the MCA.

As one result of this change, the existing UK Ship Register Team within this business area, assisting our clients through the flag in process, is changing its name to the Commercial Management Unit (CMU).

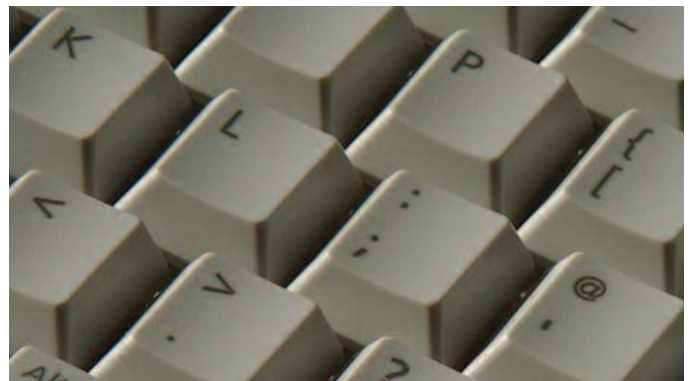
Following a successful recruitment campaign Graham Candy, previously one of the Customer Account Managers, has taken up the post of Head of the CMU.

Plans for a UK Ship Register website

The UK Ship Register is looking into possible option of creating a new website and we would like your input.

We want this new website to be user friendly for our customers.

If you've got any suggestions, please e-mail us - especially with what works works or does not work for you on our current website.



Flag State Performance table published

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has published its Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table for 2016/2017, which can be downloaded via the ICS website.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

The ICS Table provides an annual overview of the performance of the world's ship registers against a number of criteria, using data available in the public domain.



Dubai International Boat Show

Following a request from the Arab Marine Industries Association, representatives from the UK Ship Register, the Large Yacht Unit and Seafarer Training and Certification Branch attended the Dubai International Boat Show held between 28th February and 4th March 2017.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) had a stand set up to welcome new customers, industry representatives and interested parties with queries.

The stand was very well received and queries ranged from registration, survey, crew qualification and training and training academy accreditation.

During the week meetings were held with representatives from the Dubai Maritime City Authority and local yacht builders. Ensign, the Large Yacht Unit, discussed the possibility of three existing newbuild projects being surveyed for compliance with the Large Yacht Code.

Meetings also took place with other professionals who were seeking collaboration with the MCA.

Following discussions at the show the Chief Examiner, Captain Roger Towner, visited two training academies with a view to assessing their suitability for MCA accreditation.

Panel

Captain Towner also took part in a panel discussion at the Middle East Yachting Conference on the future of the superyacht industry. His presentation was very well received and generated many queries following the conference.

For further information please contact Amanda Marshall at the Large Yacht Unit on 0191 4969917.



Apprenticeship ambassador award for MCA

Denise Cooke began working at the Department of Transport in January 1981, and joined the Registry of Shipping and Seamen (RSS) in 1990.

Her current role as Quality Administration Manager includes reporting and data analysis for RSS. Alongside that Denise is developing and delivering a system of quality audits for staff on their operational transactions, supporting their development and improving customer service in the department.

Support

However Denise's passion is working with apprentices.

'We currently have 2 apprentices in RSS.' Denise says, "My role is to support them and our line managers through the NVQ programme.

'For me it is wonderful to see someone develop and grow, not only in their job through the NVQ, but also in personal confidence.'

Denise says apprenticeships in the workplace bring new skills and talent to a business.

She added: 'In my experience apprentices look at processes with fresh eyes and generate new ideas about doing things differently.

They not only bring the opportunity to develop mentoring skills but also refresh skills of existing staff. My candidates are of a very high calibre, their recruitment has brought enthusiasm and self-motivation

Denise (pictured below) has been awarded the DFT Apprenticeship Ambassador 2016 for her work.





Ensign and Tyne Marine office relocated

The MCA has opened a new North East Exam Centre based at South Tyneside College.

The centre, which opened on 13th March, will provide a location for Deck, Engineering and other Oral Examinations for the maritime community.

The exam centre replaces the Port of Tyne building and has been opened as part of a new way of working for the Maritime & Coastguard Agency's Survey and Inspection.

Further details of services and contact can be found in MIN 540.

Surveyors from the Tyne Marine Office will now be working remotely.

The MCA Ensign Large Yacht unit has also relocated to the South Tyneside College and will still offer the same level of business and service as before.

Merchant Shipping Notices

Click [here](#) to go to the Gov.UK website which contains current Merchant Shipping Notices from where you can access those that are relevant to you and your organisation.

The next newsletter will be issued in May 2017

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