

Biographical Details  
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David Patraiko is the current Director of Projects for The Nautical Institute, and Secretary to its Papers and Technical Committee. He is responsible for developing and managing major Institute projects and he represents the professional interests of members in general shipping, training and technical forum. Much of this work is aimed at assisting members of the Institute with continuous professional development. He has lead research and produced many papers and articles on the use of CBT, Electronic Navigation, implementation of IT systems on board merchant vessels and the associated 'Human Element' effects created by technology. He is currently involved with the international debate on e-navigation and is Chairman of the IALA e-navigation working group for Strategy and Operations.

After a brief period as an independent consultant and surveyor, in 1997 he accepted the position as Project Manager for The Nautical Institute, and became Director of Projects in 2003. A graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (US), he sailed on a variety of international vessels in his twelve years in the Merchant Navy (1985 – 1997). He holds an Unlimited Master Mariners licence, and was awarded an MBA degree from Henley Management College (UK).

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