

## **RINA Academy launches new courses**

RINA Academy, the external marine training arm of Genoa-based classification society RINA, has launched new training courses for planning renewal surveys of ESP ships and Condition Based Maintenance.

These courses, new for 2010, build on a portfolio of training courses for ship operators and shipyards, which includes in conjunction with NACE a course for the qualification of coating inspectors according to the IMO's Performance Standards for Protective Coatings (PSPC). RINA is currently the only classification society able to provide a specific marine NACE course to obtain this qualification.

Antonio Pingiori, managing director of RINA's Marine Division, says, "In 2009 our RINA Academy was very successful in attracting students to courses on the ISM and ISPS Codes, on updating international rules and on how to prepare and be ready for Port State Control inspections. We already have courses planned for this year in Naples, Ravenna, Genoa and Palermo, and outside Italy in Turkey, South America and the Far East. We run the courses wherever companies want them, and also make them open to the public, and we find it both a useful skill transfer system and also a useful method of getting feedback from people in service."

The RINA Academy for Ship Operators offers courses for shipping company and ship management personnel, divided into four main areas:

- international regulations (overview and updating related to statutory and classification rules);
- ship construction, running and management (training of superintendents, certification and survey management, hull and machinery inspections and maintenance);
- fleet management (management systems for security, environmental aspects.);
- specialist courses for a ship type (passenger, gas carrier, and others).

The RINA Academy for Shipyards focuses on design and construction aspects including:

- international regulations
- design and construction of structures, plants, automation, on-board systems;
- specialist courses for the design and construction of a ship type (passenger, gas carriers and others).

RINA Academy also publishes and delivers the RINA Yachting Academy training schedule, with training courses specifically intended for operators in the yachting sector, in particular designers, builders, captains, crew, experts and surveyors.

RINA Sp A is the holding company of Registro Italiano Navale, founded in Genoa in 1861, and is one of the oldest classification societies and one of the ten most important in the world. Throughout its history, RINA has progressively diversified its activities, transferring the skills acquired and consolidated in the marine industries to other sectors, covering quality, environmental and product management system certification, social accountability certification and advanced services for industry.

RINA has ninety offices in over thirty countries and employs around 1,400 exclusive personnel. Through its Marine Division RINA has a classed fleet of over 3,815 ships totalling 25.5m gt, plus over 1,000 yachts and over 300 special units (military ships, coast guard, police and fire brigade craft). It is a world leader in passenger ship classification.

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