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The visit is part of skills week (3-6 November) being run by the Government and maritime industries to promote the UK's maritime skills and to raise awareness about the high standard of the UK's maritime training.

Speaking of the skills week, John Hayes says, "I am proud of the UK's maritime history and I want to ensure our maritime future is as great as our maritime past - this week the government and industry is standing together to ensure we attract the talented sailors of the future."

The Minister's first port of call was Warsash Maritime Academy, the commercial maritime arm of Southampton Solent University - which has provided first class education, consultancy and research services to the International maritime industry for nearly 70 years.

During the visit he took the wheel in the state-of-the-art bridge simulator, watched firefighting demonstrations at the purpose built fire school and toured the engine room simulator and engineering workshops.

Back at the Southampton Solent's city centre campus, the Minister was given a tour of the Towing Tank before meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior staff at the University.

Professor John Chudley, Dean of the Faculty of Maritime and Technology says: "We are honoured to have the Minister visit our facilities and recognise the important role we play in providing world-class professionals.

"We will continue to provide the specialist knowledge, skills and first-hand experiences that students need for a successful maritime career," he added.

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About Southampton Solent University

[Southampton Solent University](#) offers more than 23,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The University was awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2013 poll of students. Solent Business School has been awarded the Small Business Charter Award, which is supported by the Association of Business Schools and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and 'gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

About Warsash Maritime Academy

[Warsash Maritime Academy](#) (WMA) - part of Southampton Solent University - has provided first-class education, training, consultancy and research to the international shipping, commercial yacht, offshore oil and gas, and renewables industries for almost 70 years. The Academy provides internationally recognised certification programmes for both deck and engineer officers from cadet level to Master (Captain) and Chief Engineer. It also offers short safety courses to develop skills such as fire fighting and sea survival, and continuous professional development modules for more experienced officers. The use of bridge, engine room and liquid cargo operations simulators are offered for higher level training, including their specialist ship handling training centre, of which it is one of only three major facilities of its kind in the world.