

**News from IFSMA
(The International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations)**

**Appointment of Captain Andrew Cook FNI
Secretary General designate**

IFSMA announces the appointment of Captain Andrew Cook FNI as Secretary General designate to succeed Commodore Jim Scorer FNI RN who will be retiring as Secretary General at the end of the year.

As an ex ship Master, Andrew Cook brings a wealth of experience in global ship operations, ship management, crew management and crew welfare.

He is a long standing Fellow of the Nautical Institute and has sat on influential industry working groups such as the INTERTANKO Human Element committee.

Currently Captain Cook is working alongside Commodore Scorer and will be preparing to lead the IFSMA team at IMO and at other forums in January 2026.

At IMO, IFSMA occupies a seat as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in consultative status with the organization.

Regarding his appointment Captain Cook said: 'It is an honour to be appointed as the next IFSMA Secretary General and to promote the best interests of the world's ship masters within an ever-changing industry that faces numerous challenges'.

The Secretary General designate appointment commences on 1st September, 2025.

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