

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 / Panels	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)	Wardroom
12:05-1:15pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
1:20-2:20pm	Workshop 3	Topic - Building Strategic Partnerships Panel - Eric McIlwain, AIMS Pia Van Wyngaard, Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) Australia Andrew Fielding, BIA Sheryl Swarbrick, BIA of Western Australia Fabian Pasquini, 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
5:30-8:30pm	-	Networking Event	Sundowner

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Day 2
Friday 8 May

Time	Sessions	Topic / Presenters / Panels	Room
7:30-8:30am	Registration	-	Wardroom
8:30-8:50am	Conference Open	Eric Mcllwain, AIMS Chair and Wade Nagel, AIMS Director	Wardroom
8:50-9:10am	Chair's Review	Eric Mcllwain, 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, 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 and Susan Hull, AIMS	Bridge

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Time	Sessions	Topic / Presenters / Panels	Room
11:15- 11:45am	Session 1	Topic - Driving Industry Further in the 21st Century Presenter - Capt Norman Lopez, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers	Wardroom
11:50am- 12:20pm	Session 2	Topic - Marine Surveyor Legal Issues Presenter - Capt John Kavanagh, Pacific Maritime Lawyers	Wardroom
12:20- 1:00pm	Lunch	-	Wardroom
1:05- 1:35pm	Breakout Session 7	Topic - Understanding Training Presenter - Capt Louis Koutelas, Hunter Marine Surveyors AIMS Member	Wardroom
1:05- 1:35pm	Breakout Session 8	Topic - Moisture Mapping - Timber and FRP Composites Presenter - Graeme Normington, Queensland Ship Surveyors Pty Ltd AIMS Member	Stateroom
1:05- 1:35pm	Breakout Session 9	Topic - Marine Surveyors: CPD and the application of Technology and AI in Marine Surveying Presenter - Dr Eric Perez, CEO AIMS	Bridge
1:40- 2:20pm	Panel Session 1	Topic - Looking Forward, Looking Back Panel - Margot de Villiers, Sedgwick, AIMS Member Kerry Woonings, Crawford & Company, AIMS Member Capt Michel Lagesse, ACME Marine Services International Pty Ltd AIMS Life Member	Wardroom
2:25- 2:55pm	Session 3	Topic - New Zealand Marine Surveying Industry Update Presenter - Greg Marsden, Marsden Marine Services Ltd Vice Chair, AIMS	Wardroom
2:55- 3:25pm	Session 4	Topic - Navigating Port State Control (PSC) in Australia – Core Principles of PSC compliance in Australia, “The Human Factor” Presenter - Naweed Omar, Principal Marine Surveyor, AMSA	Wardroom

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3:25-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	-	Wardroom
4:00-4:30pm	Panel Session 2	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
6:30-11:30pm	-	Dinner and Awards for Excellence	Wardroom

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