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Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

November 2017

Greetings!

Central to the purpose of the MSA is to work together to make more difference, so we are pleased to be joining the national campaign for engineering which the DfT is spear-heading, the **Year of Engineering 2018**.

We are keen to use the opportunity to do far more than salute a shared ambition: let's use it to make a real difference. Please join us.

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JOINING FORCES TO TACKLE THE ENGINEERING SKILLS GAP

The Year of Engineering is a government-led campaign (with the Department for Transport in the driving seat) which, throughout 2018, will see the industry join forces to give thousands of young

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people an experience of engineering, showing them, their parents and teachers the opportunities that a career in the profession can bring.

The Maritime Skills Alliance – and a number of our members – are official supporters of the Year of Engineering.

The UK has a proud engineering heritage and world-leading technology, but a national shortage of engineers at all levels means we need to invest in skills and inspire young people. The Year of Engineering is an opportunity to work together with allies and partners to get the message across.

You can find more information [here](#).

One idea we've had is to harness the enthusiasm of younger engineers to tell their story by asking 2018 of them to go into schools and do just that: **2018 for 2018**. 2,018 engineering ambassadors from the maritime sector going into schools would make a difference – and it's achievable.

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MSA publishes its evidence on the potential impact of Brexit on skills

The MSA has responded to the Migration Advisory Committee's "call for evidence" about the potential impact of Brexit on skills. Acknowledging that much still remains unclear the MSA emphasised three main points:

1. The extent of employment of EU27 nationals

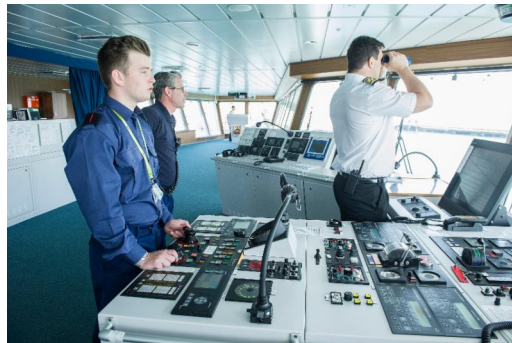
varies a good deal across the maritime sector, but is substantial in some parts.

2. For many maritime companies, particularly in the shipping sector, employment of non-EU labour is at least as important, and often more important, than employment of EU27 employees.
3. The superyacht sector's main concern is about ensuring the continuing ability of British crew to win and retain work within the rest of the EU.

Click the link for the full text of the [MSA's evidence paper](#).

Industry News

A Maritime Apprentice on the Home Page of the Institute for Apprenticeships



A P&O Ferries deck rating apprentice on board the 'Spirit of Britain'

Congratulations to P&O Ferries for getting a photo of one of their first year apprentices on the new Home Page of the [Institute for Apprenticeships](#). It's good to give people in the rest of the economy a taste of what's on offer in the maritime sector.

British Marine is launching a new qualification for Boat Building and Repair for Scotland

British Marine has been working hard to create a Boat Building and Repair qualification for the Scottish market, and they will launch it at an event at City of Glasgow College on 29 November 2017. Details from [Aileen Monk](#) at British Marine Scotland. The new qualification should be available from September 2018.

The Marine Society has new web pages showing all the grants it has available for seafarers

The [new web pages](#) show the wide range of scholarships, bursaries and loans the Marine Society offers, some well-known like the Slater Scholarships (what other sector has anything like them?), some much less so, like Hanway Scholarships of up to £500 for essential updating courses which employers will not cover.

The Marine Society is recruiting for a new Director of Lifelong Learning

- the post currently held by Mark Windsor. Details [here](#).

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