



Trinity House

The Corporation of Trinity House



At the core of Trinity House, and running throughout its 500-year history, is a pride in the provision of care to the mariner, whether the mariner is at the beginning, in the throes of, or reflecting on their life at sea.

The Corporation is a major maritime charity fully funded by its endowments. It spends around £3 million per annum on charitable activities including the welfare of mariners, education and training (including promotion of safety at sea) and its role as a Deep Sea Pilotage Authority. The Corporation also provides Nautical Assessors to the Admiralty Court.



Education and Training

Trinity House's Scholarship Cadet Training Scheme is designed to give young people the opportunity to experience a variety of shipping companies and trades, to give them a broad overview of the shipping industry, before they commit to one particular company or type of ship. To fulfil this obligation Trinity House has engaged the services of Chiltern Maritime Ltd to carry out the day-to-day administration of the scheme, an organisation that maintains close contact with Trinity House.



Welfare of mariners

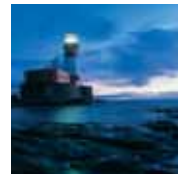
For centuries Trinity House has provided accommodation, food and domestic help for retired mariners. The accommodation of 18 purpose-built retirement homes is now based in Walmer in Kent, although past locations have included Deptford and Mile End.

Deep Sea Pilotage

The Corporation of Trinity House was originally a guild of mariners or pilots, and its interest in pilotage continues today. Trinity House is authorised by the Secretary of State for Transport to licence Deep Sea Pilots.

In 1988, Trinity House's responsibilities for district pilotage were transferred to various harbour authorities. Trinity House continues to grant certificates to persons who satisfy the necessary criteria of entry qualification and examination.

Although it is not compulsory to carry a Deep Sea Pilot, many ship's masters unfamiliar with Northern European waters like to employ their professional expertise to assist their bridge team.



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