

Nautical Institute Launches DPO Qualification for the Renewables Sector



The Nautical Institute has expanded its world-leading certification scheme for Dynamic Positioning Operators (DPOs) to include a qualification for seafarers operating in the renewables sector. This qualification is a response to the increasing need for specialist operators to work on the jack-up barges needed to install wind turbines.

“The continued growth of activity in the renewable energy sector is an important contribution to managing global resources by sustainable means,” said The Nautical Institute CEO Captain John Lloyd FNI. “We are pleased to contribute to the maintenance of high standards in this sector by drawing upon our experience in managing qualifications for DPOs. We thank our industry partners for helping us develop this qualification which is tailored to the specific needs of their operations and look forward to continuing our service

to the maritime community.”

The Self-Elevating Platform (Jack-up) DP training is based on The Nautical Institute’s established certification scheme. It uses the same logbook as the DP Offshore Scheme to record time spent onboard the vessel. A separate task section has been developed in collaboration with employers in the renewable sector to meet the specific needs and challenges of the industry.

DPOs completing the Self-Elevating Platform (Jack-up) DP training scheme will receive a ‘Restricted to Self-Elevating Platform’ DP Certificate. A minimum of 120 days onboard a DP classed vessel plus 30 DP operations must be completed together with the task sections.

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