



INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

WE CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY YEAR OF THE INSTITUTE'S ROYAL CHARTER

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND ASSOCIATES.

Our first and most important piece of news we have is of the election of a new Chairperson, Catherine Moodie FICS. Catherine became a Fellow of the ICS whilst working in the UK and since returning has worked in the industry in both Richards Bay and Durban. Her able 2-IC is Vice- Chairman, Durand Naidoo FICS, Managing Director of Linsen Nambi.

We also have an almost brand new committee, to whom a friendly welcome is given.

The full committee now consists of:-

Catherine Moodie FICS	Durban	Chairperson
Durand Naidoo FICS	Durban	Vice-Chairperson
Eddy Neilson FICS (Past Chairman)	Durban	
Tony Norton FICS	Durban	
Malte Kersten FICS	Durban	
Therese Ferreira MICS	Durban	Education Sub-Committee
Goscelin Gordon MICS	Gauteng	
Monique Goosen MICS	Gauteng	Education & Finance Sub-Com
Christie Fourie FICS	Gauteng	Marketing Sub-Committee
Lance Tiedt MICS	Cape Province	
Daniel Ngubane FICS	Cape Province	Marketing Sub-Committee
Gail Jansen van Vuuren MICS	Richards Bay	
CHAPTER HEADS		
Amanda Harrison FICS	Richards Bay	
Theo Scholiadis FICS	Cape Town	Marketing Sub-Committee
Joan Murphy FICS	Johannesburg	Education and Finance Sub-Com
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES		
Bibi Motala	Durban	
Byron Vather	Durban	Marketing Sub-Committee

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

A new year a new beginning, I was appointed as the Chairlady late last year after being on the committee since 2016 for the South African branch. I am not a new face to the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers but hope that I am a new inspiration to those around me who have volunteered to take this journey with me.

Within weeks of my appointment I had the opportunity to attend the ICS Controlling Council in Cardiff to represent South African and our branch. At this event the successes as well as the failures of the ICS are discussed in length and goals are updated to ensure stability, growth and sustainability of our Institute. It was a great privilege to network with members from 22 branches around the world and share new ideas and discuss any challenges.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.", a quote from Mandela.

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers worldwide is very passionate about education and as each year goes by it is a wonderful feeling to see the exam passes and new members who have joined various branches after completing their qualifying examinations with the ICS. In total 144 students completed their PQE in year end 2019 and 94 are now members, this is on a global scale. ICS worldwide membership still sits at over 3000 members.

For the South Africa branch, we are exploring all avenues to promote studying through the ICS and encouraging a higher level of skilled individuals in the maritime industry in South Africa.

This year we are introducing Understanding Shipping mentor workshops, the first one will be held this Saturday the 29th February in the ICS offices in Durban from 09:30hrs. Students in other areas outside of Durban can dial in via Skype. This is the start of the Understanding Shipping journey whereby students will have the opportunity to discuss topics covered in the coursework and have a networking opportunity with other students around them.

For our Tutorship Students, last year we introduced an Intro to Shipping Workshop prior to the November exams, 7 students attended. After our March prep further workshops to be offered to our students and we encourage students to attend. We are seeking additional professionals around the country within the industry to run the workshops and share their knowledge and experience with our students. If anyone can contribute and assist, please do let the ICS office know. A trial session of online tutorials has been made available from Head Office; students are able to access this at our ICS office in Durban. Our prep weekend will be from the 13-15th of March 2020, invites have been emailed to all our students. I trust the students will have the support and encouragement from their tutors, employers, colleagues and other students whom they have met through the ICS.

The committee is contacting all South African members and networks within the industry to develop additional bespoke courses that the ICS can offer to companies. If anyone has any requests or ideas, please could you share it with our office.

Education and networking go hand in hand, we all learn new things each day and one special way of sharing information is through networking. As it is our centenary year since the signing of the Royal Charter in London, in celebrating this achievement we plan to host several functions and networking opportunities through the year.

Looking forward in catching up with all our students, members and visitors during the year and exploring the new goals set for the ICS South African branch.

2018/2019 ICS PRIZE-GIVING

This event was held at the Royal Natal Yacht Club on 4th December 2019 and was well attended by prize-winners, sponsors, students, members and guests. We were fortunate that a number of our students travelled from Cape Town and Johannesburg to attend the event.

Our guest speaker for the day was Ms Zenzile Gwamanda of the EtheKwini Maritime Cluster, who spoke on '*The Importance of the Relationship between Academia and the Maritime Industry: An EMC perspective in the development of human capital in the industry*'.

PHOTOS FROM THE PRIZE-GIVING

Speaker: Zenzile Gwamanda



Mark Bulter, Theresa Ferreira, Megan Harrison
Mr/Mrs Harrison, Mr / Mrs Jansen van Rooyen



Prize-winner Megan Harrison and Gail
Jansen van Vuuren



Sanisha Balmeek, Daniel Ngubane FICS, Glynis McGrath, Catherine
Moodie, Kate Pitman, Bibi Motala and Ulisha Swart of ENS



Alison Millar, Sabelo Manyanga, Alex Currie,
Robin Vermeulen and guest,
Scott Millar, Mr D Dickinson, Nkululeko Makhaye and
guest



Amanda Harrison and prize-winner Lungile Gumede



Prize-winner Sumaya Simpson and sponsor Brandon Paul, IVS Shipping



Sponsor Yolande Chetty, Alpha Shipping and prize-winner Robin Vermeulen



Prize-winner Bibi Motala and SOL Shipping sponsor Alison Millar



MUR sponsor Michael Ward and prize-winner Mark Bulter



ENS sponsor Kate Pitman and prize-winner Nkululeko Makhaye



Grindrod sponsor Thabo Moabi and prize-winner Cherrillee Meyer



Some of the New-Look ICS Committee members: Gail Jansen van Vuuren MICS, Catherine Moodie FICS (Chair) Amanda Harrison FICS, Daniel Ngubane FICS and Theresa Ferreira MICS



OPEN DAY FEBRUARY 2020

DURBAN

Our new Chairperson, Catherine Moodie, started off in a positive way by inspiring our South African Chapters to hold Open Days as well as the Durban office. We held successful a Open Day on 5th February 2020. Durban Branch held theirs at the Royal Natal Yacht Club. This was attended by potential new students from the industry as well as representatives from the Ethekekwini Maritime Cluster and Durban University of Technology. Both represent very useful allies in promoting the ICS and its courses to their members/students. A presentation was given by our Chairperson Catherine Moodie. Vice-Chairman, Durand Naidoo, was unfortunately unable to attend due to prior travel arrangements. Despite a relatively small attendance we were still able to garner a few enrolments from those who attended.

We were also fortunate to have a demonstration by Nova Marine (SGM Technical) of inflation of a life-raft as well as the use of life jackets. This provided much interest with plenty of useful information provided by the Durban representatives of Nova Marine.



CAPE TOWN

Message from Chapter Head, Theo Scholiadis on the Open Day

Cape Town Feb 2020 Open Day

The Cape Town chapter faced 2020, and the new decade, with a renewed enthusiasm that it hasn't seen in a number of years. With the help of Daniel Ngubane (FICS) of DNOffshore, and Marcelle Bauermeister of Novamarine (SGM), we were able to have a successful Open Day.

Hesper Engineering and Novamarine (both part of SGM) sponsored our event, hosting us at their offices. Not only did they provide us with delicious snacks, but they also treated all who attended with a tour of their premises. Novamarine took us through all their divisions, which included their warehousing, chandling, fire safety and the survival departments. Hesper Engineering gave us a tour of their world class ship repair and innovations departments.

All in all, the event was enjoyed by everyone, and most importantly, we received interest from almost all who attended about signing up and starting on the road to becoming ICS Members.

If you're ever in Cape Town and would like to know what we're up to, please feel free to give us a call and we'll be more than happy to meet up with you and help in any way we can.

*Theo Scholiadis (FICS)
bluVerve Maritime Software
ICS Cape Town Chapter Head*

PHOTOS OF CAPE TOWN'S OPEN DAY



JOHANNESBURG

Alpha Shipping kindly made their offices available for the Open Day which was hosted by student representative, Byron Vather.

RICHARDS BAY CHAPTER

This event was hosted by Amanda Harrison FICS, Chapter Head and committee member Gail Jansen van Vuuren MICS. Comment from Richards Bay Chapter Head, Amanda Harrison FICS

It was decided at rather short notice, that Richards Bay chapter would host Open Day in Richards Bay, from 1 to 3 pm on 05th February 2020.

Regrettably our ICS Open Day fell exactly into the new load-shedding time schedule for our area.

A few potential students came in to the office to learn more about the Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers, view books and collect application forms.



We also had new heightened interest from staff members.

We are confident that application forms from the Richards Bay area will be sent in the next few days/weeks.

In closing, overall a positive session for the prospective students.

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## VICE-CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO LONDON

Vice-Chairman Durand Naidoo took the opportunity to visit the ICS Head Office in London during a recent business trip. During his visit they discussed membership, the South African Maritime Industry and the South African Branch's plans to partner with local accredited training providers in an attempt to make the courses more appealing to Corporates.

At the time of his visit the November exam papers were in the process of being marked in the London office ahead of the results being published on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Concern was raised about the high failure rate but at the same time the importance of maintaining the high quality of the PQE.

The success of the Understanding Shipping course was also discussed.



L-R : Robert Hill (ICS Membership), ICS SA Durand Naidoo, Matt Gilbert (ICS Head of Business and Partnerships)

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### ***ICS QUARTERLY LUNCHEON – APRIL 2020***

*Our first quarterly lunch for 2020 will be held during April. The date is still to be finalised and we are lucky to have as our speaker, Ms Ivana Surian, LL.M Maritime Law student who will be speaking on the hot topic of the Low Sulphur cap.*



## EXAMS

### NOVEMBER 2019 EXAMS

*ICS had 19 students writing 36 exams between 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>rd</sup> November. These were held in various centres in South Africa including Durban, Richards Bay, Johannesburg and Cape Town. Our students were generally optimistic about the exams.*

### NOVEMBER 2019 EXAM RESULTS

**These will be available to all of our students on the London website [www.ics.org.uk](http://www.ics.org.uk) from the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## MAY 2020 EXAMS

*These will be held in all centres in South Africa from the 11-21<sup>st</sup> May. So far we have 18 students registered to write 32 subjects.*

*Hopefully not many will be rewriting their November 2019 exams...*

*A reminder to our students that the exam questions are set from the syllabus to be found on the London Website, not only from the ICS course work. Knowledge garnered outside of the course work is also welcomed.*

***We wish our students good luck in these exams! Remember - the harder you study, the luckier you'll be 😊***

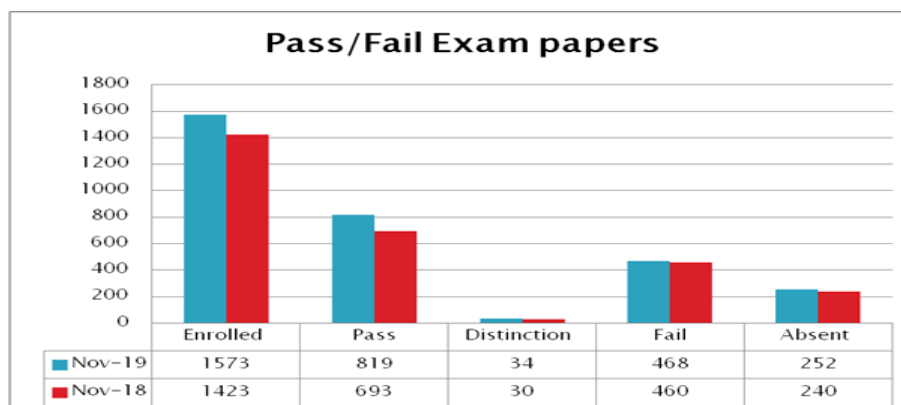
## 2020 STUDENTS' PREP WEEKEND

This will take place at the Chantecler Hotel, Botha's Hill just outside Durban from 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March. With some of our tutors flying in for the event (others just flying up the notorious Field's and Botha's Hills) we are sure that all the students attending will make the most of this opportunity to network with other students and to gain clarification and knowledge made available by the presence of our Tutors.

## NEWS FROM LONDON

### November exam results

We're delighted that the pass rate for the November 2019 exams was nearly 65%, which makes it the most successful exam session we've had in the last decade.



We are happy to report that the Durban Branch and other SA Chapters have been invited to join in the current Live Tutorials offered by London

Courses still on offer:-

27 February 2020

Laytime (Everyone's favourite!)

19 March 2020

Hague, Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules

16 April 2020

Preparing for Exams / Exam Techniques.

Interested?

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❖ **CONTACT US.**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

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