

DRIVING INDUSTRY CHANGE: Collaboration within and across borders



Years of Operation

2026 AIMS Biennial Conference Program

Fremantle Sailing Club,
Thursday 7 & Friday 8 May 2026

Conference Program

Day 1
Thursday 7 May

Time	Workshop	Topic / Presenters / Panellists	Room
9:00-10:00am	Registration Morning Tea	-	Wardroom
10:00-11:00am	Workshop 1	Topic - Marine Surveyor Insurance Issues Presenter - Matt Kuc, Austbrokers Countrywide	Wardroom
11:05am-12:05pm	Workshop 2	Topic - Accredited Grain Surveyor Assurance (AGSA) Scheme Presenters - Susan Hull, Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS) Ray Elson, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Wardroom
1:20-2:20pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
1:20-2:20pm	Workshop 3	Topic - Building Strategic Partnerships Panellists - Eric McIlwain, AIMS Pia Van Wyngaard, Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Australia Andrew Fielding, Boating Industry Association (BIA) Sheryl Swarbrick, BIA of Western Australia Fabian Pasquini, FAICD, Austbrokers Countrywide	Wardroom
2:25-3:25pm	Workshop 4	Topic - AMSA Marine Surveyor Accreditation Framework Review Presenter - Dianna Smith, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)	Wardroom
3:25-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	-	Wardroom
5:30-8:30pm	-	Networking Drinks	Sundowner

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Day 2 Friday 8 May

Time	Sessions	Topic / Presenters / Panellists	Room
7:30-8:30am	Registration	-	Wardroom
8:30-8:50am	Conference Open	Samantha Rowe MLC Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Transport, Sport and Recreation	Wardroom
8:50-9:10am	Chair's Review	Eric McIlwain AIMS Chair	Wardroom
9:10-9:30am	Keynote Speaker	Jodie Ransom CEO Fremantle Ports	Wardroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 1	Topic - Improving career pathways Competency based surveyor recognition and accreditation Presenter - Mark Potter, Maritime New Zealand	Wardroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 2	Topic - The Leeuwin Journey Presenter - Maximiliano Lavin, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation	Stateroom
9:35-10:05am	Breakout Session 3	Topic - Benefits and Challenges of Industry Alliances Presenter - Amanda Bradfield	Bridge
10:05-10:35am	Morning Tea	-	Wardroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 4	Topic - Understanding hazardous spaces to ensure we come home safe Presenter - Kalyan Das, ISM-ISPS & Service Supplier Auditor, Marine Surveyor, MLC Inspector at RINA, AIMS member	Wardroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 5	Topic - Quality Assurance Presenter - Wade Nagel, Director and Principal Marine Surveyor, Adapt Marine Director AIMS	Stateroom
10:40-11:10am	Breakout Session 6	Topic - The Skill Shift: Adapting to the Future Presenters - Dr Eric Perez, AIMS Susan Hull, AIMS	Bridge

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11:15-11:45am	Session 1	Topic - Driving Industry Further in the 21st Century Presenter - Capt Norman Lopez	Wardroom
11:50am-12:20pm	Session 2	Topic - Marine Surveyor Legal Issues Presenter - Capt John Kavanagh, Pacific Maritime Lawyers	Wardroom
12:25-12:55pm	Breakout Session 7	Topic - Understanding Training Presenter - Capt Louis Koutelas, Hunter Marine Surveyors, AIMS member	Wardroom
12:25-12:55pm	Breakout Session 8	Topic - Moisture Mapping - Timber and FRP Composites Presenter - Graeme Normington, Queensland Ship Surveyors Pty Ltd, AIMS member	Stateroom
12:25-12:55pm	Breakout Session 9	Topic - Strategic Leadership and the Marine Surveyor Sector Presenter - Dr Wade Azmy, Pharos Institute	Bridge
1:00-1:40pm	Panel Session	Topic - Looking Forward, Looking Back Panellists - Margot de Villiers, Sedgwick, AIMS member Kerryn Woonings, Crawford & Company, AIMS member Capt Michel Lagesse, ACME Marine Services International Pty Ltd, AIMS Life Member	Wardroom
1:40-2:25pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
2:30-3:00pm	Session 3	Topic - New Zealand Marine Surveying Industry Update Presenter - Greg Marsden, AIMS Vice Chair	Wardroom
3:05-3:35PM	Session 4	Topic - Navigating Port State Control (PSC) in Australia – Core Principles of PSC compliance in Australia Presenter - Carlo Di Meglio, AMSA	Wardroom
3:35-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	-	Wardroom

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4:00-4:30pm	Panel Session	Topic - AIMS Forum Panellists - Eric McIlwain, Chair Greg Marsden, Vice Chair Capt Scott Aiton, Company Secretary Capt William Burton, Director Wade Nagel, Director Zac Howells, Director	Wardroom
7:00-11:00pm	-	Dinner and Awards for Excellence	Wardroom

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