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### **International Safety Management Course for Gibraltar Maritime Administration**

Ashley Perez and Martin Caruana, both Trainee Surveyors at the Gibraltar Maritime Administration, have recently attended an International Safety Management Lead Auditor training course on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar. This training programme adds to Gibraltar's existing pool of individuals trained in maritime surveying and safety auditing.

The course, running from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015, was held at the Warsash Maritime Academy, part of Southampton Solent University's Maritime and Technology Faculty, a first-class provider of education, training, consultancy and research services to the international shipping, commercial yacht, offshore oil and gas, and renewables industries. The course lecturer and assessor was Mike Symons (MInstLM, ACQI, IRCA), Security and Ship Management Specialist at Regs4ships, safety management experts for the maritime industry, who under the ChartCo Training brand provide safety, security and compliance training.

The course objectives were:

- Understanding the International Safety Management system and context;
- To be able to undertake International Safety Management internal audits;
- To be able to act as Lead Auditor for ISM management systems on behalf of flagstate.

The rigorous assessment process involved seven workshops spread over three days, followed by a two hour final exam. This course represents a small part of the Trainee Surveyors' extensive training programme, which will be completed in October 2015 following a secondment to the UK Coastguard. The Government takes this opportunity to congratulate both Ashley and Martin for their achievements.