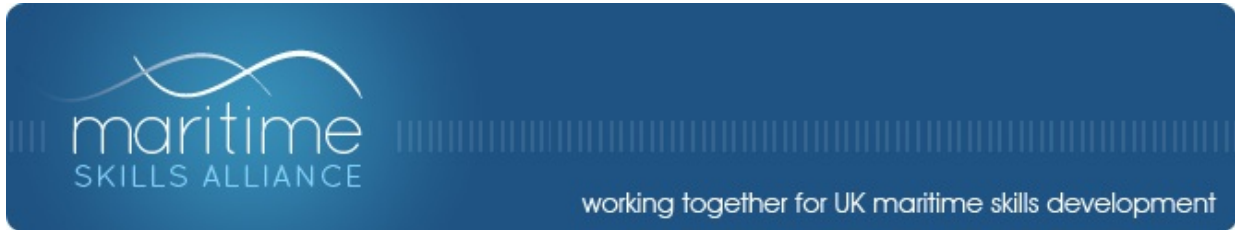


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## Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

November 2018

### Greetings!

We start this time by looking outside the MSA to the increasingly important work done by Maritime UK, which publishes its jam-packed Annual Review today.

And we report on more good progress with apprenticeships.

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## Maritime UK's growing significance

**Maritime UK has published today its Annual Review for 2018, packed with information about the wide**

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Association

International Association  
of Maritime Institutions

Maritime and Coastguard  
Agency

Marine Society and Sea  
Cadets

Merchant Navy Training  
Board

MYBA The Worldwide  
Yachting Association

National Workboat  
Association

Port Skills and Safety

Royal National Lifeboat  
Institution

Royal Navy

Royal Yachting  
Association

Seafarers UK

Sea Fish Industry  
Authority

Thames Skills Academy

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**and growing range of things this increasingly influential organisation now does, directly and through members.**

There's more than 20 pages on skills, under the banner "Ensuring the skills to fuel maritime ambition", including profiles of four apprentices working for ABP, SMS Towage, Trinity House, and SeaDubs.

There's also a lot more on Maritime UK's other work to promote innovation and exports, the 'Coastal Powerhouse' concept, better links with Government, a strong network of area-based 'clusters', and much more. You can find the Annual Review [here](#).

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Progress continues with apprenticeships, with three more replacement Standards now ready for use:

- the [Workboat apprenticeship](#) (now at Level 3) attracts a subsidy of up to £20,000 from the Government.
- the Engine Room Rating (formally [Maritime Electrical / Mechanical Mechanic](#)) at Level 2, designed to meet the needs of both the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy, with a funding allocation of £12,000
- the [Port Operative](#) apprenticeship (Level 2) has a funding allocation of £8,000.

An Inland Waterways group led by City Cruises, supported by the [Thames Skills Academy](#), is developing a replacement apprenticeship which will lead to the [Boatmaster](#) Tier 1 Level 2 licence.

And a group supported by British Marine is revising the [Marina and Boatyard](#) apprenticeship.

– in both cases the existing apprenticeships remain open for new recruits.

[MNTB](#) is exploring whether there's interest in an apprenticeship for [Ship Operations Managers](#).

Work continues to develop new apprenticeships for [Marine Technical Superintendents](#) (at degree-level), and [Marine Surveyors](#) (at level 6), and to create a [Small Vessel Engineer](#) pathway as part of the existing [Marine Engineer](#) apprenticeship (Level 3).

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Yes, companies can use their Apprenticeship Levy for older-style 'Framework' apprenticeships; there's no need to wait for newer-style 'Standards'.

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Did you know that if you employ an apprentice aged under 25 you do not pay National Insurance for them? Pay them £12,000pa, for example, and that saves you £493.49. Full details [here](#). With a handy NI calculator [here](#).

[www.maritimeskills.org/Apprenticeships](http://www.maritimeskills.org/Apprenticeships)

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## Also in the news ...

from the two ends of the country ...

[Orkney College](#) has opened what it believes to be the only sail-making course in Britain.

The [Maritime Skills Academy at Dover](#) has announced a new partnership with East Kent College, which will start with SQA's Level 2 Engine Room Diploma.

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Iain Mackinnon

Secretary

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