

# The Ground Rules

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## National Maritime College of Ireland

On May 5 & 6, 2006, a reunion was held at the newly constructed National Maritime College of Ireland, to celebrate 50 unbroken years of Marine Engineering education in Cork.

Pierce N. Power and his father Pierce Power, both past graduates of the college, attended.

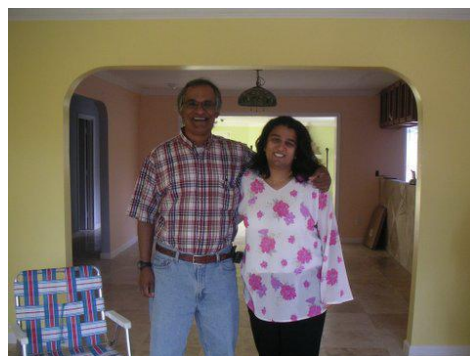
This new cutting edge facility represents a €51.3 million investment, bringing together training for the Merchant Marine and the Irish Naval Service. The college is located on a ten-acre site at Ringaskiddy, adjacent to the Irish Naval Base at Haulbowline in Cork Harbor and can accommodate up to 780 students.

A tour of the new college included a demonstration of the state of the art computerized engine room and navigational bridge simulators as well as a walk through of some of the new facilities to include machine, electrical and electronic workshops and a complete working mock up of a ship-board engine room. There is a survival pool, which includes a wave maker, rain, wind, plus a fire simulator and lifeboat stations to facilitate the training of seafarers as per STCW.

Following the tour and the various practical and computerized simulations, the celebration(s) concluded with a gala dinner where old colleagues and friends met for the first time since graduating the old college campus.

*David Tantrum recently earned a Master's degree from his Alma Mater, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Pierce Power graduated with the same Master's degree in 2000.*

## Surviving "Hurricane Katrina"



*Jason & Karen Fernandes  
Martin, Ottaway New Orleans*

Jason, Karen and Megha have literally been camping out in their home since they were allowed back into New Orleans.

Reconstruction of their home is slowly coming along

and some days seem longer than others, but Karen prays every day thanking God that her family survived and that they are one of the fortunate ones that are able to start over.

## Resignation

After one and a half years as Chairman of the SNAME AD HOC Panel 14 O.W.S, Rik van Hemmen has resigned from his position.

To see the results of the panel's efforts go to: [www.sname.org/committees/tech\\_ops/oilywater/INDEX.html](http://www.sname.org/committees/tech_ops/oilywater/INDEX.html)

In the tech section, there is a wealth of OWS technical information.

## IMO-Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)

The IMO-MSC was held from May 10-19, 2006 in London and the discussion on Goal Based Standards for New Construction of Oil Tankers and Bulk Carriers was progressed as well as items concerning Maritime Security.

In addition, numerous amendments to S.O.L.A.S. were adopted affecting Chapter III and V as well as setting coming into force dates for the IMDG, FSS, and LSA Codes. For further information, contact our office in New Jersey.

## Human Factors and Life Jackets



While Martin Ottaway does little contract research, almost every case that Martin Ottaway is involved in has a research component. One of our firm's strengths lies in using its wide experience to come to a problem from many different angles to build a strong foundation for its solutions.

Life jackets are a good example where we learn both from our own experiences and from our professional involvement. Henk just looks too good while inflating his own personal flotation device (PFD) prior to fitting a new air cartridge.

When working or playing around the water, a PFD is as necessary as a seatbelt in a car. Just like a seatbelt, it often takes an accident to realize that a PFD is a real lifesaver.

Here is one reason from our experience to wear life jackets around the water.

In this case, a surveyor fell into the water, and although he was a good swimmer, he could not find a place to exit the water. No matter how good a swimmer you are, at a certain stage you will get tired and drown.

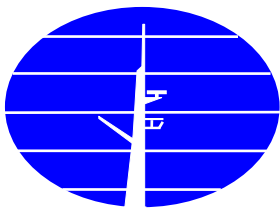
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What life jackets to use?

Some in our office like the inflatable type. They have the least bulk and are less limiting in movement. Others like the float coats that look like a bulky fishing jacket, which have large pockets that are useful for carrying notebooks, flashlights, cameras, etc.

Work vests are quite comfortable, but they provide only limited floatation. If you work and play around the water and if you have not yet done so, go out and buy a jacket you like and put it in the back of your car for ready use. Most of all wear a jacket around kids and your subordinates. Set a good example and they will follow. We all know kids that now will not go on the water without life jackets.

Training is all, and setting a good example is all in training.



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