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## Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

February 2019

### Greetings!

The big news this month is the publication by the Department for Transport of its "Maritime 2050" 30-year strategy. "Skills" and other "people" matters feature strongly, which is very good news, and we expect to be fully involved in next steps. More detail below!

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Sea Fish Industry  
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Thames Skills Academy

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## The Department for Transport has launched its 30-year strategy for the sector

The [Maritime 2050 strategy](#) included a number of new people-related proposals, including the following:

- publication of a "**Route Map**" covering all the "people" recommendations – something we expect to see later this year
- creation of a **Maritime Skills Commission** to report on the skills needs of the industry in five-yearly cycles. (This section of the paper was dominated by shipping, but we understand that the Commission's brief will be much broader – something we very much welcome)
- renewed commitment to a concerted **careers** approach to schools
- a new commitment to broaden the current **diversity** focus beyond women
- a new emphasis on **continuing professional development** rather than simply initial training
- enthusiasm for greater **use of new technology in training**, eg virtual and augmented reality
- encouragement for **better connectivity at sea**, with a dedicated working group to be set up soon
- a new "**social framework**" covering issues like mental health and well-being
- a "national **Minimum Wage** for all seafarers working in UK Territorial Waters"



### MSA Reception at LISW 2019

Save the date! The MSA will again be hosting a Reception at Trinity House on the Monday evening of London International Shipping Week – Monday 9th September. (Attendance by invitation only).

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### Also in the news ...

The working group developing a new apprenticeship for the Inland Waterways (**Boatmaster**) sector is close to

submitting its new Standard for approval and will be consulting on that draft. If you are not involved and want to be, please contact the [Thames Skills Academy](#), which is coordinating the work.

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**National Apprenticeship Week** this year will run 4–8 March, coinciding with National Careers Week. [Careers at Sea](#) will again be sponsoring "Tidal Tuesday" – a great opportunity to align your initiative with others for greater impact.

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Maritime UK will have a stand at this year's [National Career Guidance Show](#) in Olympia, London. This is the show for careers professionals, an ideal way to influence the influencers. Click [here](#) if you want to help.

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When it published the [Immigration White Paper](#) before Christmas, the Home Office said that it would spend a year consulting on the detail. Whether or not we get to the end of the first phase of Brexit on 29 March, we expect a joint Maritime Skills Alliance / Maritime UK group to meet with Home Office officials soon to talk through how the proposed changes would affect our sector. Contact [Iain Mackinnon](#) to know more.

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Seafarers UK is running its "[24 Peaks Challenge](#)" again this July, raising funds for its work by challenging teams to climb 24 peaks in the Lake District in 24 hours.

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Iain Mackinnon

Secretary

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