



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first of what is hoped to be a quarterly newsletter updating you with the latest news from SOMWS and the MWS industry at large. Please send any feedback or suggestions to info@somws.org

Membership

Membership has grown to over 170 individual surveyors split across all four categories of; Oil & Gas Projects, Rigs, Renewables and Cargo. The numbers per category are as follows:

Oil & Gas Projects	149 members
Rigs	73 members
Renewables	33 members
Cargo	148 members

The rate of application turn round is improving as we have co-opted more volunteers to help the membership committee but we still have room for improvement - please bear with us.

Joint Rig Committee (JRC) announcement

The JRC made some changes to its suite of MWS technical documents in September of this year. The main changes include:

- consistent referencing to the Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors;
- alignment of the various Warranty Endorsements and Codes of Practice to ensure consistency;
- review and update of the Scopes of Work;

The model documents are available via the 'Technical Documents' section of the JRC webpage www.lmalloyds.com/joinrig

We are expecting to see the requirement for the use of SOMWS accredited surveyors to be adopted in the majority of future MWS contracts. A link to these documents can also be found on the SOMWS website where we shall host links to similar documents for your reference.

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Brexit

It is hard not to avoid the “B” word - but as we have a number of UK based members I thought it would be worth sharing the following link to the UK government’s online tool <https://www.gov.uk/brexit> to help with any last minute planning that may be necessary.

Associate Members

The application process for Associate membership level is now live on the website. As I mentioned in the Chair Report in June - not everyone who is joining or has recently joined the profession has the requisite experience to gain full membership. We have created the Associate membership level to support the development of new marine warranty surveyors. This will provide a framework for the individual, hopefully with the support by an existing member, to gain full membership. If you know of someone who would benefit from joining as an Associate member please direct them to the website for further information.

SOMWS Workshop

The first of a series of SOMWS workshops will take place in London on 13th November 2019. We are still finalising speakers and the agenda but it will be taking the form of presentations and case studies in two sessions over the course of the day to a select group of underwriters and brokers. These will be used to highlight some of the challenges experienced by warranty surveyors in the current market whilst increasing the visibility of the society to underwriters. We are hoping to repeat the workshops with the local markets in Houston and Singapore in the next few months.

SOMWS Seminar

Our first annual conference is still planned for the middle of 2020 and will also incorporate our AGM. Any ideas or volunteers will be greatly appreciated at this stage - please email suggestions to info@somws.org

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SOMWS - Chair

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