

# Yacht Coatings Technical Insight COURSE

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*A programme for those requiring a deeper understanding of coatings*



## INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

In 2014 a new industry standard was established with the launch of the Registered Marine Coatings Inspector (RMCI) qualification. The primary aim of the programme was to upskill those whose role it is to inspect and report on large and superyacht coating systems. Multi-million pound jobs had become the subject of frequent disagreement and endless litigation due to the coating finishes. The burgeoning large and superyacht industry found this unacceptable. So, at the wish of the industry the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS) - the leading worldwide professional body for marine surveyors - and its sister company, the Marine Surveying Academy (MSA) - a long standing recognised provider of specialist maritime training in niche market sectors - collaborated with stakeholders ICOMIA, SYBAss and a range of other interested parties, including major paint companies, to tackle this situation. RMCI is the standard and professional qualification for large and superyacht coatings inspectors against which they are judged; and inspectors need to revalidate their qualification every five years.

The then new RMCI qualification, an intensive weeklong education programme and formal examination, quickly gained traction and acceptance in many of the major large and superyacht yards, primarily in Europe. RMCI is now referenced in the Superyacht Coatings ISO as an acceptable standard.

Approaching 200 expert paint inspectors have come forward to seek qualification and reach the standard, which is now well recognised and sought after in the industry. Courses continue to be offered annually.

For further information go to <https://rmciinspectors.com>.

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# ABOUT THE NEW YACHT COATINGS TECHNICAL INSIGHT COURSE

Over the past decade it has become abundantly clear that due to the complex nature of larger coating projects, some people involved in the process simply lack sufficient depth of knowledge; and as the strapline says - There's more to a coating project than just paint, in fact much more, as this course will demonstrate!

The aim of this unique two-day course, which has been put together by industry experts, is to give those who are involved in coating projects the opportunity to acquire more essential knowledge and expertise in this specialist area without transforming them into highly qualified, technical fully fledged RMCI inspectors.

IIMS CEO, Mike Schwarz, said, "I had the pleasure of attending the pilot course held for a handful of carefully chosen delegates and it came as a surprise to me just how challenging each coating project can be and the complexity of maintaining key relationships with a variety of stakeholders. Apart from the paint itself, roles and responsibilities need to be understood, relationships built on trust must be established, and contracts need to be understood. So, the Yacht Coatings Technical Insight course is a technical coating course for industry specialists who wish to have more than a basic understanding of coatings and their management."



# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The large and superyacht newbuild and refit industry is facing some key challenges, many of which are hard to control and are being driven by market forces. These include:

- Increased demand;
- Full order books at the yards;
- Reduced and shorter timescales creating increased pressures;
- The cost of complaints and expensive litigation;
- Unhappy clients.

The two-day course will:

- Provide a greater technical understanding of coatings, who does what, when and how;
- Offer advice on how to improve the management of coating projects;
- Give delegates advice and a deeper understanding of how to improve communication and build relationships;
- Explain how to reduce complaints for all parties.

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## THE COURSE CONTENT

The course is module based and delivered face-to-face at a physical location by expert tutors. There is no formal examination to sit, but all delegates will receive a certificate of attendance, following a short knowledge verification test, provided by IIMS, the awarding body for the RMCI qualification.

### **Module: Roles & responsibilities**

Understand the various parties within the complex project team required for a successful outcome and what their responsibilities are.

### **Module: People & Relationships**

Learn about relationships, the contractual chain, managing expectations, where and how conflicts may arise and how to handle them.

### **Module: Projects & Planning**

Learn to understand and appreciate why contracts and specifications and acceptance criteria are essential. Understand about project meetings, activities, changes and Health and Safety.

### **Module: Paint systems**

Gain an understanding of vessel construction, surface preparation, large and superyacht coatings, the application process, their performance and care.

Gain knowledge of inspection protocols and procedures, equipment, relevant standards, and terminology.

## COURSE DELIVERY

- The course is delivered over two days face to face at an appropriate venue around the world.
- Each course is delivered in person by two experienced and knowledgeable tutors.
- All delegates receive an accompanying handbook.
- The course can be delivered to a group in house on site, or delegates can join mixed courses at a suitable neutral location.
- A Certificate of Attendance is awarded by IIMS.
- The cost is £895 (no VAT). Travel is at own cost. Please note all course fees must be paid in advance of attending the course. Full terms and conditions are available on the website.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

In short, this course will appeal to a wide range of individuals who are involved in coating projects, including:

- Vessel managers
- Client/Owner representatives
- Project managers in new build and refit yards
- Paint applicator managers
- Paint company representatives
- General marine surveyors and less experienced paint inspectors
- Flag state inspectors
- Marine insurers and claims handlers
- Marine underwriters
- And those for whom the RMCI qualification is not appropriate

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NEXT

To register your interest in attending a future course please go to <https://bit.ly/3sIXGEJ>.

Alternatively, you can email **Sharon Holland** at [courses@marinesurveyingacademy.com](mailto:courses@marinesurveyingacademy.com) or call her on +44 23 9238 5223 during UK office hours to register your interest.

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Here are a few verbatim comments received from delegates who attended the pilot course:

*"The course and verification assessment were very useful and we will all be putting into practice some aspects of what we have learnt as we are currently involved in planning some major paint projects."*

*"A very well delivered course by clearly knowledgeable and friendly tutors."*

*"Very thought provoking and educational. Thanks."*

*"The course tutors spoke with enthusiasm, clarity and with obvious high levels of experience and expertise."*

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