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**AIMS HEADS WEST
SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE
IN FREMANTLE**

A busy 2026 rolls on

THE work of AIMS continues as we head into the 2026-27 financial year.

Insurance risk evaluation survey template

I want to thank Neil Dorrington and Anthony Gates, who have provided comments regarding the insurance risk evaluation survey template. Anthony field-tested the template and provided multiple rounds of feedback.

Two versions of the template have been drafted:

- ❑ the first maintains images at the end of the template; and
- ❑ the second has images at the end of each section of the template.

Members can access the templates in the members only section of the AIMS website.

AIMS membership: value proposition

Membership of AIMS is a clear statement of professionalism and expertise. It places you among a trusted network of leading marine surveyors and industry specialists, strengthening your connections and expanding your professional influence.

As an AIMS member, you gain priority access to high-quality continuing professional development, ensuring your knowledge remains current, relevant, and aligned with evolving industry standards and regulations.



This commitment to excellence sets you apart in a competitive market. AIMS membership enhances your credibility with clients, regulators and peers alike.



Members are recognised for their technical competence, ethical standards and professional integrity – qualities that directly support client confidence and commercial success.

Beyond individual recognition, AIMS actively advocates for its members, giving you a collective voice in key industry and regulatory discussions that shape the future of the maritime sector.

By joining AIMS, you invest in your professional standing, your career longevity and your reputation as a trusted authority within the maritime industry.



Industry workshops and webinars

AIMS continues to provide workshop and webinar content for members to engage with continuing professional development (CPD).



Workshop 4: Jeffrey Blum, Director, Maritime Education & Training Ltd – 9 March 2026

Topic: Part 1 – Bills of Lading ~ their 3 main functions and why cargo descriptions are essential to avoid danger or fraud.

Jeffrey Blum has been involved in shipping and trading since 1972. The fourth generation of a shipping family, he is a member of the Baltic Exchange. He has been a shipbroker, charterer, shipowner and operator, Lloyd's underwriter, gasoil futures broker and commodities trader in London and abroad.

In 1994, he created Interlink International Trading (UK) Ltd, providing maritime commercial claims consultancy and bespoke corporate training. His clients include oil majors, commodity traders, shipowners, P&I Clubs, shipbrokers, lawyers, governments and international shipping organisations: www.intlinkint.com.

In 2002, Jeffrey co-founded – and remains principal lecturer of – Maritime Education & Training Ltd, providing bespoke tuition, including for students taking the annual examinations of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers: www.metl.london.

For many years, he has contributed articles to trade magazines and books, and is revising the 12th edition of a major shipping textbook. He achieved Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers by examination in 1979 and has served on the ICS Controlling Council, Membership and UK & Ireland Committees and London & South East Branch Committee since 1983, including as its Education Officer since 2000, Chairman 2005-2007 and Vice Chairman 2015-2017.

Jeffrey is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators since 1997 (Honorary Associate since 1979), has been an arbitrator (sole and tribunal) since

1994 as Supporting Member of LMAA (London Maritime Arbitrators Association), a Council Member of ICSAS (International Commodity and Shipping Arbitration Service) since its creation in 2005 and a panel arbitrator of SCMA (Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration) since 2019.

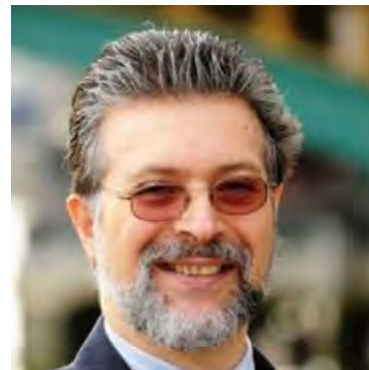
He has been a member of the Baltic Exchange since 1976, has been appointed as an expert witness in arbitration and litigation cases since 1983, and has served on the Governing Council of BEEP (Baltic Exchange Experts Panel) since 2012, now known as BEWA (Baltic Expert Witness Association) since 2019, including as its Chairman since 2020.

Jeffrey is a Mentor for the Marine Society's Coming Ashore Programme. Since 1984, he has lectured on maritime law and several commercial subjects at universities and colleges, is a frequent presenter at public, academic, governmental and bespoke training seminars worldwide, and is a Visiting Professor at World Maritime and Shanghai Maritime Universities since 2007.



Workshop 5: Dr Eric Perez – 30 March 2026

Topic: Preliminary findings – CPD and AI insights and challenges



Workshop 6: Jeffrey Blum, Director, Maritime Education & Training Ltd – 13 April 2026

Topic: Part 2 – Bills of Lading ~ their 3 main functions and why cargo descriptions are essential to avoid danger or fraud



AIMS Workshop and Webinar Series

Presenter:
Andrew Fielding

Workshop 7
Monday 27 April

Workshop 7: Andrew Fielding, CEO Boating Industry Association

Topic: BIA Marine Broker Accreditation, Broker – Marine Survey relationship and next steps to a greater alignment between AIMS and BIA

Andrew is a seasoned marine industry professional with more than 35 years of experience. His extensive expertise spans yacht brokerage, marine retail and wholesale, and stems from being part of a respected marine industry family involved in boat building, shipwright services and marine sales.

Throughout his career, Andrew has dedicated significant time to volunteering and collaborating with both industry and government through various committees and associations. Currently serving as CEO of BIA, he has also held key leadership roles, including President of BIA Ltd, Chairman of the Queensland Recreational Boating Council (QRBC), and currently as a board member of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA).

Leveraging his strong network across the marine sector, government departments and marine agencies, Andrew champions a collaborative approach to ensure the continued growth and success of Australia’s marine industry.

Conference

Day 1

On behalf of the AIMS Board, thank you to everyone who helped make the first day of our biennial conference a success, including Matt Kuc, Susan Hull, Eric McIlwain, Pia van Wyngaard (nee Rosenkranz), Andrew Fielding, Sheryl Swarbrick, Fabian Pasquini and Dianna Smith. A sincere “Thank-you” also to our sponsors for their outstanding support and our thanks to AmSpec for sponsoring our networking event. (See photographs of Day 1 on pages 10 and 11.)

Day 2

Thanks to everyone who made Day 2 a standout. Your expertise, generosity and professionalism are exactly what make this community so strong, including: Eric McIlwain, Wade Nagel, Jodie

Ransom, Mark Potter, Maximiliano Lavin, Amanda Bradfield, Kalyan Das, Susan Hull, Capt Norman Lopez, Capt John Kavanagh, Capt Louis Koutelas, Graeme Normington, Margot De Villiers, Kerryn Woonings, Capt Michel Lagesse MAIMS, MNI, Gregory Marsden, Naweed Omar, Capt Scott Aiton, Capt William Burton and Zac Howells. (See photographs of Day 2 on pages 12 to 15.)

Key takeaways for me were:

- collaboration and partnership-building will help build capability within the marine survey profession and maritime sector; and
- marine surveyors are embracing change and adapting to meet the evolving needs of clients and the maritime sector.

Conferences like this are never a solo effort. A special shout-out to my Western Australian conference team: Wade Nagel, Stuart Marra and Kerryn Woonings. Your support was critical in delivering the day.

Thank you also to Martin B. and Loretta Hofer MAICD for the marketing support that helped bring people together for this important event.

Capt William Burton: thank-you for helping with set-up the day before and for your support during a busy conference schedule.

And to my Board, Sue Brown and Susan Hull, thank you for your steady support and commitment to our profession.

If you’re looking to host an event in Fremantle, I can’t recommend the Fremantle Sailing Club highly enough. Please contact Cara Murray (Functions Manager) at the Club. Cara and her team made sure everything ran like clockwork.

Here’s to 40 years in operation and to the next 40!

Newsletter contributions

Thank-you to the members that contributed to this edition of the newsletter and, for members who do contribute, your article can be used as evidence of continuing professional development.

I encourage members to contribute to the newsletter. If you would like to know more, please contact the office.

Your Institute

Please contact me on +61 2 6232 6555 or send me an email with feedback, and ideas at gm@aimsurveyors.com.au.

Dr Eric Perez
Chief Executive Officer



Day 1





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Day 2





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