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Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

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Greetings!

In a major shift of gear, the Maritime Minister, John Hayes, has challenged employers to DOUBLE the number of apprentices they employ.

In reality, the Levy is a funding stream; you can use it for a wide range of career programmes, not just for those who've just left school to start entry-level programmes. And there's lots of help available to guide those who are new to this.

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John Hayes, Maritime Minister; Keeta Rowlands, recent ABP Port Marine Operations Officer apprentice; David Dingle, Chairman, Maritime UK and Carnival UK

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John Hayes calls on employers to "double" the number of apprentices they employ

Maritime Minister John Hayes has called on employers to "double" the number of apprentices they employ.

He was speaking on Monday evening to an audience of business and college leaders at the Maritime Skills Alliance's Reception for London International Shipping Week.

Encouraging employers to be positive about the opportunity created by the Apprenticeship Levy, he said:

*Let's not think in terms of modest incremental increases, but rise to the challenge of **doubling the number of apprenticeships offered.***

I want the Board of every maritime business, whether they pay the Levy or not, to discuss how apprenticeships can help them succeed by growing the next generation of talent.

The Minister was launching the joint Department for Transport / Maritime UK publication: "Maritime Apprenticeships: Your Future, Their Future, Our Future".

The booklet challenges myths, such as the belief that apprenticeships are only for school-leavers, or only for those in entry level jobs. It also profiles the experience of three companies - DFDS, ABP and Berthon.

For the full story, and to see the booklet, click [here](#).

Industry News

Careers at Sea - the careers brand of the UK Chamber of Shipping and Merchant Navy Training Board - has launched a terrific [new careers film](#). It packs a lot into 1 minute and 24 seconds, and does so with real style. Do have a look.

The MNTB is now embarking on a promotional campaign to use the video. Contact [Fena Boyle](#) to know more.

Maritime UK has published its long-awaited analysis of [the economic impact of the UK maritime sector](#).

Some key facts relevant to our interest in people and skills:

- for each job created in the maritime sector, the wider economy creates FIVE jobs
- average pay in the maritime sector is £39.3k; in the wider economy it's just £27.6k
- the maritime economy supports 957,300 jobs

We will publish an MSA Briefing on the report shortly.

Good luck to the *Grateful* on her first trip



In a cheering sign of good health in the UK's fishing industry, MSA Board member, Derek Cardno, has taken delivery of a fine new boat, the *Grateful*, sailing out of Fraserburgh to catch herring and mackerel. The 69.95m *Grateful* was built in Poland, and fitted-out in Denmark.

Fishing News' profile of her is [here](#).

The Sea Fishing Diploma in Scotland - formally Diploma in Maritime Studies: Sea Fishing at SCQF Level 5 - has been refreshed with the advice of the (UK-wide) Fishermen's Training Project Group. The new Diploma now includes an additional navigation Unit.

You can find the detail of the new qualification, and all the supporting Units, [here](#).

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