



INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS, SOUTH AFRICA

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Insight to the ICS office during Nationwide Lockdown

In light of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) emergency and the current uncertain times with us all having focus on high precautions for the health, safety and wellbeing of our family, colleagues, students and community from the ICS we trust you have all safe and well.

The branch has continued to assist to the needs of our students on their studies, courses, examinations, our members, and fellow contacts in our industry network whilst remaining vigilant and ensuring the safety of our staff and students. Sanisha and the ICS committee has been working on various areas of membership, postponed May exams, the Understanding Shipping course and marketing strategies behind the scenes during this period.

For some good news, the February results brought some favourable results to many of the South African students.

Together with head office and other ICS branches a platform for online assessments of the new Understanding Course has been developed and we hope to have this made available to our branch by the new financial year. The course material has been updated to reflect the updates in our industry as well as the inclusion of a Chapter nine covering South African content.

From feedback of many students, a course book is to be provided with the course as many make use of their valued textbooks for any future reference but this will be dependent on the situation of delivery hard copy books to our students and in the interim the course material will be electronic. As a branch we would like to offer all new students' workshops and welcomed any tutor or shipping professional who would like to partake in offering mentoring and regular workshops of the topics within our industry to make contact with us.

A quote from a current student who has attended workshops with a tutor "Thank you so much for assist with revision and working through the coursework, I have obtained better results and you assisted me with the understanding of the material. You are the best".

We as a branch have also re-introduced the corporate sponsorship and affiliation options for those not qualified through the ICS but wish to remain associated with the professional international networking of the Institute. Details will be distributed in the new year.

Preparing for the exams – A quick whizz trip to Chantecler Hotel prior to Lockdown in March 2020



Top Left : Sumaya Simpson, Wesley Rothmann, Rob Gardner FICS, Dean Fraser FICS, Nqobile Mzimela

Bottom Left : Lungile Gumedede, Kate Lester, Damien Tethar, James Storm, Shaun Slabbert,

Catherine Moodie FICS (Chairperson), Eddy Nielson FICS

Students share their experience from Prep Weekend

“I found the prep week very helpful. All tutors were friendly, willing to help and very clued up on whatever subject they gave. With regards to examinations, the tutors helped me to realize what exactly I need to prioritize in my studying and preparations for the exams. Adding to this, they were very helpful in working through those topics with us.

I have spoken to people who have attended the prep weekend in the past which have all strongly advised that I attend it - I now see exactly why and I would also recommend it to anyone who is taking the ICS exams.

It was my first visit to Durban and all & all a very enjoyable experience.

Looking forward to my next prep weekend for my Advanced Diploma.”

- Shaun Slabbert – Foundation Diploma

“In the month of march, myself and a handful of other pupils were privileged to attend the annual ICS prep weekend which was hosted at the picturesque Chantecler hotel in Durban. As it was my first time attending this prep weekend, I was not sure on what to expect. I can now say that the prep weekend superseded any expectations I may have had previously.

The tutor’s extensive knowledge on each ICS subject combined with their advice on how to approach and execute an examination question has given me an optimal opportunity in coming out of my upcoming ICS exam with the best mark possible. However, in saying this, the tutors do also remind students that they are giving us the tools for success but the time and effort that is required for an exam pass is ultimately up to the student. What made me particularly impressed was the tutors commitment in offering individual assistance if that student is still battling with a concept given in a previous lecture (even if that means missing the shark’s rugby team achieve a well-deserved win.)

The weekend also offered a great opportunity for connections with fellow professionals in the industry. Being a newcomer to the industry myself, it was great to sit after a long day of lectures and socialize with students from all parts of the country and from different disciplines of the shipping industry. For me the aspect of connecting with other people in the shipping industry is greatly important as it allows for the transferring of knowledge of the industry as well as a helping hand in troubling times.

The ICS prep weekend was greatly helpful to all students that attended and I thoroughly believe that all the tutors involved did a spectacular job in giving the students the correct tools for tackling any question that we may face in the upcoming exams and for many difficulties that we may face in the shipping industry.

Thank you too all involved in the ICS Prep Weekend and Good luck to all with their upcoming examinations!”

- James Storm – Foundation Diploma

Missed March cut off for exams?

The ICS May 2020 examination sessions have been postponed until July 2020 for all exam centres around South Africa. Please find below the schedule below.

The deadline has too been extended to the 8th June 2020. Should you wish to register –

CONTACT US TODAY!!!

6th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Logistics & Multi-Modal Transport
13:30 - 16:30	Liner Trades
7th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Introduction to Shipping
13:30 - 16:30	Shipping Business
8th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Economics of Sea Transport & International Trade
13:30 - 16:30	Dry Cargo Chartering
9th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Ship Sale & Purchase
13:30 - 16:30	Legal Principles of Shipping Business
13th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Offshore Support Industry
13:30 - 16:30	Port Agency
14th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Ship Operations & Management
13:30 - 16:30	Tanker Chartering
15th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Shipping Finance
13:30 - 16:30	Port & Terminal Management
16th July 2020	
09:30 - 12:30	Shipping Law
13:30 - 16:30	Marine Insurance



Coronavirus: South Africa at Level 4 - Goscelin Gordon MICS

South Africa continues to grapple with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. After being under a Level 5 “hard” lockdown throughout April, Level 4 was entered on 1 May. Level 4 allows for more economic activity to be conducted than under Level 5, although many restrictions remain.

On 29 April, a set of new Regulations to the Disaster Management Act were gazetted, although the Amended Regulations to the same Act issued in March continue to apply unless specifically amended or withdrawn by the new Regulations.

In respect of transport, salient points of the Regulations include that borders remain closed except for the transportation of goods, cargo, and fuel as well as designated Ports of entry. Cargo is permitted to be moved by air, rail and sea subject to several restrictions. These restrictions include the import of defined essential goods; including but not limited to food, disinfectants and sanitizers, personal toiletries, medical and hospital supplies, and fuel- including coal and gas. Certain imports for the manufacturing sector are also permitted, as well as transport for cargo at ports of entry, cleared goods destined for neighbouring Countries, transport of goods within South Africa and as further determined by the relevant Minister from time to time. Certain exports are also allowed, including agricultural, forestry and fishing products as well as certain manufacturing and mining products- although these are subject to Directions issued by the relevant Minister.

On 4 May new Directions, repealing previously issued Directions, were issued by the Minister of Transport, which are ‘Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of Covid-19 in Sea Ports.’ These Directions are applicable to South Africa’s commercial ports. These directions include provisions relating to improved hygiene and sanitation measures at entrances and exits at Ports and Screening of Port users for Covid-19, as well as stating that physical distancing measures must be taken in Ports. Additionally, Cruise ships are prohibited from calling, with the exception of disembarkation of returning South African crews/ permanent residents. The Directions also provide that South Africans are advised not to use this form of travel until further notice. All passenger vessels may only call in a South African Port to disembark South African crew, returning citizens or permanent residents, or to replenish fuel and obtain provisions. Research and marine tugs are allowed but are subject to any mandatory quarantine laws. All other cargo vessels may dock for purposes of cargo work, repairs, or to take on fuel or provisions. South African crew who disembark in South Africa are subject to a mandatory quarantine period of up to 21 days. Medical Evacuations off the coastline are permitted subject to mandatory quarantine of 21 days. The Directions further allow for transport of cargo from Port to their “final destination,” transport of goods to Port for export and loading and off-loading of cargo in commercial Ports.

On 13 May President Ramaphosa announced that it is anticipated that most of South Africa will move to a Level 3 lockdown by end of May- barring harder hit areas which may remain under Level 4 restrictions, and further that the Level 4 Regulations will be updated in the coming days. While at this stage it is not entirely clear what the Level 3 Lockdown will look like, it is definite that these are difficult and uncertain times worldwide, and it is likely that the movement of goods and people going forward will continue to be impacted by measures to avoid transmissions of Covid-19 for the foreseeable future.

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Introducing ICS Online Academy



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<https://icsonline.academy>

The head office team in London has been working hard behind the scenes to accelerate the planned launch of **ICS Online Academy**.

This new version in test mode will be released to all registered students **free of charge until the postponed exams** in July are complete. The platform is in support of studies with the ICS and due to the disruption to classes and exam dates as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The platform will have learning resources and forums for each subject plus study tips and revision and exam guidance. The ICS Online Academy comes with a **FREE APP** (iOS and Android) which can be downloaded and will allow offline studies of material for those on the move.

If anyone require any further details or would like to be part of the new online facility as a tutor, professional in our industry, a student or new member entering our industry whom can support this opportunity please contact our London office on education@ics.org.uk

Membership Update

We are proud to announce three new Members to South Africa's Database. Welcome to the team!

Panache Ramsuran



. ICS international qualifications open a window of opportunities within the industry on a global level. It provides us with a challenging and in depth maritime education enhancing both individual and career growth through independent study.

Mark Bultzer



I have been in the shipping industry for more than 25 years before starting the down the road to membership. The ICS courses filled in many gaps of parts of the industry which I had only passing experience. I have found the experience stimulating and rewarding.

Cidris Dildar



ICS has taught me to be patient and you will reach your goal. Also, "Too much light blinds a person" meaning that don't think if you work for a shipping company you know it all! Knowledge and experience will broaden your exposure which plays a major role in the shipping industry.

ALL SHIPS IN PORT SOUND THEIR HORNS ON 1 MAY 2020

1st May is recognised in many countries around the world as International Workers' Day, Workers' Day, Labour Day or May Day. This is a day which is used to celebrate and recognise the contribution made by workers across the world. At this difficult time for the world we want to ensure that the contribution made by seafarers is not forgotten. Therefore many ships across the world in the port or harbour sound their horns at 12.00 on 1st May 2020.



In the Maritime Industry we all work 365 days a year.



#HappyWorkersDay #HeroesAtSea #HornsofHope #FogHornFriday #TransportHeroes

Why I joined the ICS?

By Durand Naidoo – Vice Chairperson ICS SA

A few months after joining Safmarine, I had surveyed the corporate structure and decided that while I was strong on financial and economic aspects of shipping, I needed more operational knowledge if I was going to fast track myself to manager by 25 and CEO by 30.

I had to figure out how to get 5 years-worth of operational knowledge in 1 year without working at the port or going to sea!

I researched many qualifications, institutions, spoke to my managers, even called Prof. Trevor Jones and asked him for advice and the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers kept coming up as the pre-eminent qualification.

Testimonials were that the ICS has an excellent support system for students, with course coordinators, study groups, tutors, mentors, past papers and an infamous student prep-weekend away, where all we do is study for an entire weekend straight

The final thing that sealed the deal for 22-year-old me was that you get fancy initials after your name, like M.I.C.S.

The ICS has stood strong for more than 100 years and is regarded internationally as a repository of shipping knowledge. It is as relevant today, as any time since 1911, by providing a powerful voice for the collective shipping industry. It is the definition of an **INSTITUTION IN SHIPPING**.

To become a member of the ICS, first you must complete your exams, second you must be nominated by two existing members for membership and third you must conduct yourself as a member in good standing.

The ICS confers upon its members an industry recognition of excellence and I am very proud to be a member of the ICS. "Our word, Our Bond".

I started out looking for recognition but found inclusion in a global network of remarkable people.

It wasn't all plain sailing, as my ICS studies stands out as a significant defining moment in my journey.

We wrote the exams later that year and they were very difficult, as they were testing the application of understanding rather than memorizing the theory like an encyclopedia.

This is the cornerstone of the ICS qualifications; in that it is a qualification which will prepare you to practically perform operations while understanding the theory underpinning the task.



November 2019 Exam Results

Foundation Diploma

- Sabelo Manyanga
- Selwyn Louw

Advanced Diploma

- Mlungisi Kunene – This student has been awarded an exemption and will be completing PQE.

Professional Qualifying Exams

- Panache Ramsuran
- Eidris Dildar

Congratulations to the above recipients!

Watch this space!



**We have many exciting projects coming soon.
Course upgrades, Online Workshops and so much more!!**

**BE A PART OF OUR SUCCESS!
AS AN INSTITUTION WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR, AND
GRATEFUL OF, OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT AND
CONTRIBUTIONS.**

- ✚ **IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS / SPEAKERS /**
- ✚ **CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT**
- ✚ **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TUTOR/ STUDENT?**

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