



Moving Britain Ahead



- We have successfully managed changes to Her Majesty's Coastguard, including the opening of the new National Maritime Operations Centre as part of an evolving national network alongside other Coastguard Operations Centres, all without impacting on search and rescue effectiveness.
- We have worked across Government to publish the inaugural UK National Strategy for Maritime Security, which highlights the extensive ways we safeguard this vital sector of the UK economy.

- The £15m a year Support for Maritime Training scheme (SMarT) has contributed to a near doubling of the total number of officer trainees in training in comparison to 10 years ago.
- Light dues levied on the shipping industry for the upkeep of lighthouses and navigational aids have fallen in real terms by nearly 20% since 2010. The light dues rate has been cut twice during that time, saving the shipping industry £4m each year.
- The Maritime Growth Study, launched in 2014 in partnership with industry, will strengthen the UK position as a world-leading maritime centre.
- Delivery of a £1.6bn contract for a state-of-the-art search and rescue helicopter service will see improved flying times and better coverage of high-risk areas.
- We have developed joint Strategic Partnership plans for shipping and ports with industry and trade unions which set out aims and ambitions for the maritime sector.
- We have introduced a £1m a year charitable lifeboat grant regime, that will run for five years. The grant is targeted to help with training and equipment costs, and will improve critical emergency and flood response across the UK.
- We have reduced regulatory burdens on business by cutting red tape, and are transforming how we implement international conventions so it will be simpler and less costly for industry to comply with requirements.
- We have worked in partnership with industry to deliver a successful London International Shipping week which raised the profile of the UK's maritime sector internationally and is set to be repeated in September this year.
- We have worked with industry to support the transition to the new sulphur limits regime introduced in January 2015 and have secured a consistent and pragmatic approach to enforcement across the EU.
- We have ratified the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 – considered the 'fourth pillar' of the most important maritime regulations covering international shipping – which will help raise employment and welfare standards for seafarers.



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