

Area Staff Officer (Merchant Navy)
Report for Area Conference 2008 (for period Dec 07 – Nov 08)

1) Number of Courses Run by ASO (if applicable):	<u>N/A</u>
2) Cadet courses	<u>N/A</u>
Number of cadets attending	
Number of cadet qualifications gained overall	
3) Staff courses	<u>N/A</u>
Number of Adults attending	
Number of Staff qualifications gained overall	
4) Number of Courses organised but run by other Instructors	<u>N/A</u>
5) Cadet courses	<u>N/A</u>
Number of cadets attending	
Number of cadet qualifications gained overall	
6) Staff courses	<u>N/A</u>
Number of Adults attending	
Number of Staff qualifications gained overall	
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<p>The MSSC does not appear to have a coherent policy toward the Merchant Navy this is probably because the Merchant Navy is in fact a generic term covering all commercial forms of seafaring. There is no HQ or central contact point. At best it is a disparate group of ship owning companies. However 95% of goods entering this country come by sea, many on British registered ships or on ships with British seafarers forming part of the crew.</p>	
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<p>I aim to be a central contact point for units and cadets requiring information on careers at sea other than the RN. Please contact me for assistance. Only one unit has done this within the last twelve months. I can forward information or point you in the direction of appropriate websites.</p>	
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<p>I am aware of a number of ex MN seafarers within Eastern Area but would any others please contact me.</p>	
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