

East Anglia Branch
Spring newsletter

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Chairman's Welcome

Phew it looks like winter may finally be making way for the spring! My garden is finally showing signs of life albeit small signs. Whilst I like looking at the snow (and making snow angels and snowmen), the disruption caused by it has given many of us long days and headaches trying to limit disruption to principals and customers. It was the worst weather seen at Felixstowe and surrounding ports for, at some estimates, at least twenty years. Consequently, most of us have seen a near unprecedented demand on our time.

That being said as a branch we have still held another Open Day for prospective students and I am pleased to advise that we have arranged the annual river cruise (details to follow).

I hope you all have a more relaxed few months and hope to catch up with you at the cruise.

We welcome any and all input and if you would like to contribute an article or suggestion please contact us at: ics@grangeshipping.co.uk

Open Day

On the 25th January the branch opened its doors once again to prospective students. Whilst we are aware of the current climate locally it was heartening to see freight forwarders attending to see what the Institute could offer. As some of you may know the previous training provider for many in the area went into liquidation in 2017. Since then companies have been looking for an alternative.

It is my hope that between Head Office and the freight forwarders a solution can be found and the Institute can fill the gap left behind.





Revision time

Spring Examinations

May examinations will be held at China Shipping House, Felixstowe.

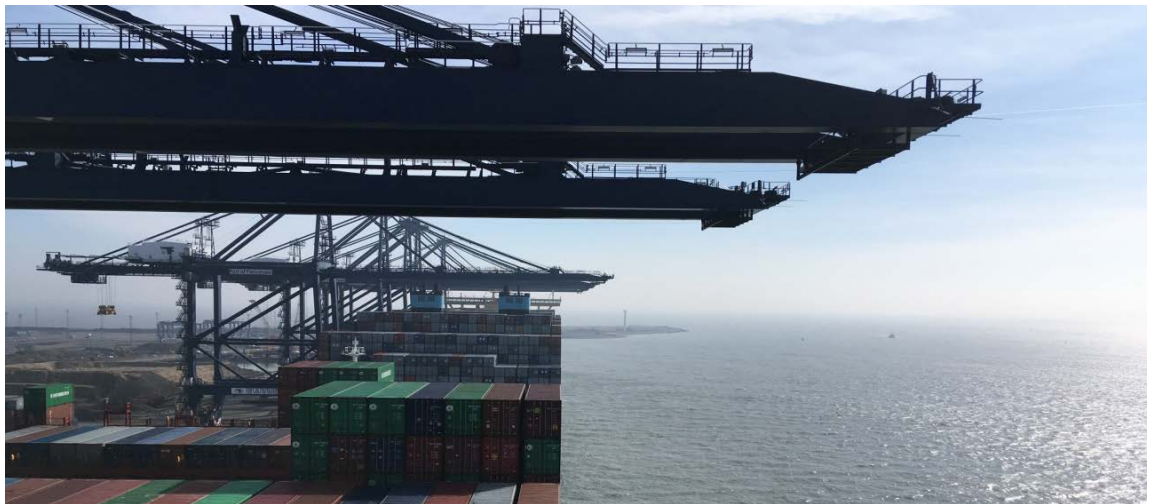
The branch is always available to offer support to local students preparing for exams.

If you require any assistance with your studies please get in contact and we will make the necessary arrangements:
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East Anglia branch visit from Head Office

A visit from London



The Open Day offered the opportunity to East Anglia branch to expand its network locally and advise prospective students and employers on the Institute's education and qualification system and the benefits of membership of a professional body.

The branch was contacted by a local freight forwarding company who are looking to implement a staff training programme following the closure of their previous training provider.

We invited head office to come to Felixstowe to visit the branch as well as delivering a presentation about getting qualified with the Institute and discussing potential options for the company in question. The meeting was positive and hopefully we will see more people in the business begin their studies and their journey towards professional qualification.

It was a brilliant outcome of the Open Day that proved its purpose going beyond our expectations.

It also gave us the opportunity to catch up with Matt Gilbert and Eleonora Modde from Head Office, who were also escorted by Cath Jackson on a tour of the container terminal and boarded the 'CSCL Pacific Ocean' for a ship visit and talk with the Master, Chief and Commissar.



Exam Success

Supporting our students Some of you may realise that our biggest objective as a branch is the support of local students in the area in the pursuit of becoming members. Again we have been in a position to offer financial support to one of our local students.

Victoria became known to us when she sat her Foundation Diploma in Felixstowe in November 2016. Unlike most of us who were already in the business when we began studying, Victoria was actually an undergraduate already studying towards her degree. She was self-funding her diploma as well as supporting herself whilst at University. In order to give Victoria the best chance at attaining her goals the branch committee agreed to fund the Advanced Diploma including copies of the course texts.

In her own words: "I became aware of the ICS for the first time while completing an internship with a Ship Broking firm in Oslo in 2016. From then on, it was clear to me that I wished to pursue a career in Ship broking.

As I do not come from a family with a shipping background, I felt it would be incredibly beneficial to get a shipping qualification under my belt while still at University. I undertook and passed the 'Introduction to Shipping' module and found it a good base to learn more about the industry.

This first module was self-funded and I was eager to sit further modules in 2017. I was, however, unsure whether I could justify the expense while still in the final year of my Economics degree. Therefore, I was delighted when the East Anglia Branch offered to fund me for two further modules as well as providing invaluable mentoring support during my studies.



Victoria George, East Anglia branch candidate

My main career goal has been focussed on gaining a foothold in the shipping industry and I strongly believe that gaining my ICS Advanced Diploma this year has been instrumental in securing a trainee broker position with Galbraith's in London, after my graduation this summer."

We are very pleased that Victoria has been successful in her studies with the Institute and has passed her Advanced Diploma. We wish her the best of luck in her upcoming finals at University and for her future career in shipping.

East Anglia Branch Summer 2018 River Cruise

Our July Cruise Back by popular demand, we are pleased to confirm that we have secured the services of the Orwell Lady and her crew for our Summer River Cruise on the **20th July** from Ipswich Wet Dock at 1800hrs for 1830hrs departure.

As with previous years, Members/Fellows will have the chance to secure their places when the early bird invitation comes out.

Following on from the success of last year, the East Anglia Branch of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers has pleasure in inviting you to its Summer River Cruise.

Participants should be at Ipswich Wet Dock on the Friday 20th July, at 1800hrs for 1830hrs departure.

The river cruise will take approximately three and a half hours, during which time the river cruise vessel Orwell Lady will sail down the River Orwell to Harwich and Felixstowe ports and return back up river to Ipswich, at about 2200hrs so those who wish to party on can do so.

The Orwell Lady consists of an open upper deck and an indoor saloon and there is a licensed bar on board.



The *Orwell Lady* will be departing from Ipswich Wet Dock, Orwell Quay, Wet Dock, IP3 0BQ

Entertainment and fine food will be provided on board during the cruise. As this is a relaxing evening 'smart casual' dress code will apply.

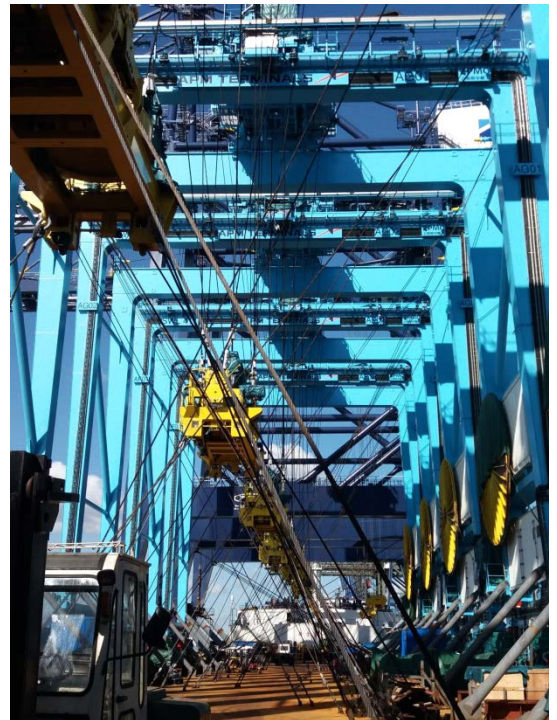
We expect this event will be over-subscribed and wish to reserve the first places for our members before opening to local companies, with this in mind we will offer **priority bookings to members until 11th May.**

Price for the event is £35.00 per person.

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Zhen Hua 23 – Crane Ship Delivery

Special delivery



Cath Jackson FICS

For those of you who don't know, my day job is in Marine Operations. The majority of my work concerns container ships on Far Eastern and European trades with vessels sizes ranging from 3000TEU to 19000TEU. Occasionally, we are asked to act as agents for third parties as is the case here.

On the afternoon of Sunday 25th March, the Zhen Hua 23 berthed at Felixstowe.

She was carrying two new remote controlled gantry cranes for discharge at Felixstowe, along with 6 automated RTG's for another port in Europe.

I'll admit that I'm a bit of a ship geek and that I find these types of ships and cargoes really interesting so I thought I would take the time to share some pictures with you. It's a shame that more people aren't able to see these up close.

If you have any queries or would like to contribute to the Branch Newsletter feel free to contact us at: ics@grangeshipping.co.uk