

AGM Education Report

Professional Qualifications

A satisfactory number of students have enrolled on our recent course intakes. We continue to successfully re-engage students from previous intakes whose studies were affected by the huge industry changes during the pandemic.

Several modules are being updated with new material, ensuring the relevance and quality of the IIMS study material.

Module 12: Heavy Lift is under peer review. Module 14: General Cargo is being considered ready for updates. Module 23: Marine Coatings is to be re-written and updated. Module 28: Small Craft Rigs & Sails was updated at the end of 2021 to include a new section on synthetic rigging by Nick Parkyn, who is also hosting webinars on the subject. Two new modules are in the development stages.

Student Portal

The new IIMS Education Portal was launched in January following two years of development. A vibrant and interactive resource centre, the new portal has enhanced the study experience of the learner and has automated many of the mundane administrative functions.

Students now enter an interactive home page linking to the many resources available on the IIMS website, including safety briefings, marine news and surveyor resources, the Report magazine and our latest events.

As well as the IIMS study material and assignments, students now have a wealth of curated research materials available, which can be updated and added to by Head Office and our team of assessors at any time. The portal is also equipped with a messaging centre, ensuring end-to-end communication with the Institute, and helping us provide focused support when needed.

Feedback has been excellent, with most remarking on the pleasing visual experience and the practical usability of the site.

Webinars & Training

We have a robust training schedule for the first half of 2022. Report writing webinars continue to be well attended by students and surveyors and remains crucial to the development of good reporting practices.

A second session of our Remote Tonnage Measurement Training was held in March, with excellent feedback for the presentation. Face-to-face training resumed in May, with our Inland Waterways Day and a Certifying Authority spring training event.

Students are to benefit from an assessor tutorial on Stability in June and following his successful Synthetic Rigging webinar in 2021, Nick Parkyn is to host a Mast, Rigs & Sails webinar in early July, which is already proving popular.