

Title: The Nautical Institute's Dynamic Positioning Training Executive Group

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Abstract

The Nautical Institute (NI) administers the DP Operators certificate scheme and accredits currently 50 training centres worldwide that deliver the scheme. There are to date more than 8950 certificated operators. The scheme was originally developed in the mid 1980's by all the stakeholders in the DP sector and was considered by all to be a "gold standard."

In the interim period, technological advances and working practices linked to a huge increase in both the number of students requiring training and the number of training centres delivering the scheme, has meant that a review of the scheme was required. The NI instigated the reformation of the stakeholders group in the spring of 2007 leading to consultations and initial meetings. The group consists of representation from NI, IMCA, IADC, ICS, OGP/ OCIMF and DP training providers.

The NI Council has delegated executive authority for the NI DP training system to DPTEG. Its current remit is to undertake a root and branch review of the DP training scheme and to initiate any recommendations, with a view to restoring the scheme to a "gold standard" for 2008 onward.

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