



Industry leaders showcase the region's maritime career opportunities

Andy Hindley, Chief Operating Officer for Ben Ainslie's America's Cup team and key industry players from the marine and maritime industry will be showcasing the training, education and employment opportunities in this exciting sector at a careers conference hosted by Southampton Solent University.

The University has partnered with Hampshire County Council to inform and educate career advisors and STEM subject leaders about the wide range of career opportunities and education pathways that are available within the marine and maritime industries.

Southampton Solent University's new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Graham Baldwin will officially open the conference, followed by keynote speakers from Associated British Ports, Ben Ainslie Racing, the British Marine Federation, Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASV), the University's maritime academy at Warsash and Fareham College and CEMAST.

Industry experts will be giving short presentations about apprenticeship opportunities; further and higher education provision; and why the South Coast is a driving force for growth and development in the industry.

Southampton Solent's Dean of the Maritime and Technology Faculty, Professor John Chudley says, "Recognising the importance of the marine and maritime industries to the region, both Hampshire County Council and the University wanted to hold an event that showcased the lead role the area plays in this sector.

"Understanding the need for more information about the exciting marine and maritime career opportunities on offer, we are fortunate to have key industry leaders taking part," he added.

Please [book your place online](#) for this free careers event being held at the Southampton Solent University Conference Centre on 17 September 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE MEDIA OFFICE ON 023 8031 9079 or press.office@solent.ac.uk

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.