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Four Maritime Cadets Recruited

The Gibraltar Government has today announced the names of the four successful applicants who will be taking up scholarship places in its Maritime Cadet Training Scheme. Angelo Chipolina of Ramillies House, Adrian King of Kent House, Karim A Lopez of Mount Road and Gareth Roman of Bellevue Vineyards House will spend the next three years as from September, combining theoretical work at the Warsash College of Nautical Studies, one of the top colleges for nautical cadets in the United Kingdom and which enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence, plus structured practical experience at sea.

On successful completion, they will each receive a Certificate of Competence as an Officer of the Watch, under the International Convention of Seafarers Training and Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW). This is an internationally-recognised qualification and allows the officers to serve on any merchant navy ship.

This Scheme was launched by the Government in 2005 to develop employment opportunities within the maritime sector in Gibraltar by enabling two Gibraltarian

students to be recruited every year and trained as Engineering and Deck Officers Cadets. It has been co-sponsored by Aegean Bunkering (Gibraltar) Ltd, Bunkers (Gibraltar) Ltd, Cepsa (Gibraltar) Ltd, Marine Service Shipping (Gibraltar) Ltd and Vemaoil Company Ltd.

The Minister with responsibility for Maritime Affairs, the Hon Joe Holliday said he was pleased that, following presentations at Bayside School by the Captain of the Port, Peter Hall and the Maritime Administrator, Alan Cubbin, and with the support of the Department of Education and Training, nine students had applied and four have been selected, the highest number since the scheme started.

Minister Holliday said: "These young men are part of the future of Gibraltar's very successful and vibrant maritime industry and the Government is wholly committed to encouraging more Gibraltarians to work in this sector. I wish them every success, as they embark on the first steps of a career which could see them reach the top ranks of the Gibraltar Port Authority, Gibraltar Maritime Administration or Gibraltar Pilots."