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New "Resources for Schools" page added to our website

With so much focus on how we attract talented people to join the maritime sector, we're sure that many schools and other organisations working with young people would be pleased to see collected in one place a range of resources which would be useful to them. We've made a start by adding a new "[Resources for Schools](#)" page to our website.

So far it lists:

1. the five qualifications currently available for schools in England (x3) and Scotland (x2), all designed explicitly for the maritime sector
2. seven sets of teaching resources we know about
3. some other articles and videos

There must be much more we don't know about. Please [let us know](#), and we'll add them to the page.



Apprenticeships

The working group for the **Officer Of the Watch** apprenticeship has submitted its formal expression of interest (now quite a detailed document) to the Institute for Apprenticeships, with the focus on OOW <500 GT Near Coastal. You can read it on the [Apprenticeship page](#) of our website.

The **Small Vessel Engineer** apprenticeship group was, however, unable to complete both the draft Standard and the related End Point Assessment Plan in time, and will now submit them for the next deadline (8th January) instead.

Plymouth University has launched a **Degree Apprenticeship in Autonomous Systems** (also available as a one-year full-time MSc). It is a tailored version of the 30-month Level 7 [Post-Graduate Engineer](#) apprenticeship standard, which comes with a £27,000 subsidy to employers. There's more information on the university's [website](#).

In other news ...

There's an Election on ... and Maritime UK will shortly be publishing its Manifesto to draw politicians attention to the maritime sector and the opportunity they have to support our continued growth.

Congratulations to the **RYA**, which has been successful in its long-running [campaign to get sailing and windsurfing recognised again as part of the GCSE syllabus](#).

Congratulations, too, to MSA Board member, **John Howard**, President and Founder of the [International Jack-Up Barge Operators Association](#), whose sterling work to promote safety and training in the jack-up industry has been recognised with the award of the Merchant Navy Medal.

Seafarers UK has announced that the theme for the [2020 Seafarers Awareness Week](#) (6-12 July 2020) will be "**Seafarers Safety**".

Maritime UK has acquired a simple, easy-to-remember, web address for its **careers**

pages: www.maritimecareers.uk

It has also updated its sector-wide **careers brochure** (designed for professionals rather than young people). You can see it [here](#), and also order copies (which are free) on the same page. Careers events across the country are listed [here](#).

The **British Ports Association** has published a [Community Outreach Report](#). It's an interesting collection of case studies of the work ports across the country do to support their local communities, including many examples related to education and careers, from scholarships at Milford Haven to the Port of Blyth showing round over 1,000 schoolchildren last year.

Forthcoming meetings:

- Maritime UK People and Skills Forum: Monday 2nd December
- Maritime UK Careers Task Force: Thursday 5th December
- Maritime Skills Alliance Board & Maritime Qualifications Board: Tuesday 10th December



We work with SQA, the Scottish Qualifications Authority, for all our qualifications *throughout the UK*. You can find comprehensive information on [SQA's maritime pages](#).

The MSA has 18 members:

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