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History of SOMWS

Our organization owes a debt of thanks to Len Messenger, who as head of the Survey and Engineering sub-committee of the Joint Rig Committee, in 2002 reached out to the MWS community challenging us to come together and form an association of Marine Warranty Surveyors.



Len Messenger

Forty years of service to the market

Continuous innovation

Founder of the JRC Survey and Engineering sub-committee

Challenged MWS Firms to form an association resulting in SOMWS

From the beginning the following companies joined in this endeavor forming the Marine Warranty Surveyors Panel in 2002 in close cooperation with the engineering sub-committee.

Original Founding Companies of Marine Warranty Surveyors Panel

Braemar

DNV

Global Maritime

London Offshore Consultants

MatthewsDaniel

Including on original SOMWS Board of Directors

Joint Rig Committee

Original Founding Members of the Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors

David Ballands

Peter Baggaley

Chris Boyd

Michael Chan

S. Douglas Devoy

Francis Lobo

The Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors, limited by guarantee, company number 11088739, registered in England & Wales

Leonard Messenger

Chris Walker

James Miller

Stephen Richard Norman

Kim Rolfsen

Vishal Sharma

James Vavasour

Neil Walker

SOMWS was officially registered in 2017, but the ground work for SOMWS started well before that date with the formation of the MWS Advisory Panel in 2002 when underwriters expressed concern that MWS companies should work to a minimum set of standards, establish guidelines for communication with underwriters, clarify the role of the MWS, and have an agreed approval criteria for MWS activities and accreditation of individual marine warranty surveyors. During this period Len Messenger had been approached regarding concerns for the quality of the MWS and the wildly different qualification observed by both region, scope and by organization, from a number of clients. This once again fell upon the MWS Advisory panel which then identified the need for a certifying body for MWS worldwide. Our first effort at forming an association began with the formation of the International Association of Marine Warranty Surveyors (IAMWS). While this association was quite helpful in bringing together the founding marine warranty survey companies and individuals, it was decided that we needed our own individual association. We worked diligently from that point until the formation of SOMWS in 2017 to accomplish this goal.

We would like to thank the above listed companies with providing SOMWS with the individuals who worked tirelessly to successfully form SOMWS. For these individuals who worked on all the important sub-committees and headed up our society, will have the initials F.M. listed next to their name in our member listing as founding members.

2002 - Len Messenger reaches out to MWS which results in the Formation of MWS Advisory Panel

2017- Formation of SOMWS - Society of Marine Warranty Surveyors

2018 - SOMWS reaches 100 certified members

2018 - SOMWS website goes live/website verification of MSOMWS ID number

2018 - First SOMWS Conference Held at LMA

2019 - SOMWS introduces Associate Members

2019 - LMA issues new wording endorsing SOMWS

2019 - SOMWS reaches 205 certified members

2020 - SOMWS reaches 301 certified members

2021 – SOMWS currently has 320 certified members (April 2021)