

Industry Experts to gather for the SURV11 Conference with the focus on Creating the Future of Sustainable Fast Boats in June 2023

London – 14 June, 2023: Next week, maritime professionals will gather for the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) 11th instalment of the Surveillance, Search and Rescue Craft (SURV) Conference. The event will take place on 21-22 June 2023 at the Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. After the conference, on Friday 23rd June, there will be a unique opportunity to visit Damen Shipyard Gorinchem and their Lighthouse innovation space. Only a limited number of seats will be available for SURV11 attendees.

"We are thrilled to invite delegates to attend our SURV 11 Conference as well as provide an opportunity to bring them to the newest Damen facility", says RINA Operations Director, Dmitriy Ponkratov. "We have recently announced the preliminary programme, with two keynote speakers, and we are delighted to share that this conference will be a fantastic networking opportunity and a place for the industry experts to exchange knowledge and ideas."

SURV11 is the latest iteration of a biannual event that brings together industry experts and professionals. It aims to promote and share technical knowledge on industry best practices. The conference will cover a range of topics, including analyses of designs, applications, and operations of new vessels in this segment, as well as a review of existing vessels and their use across all marine environments.

The conference will feature technical sessions, panel discussions, as well as two keynote presentations from leading experts in the field, including Wim Boerma, Product Manager High Speed Craft, Damen Shipyards and Magnus Wikander, Head of Strategic Development Maritime Hydrodynamics, RISE (Research Institutes of Sweden). Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow professionals and engage in debate on the latest trends, technologies and challenges facing the industry.

RNLI's Principal Naval Architect Holly Phillips says: 'With now only a few days away, we would like to encourage people to register for this event which is a great opportunity to hear about some of the technical developments in the area of maritime search and rescue and to network with others working in this field.'

"As a partner of the SURV 11 Conference, Damen recognizes the importance of bringing industry experts together to share knowledge and ideas. Joining the SURV 11 Conference enables you to network with industry leaders, gain cutting-edge insights, explore future opportunities, and contribute to shaping the future of the maritime sector," Wim Boerma, Product Manager High Speed Craft at Damen.

The SURV11 Conference is open to all interested parties, including members of RINA, other professional institutions and the wider maritime industry. Registration for the event is open, and further details, including the preliminary programme, can be found on the RINA website: https://www.rina.org.uk/SURV11_2023.html

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The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) is an international professional institution that promotes the scientific and practical development of naval architecture and marine engineering. RINA was founded in 1860 in London, and today has a global membership of more than 10,000 professionals in over 90 countries. The

institution provides professional development and networking opportunities at a wide range of educational events, as well as technical publications for its members and the wider maritime community.

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