

AGM

→ Around 25 members gathered on 23 August 2024 for the branch AGM, which was held in Café 8 at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

Outgoing Hon Chairman Aalok Sharma FNI began with a report of the branch activities during his tenure. Time certainly flies and having seen the Branch through the Covid period, followed by the slow but sure revival of the in person events, it is time now for the next batch of caretakers.

Since the online AGM of the HK Branch in June 2022, the Branch has been fortunate to have reestablished in-person events and can now finally regard Covid as a thing of the past. These have included:

- An extremely successful full day seminar and cocktail event marking the 50th anniversary of The Nautical Institute, held during Hong Kong Maritime Week 2022.
- NI members and families put sailing skills to the test in the Mariner's Challenge held by Sailability Hong Kong, formed to provide the opportunity for anyone with a physical disability, special educational needs or on the autistic spectrum to learn to sail or have a water based experience.
- Crisis and Risk Mgt, Health and Medical Issues

onboard, IntiSoS with Dr Ahmed Fahmy, Regional Medical Director, International SOS, about crisis and risk management, health and medical issues onboard from a medical practitioner perspective.

- Marine Department Dragon Boat Race.
- HKMW 2023, 'Future Manning Challenges – Bridging the Gap' - our first joint event with ICS Hong Kong, including a panel discussion. The event was well received by the industry, offering opportunity to jointly discuss topics of common interest.
- *Meet the Author – Nippin Anand Are we learning from accidents?*
- Proactive approach for identifying and mitigating risk, Hong Kong, Captain Amit Gupta.
- Visiting MSTI and Marine Department and interaction session with Captain John Lloyd.
- Interaction session with Capt John Lloyd, Chief Executive, The Nautical Institute.
- SIRE 2.0 and RISQ 3.1 – How to keep it simple. Capt Tanuj Balani, Managing Director at Stag Marine.

The next major event coming up is in Hong Kong Maritime Week in November 2024, where we have once again partnered with ICS Hong

Kong Branch for a joint panel discussion and Industry networking event. The topic for the panel discussion will be 'Global risks and the future of shipping'.

Aalok took the opportunity to thank committee members and office members for their support during his chairmanship, and said he looks forward to supporting the continuing work of the Hong Kong Branch. Vikrant Malhotra FNI proposed a vote of thanks for Aalok's excellent leadership, not least his successful efforts to revitalise the branch after the extended Covid lockdown. This motion was carried by acclaim.

Kaushik Roy FNI was unanimously elected as Chairman, and Rocky Siu Lok Kan AFNI takes over as Vice Chairman.

The meeting closed at 1905, and members were able to enjoy a convivial gathering with the chance to socialise over food and drink.

Rocky Siu Lok Kan AFNI

