

International Business School welcomes its 100th student to the Ships Superintendents' training programme

The International Business School's Ship Superintendents' programme has reached two important milestones with its tenth run and the hundredth student successfully completing the course. The intensive nine-day workshop, the only one of its type in the world, equips maritime professionals with the necessary knowledge and skills to take responsibility for all aspects of ship management.

Students have travelled from as far as Scandinavia, India, Qatar and the United States for the sought-after training. The hundredth student is Demetris Makaratis, who comes from Cyprus and is employed by Navigator Gas.

Demetris said of the course: 'not only is this programme a brilliant eye-opener, but also it provides an unrivaled opportunity to network with other professional mariners from across the globe. It's a real privilege and an absolute pleasure to be named at the hundredth person on the course.'

Steve George, course organiser and managing director of Port Erin based EMCS (International) Ltd, attributed the programme's success to the unparalleled level of tuition, saying: 'as programme manager I have over 40 years maritime experience, however in addition a raft of top specialists are brought in - together we deliver over 500 years worth of knowledge and professionalism.'

The course is a joint initiative between the Isle of Man Ship Registry and the Isle of Man International Business School. It is accredited by the Nautical Institute, the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) and Det Norske Veritas (DNV).

'So far we have had 108 delegates attending so I feel it is also a major contributor to the economy and establishes the Isle of Man International Business School as the preeminent seat of learning for superintendent mariners' concluded Mr. George.

Professor Ged Watts, Director of the International Business School said: 'The success of the Ship Superintendents' programme is a tribute to Steve's expertise and commitment and the quality of education provided by his delivery team. Our challenge now is to build on this success while maintaining the high standards and results achieved'.

