



Ivana-Maria Carrioni-Burnett

Chair of the Maritime Navigation Group, A Special Interest Group of the Royal Institute of Navigation

Ivana commenced her sea-going career as an 18-year-old Midshipman in the British Royal Navy. In addition to numerous leadership, management and coaching certificates, she is an IHO-qualified hydrographer with a BSc in Marine Sciences. Specialising in navigation, she found a passion for training and instruction, as well as ship-handling. After achieving her Command Qualification and gaining a Career Commission she chose to jump ship and transfer her skills to the commercial world, having served in the Senior Service for over 11 years. Now a marine pilot for the Port of London Authority, Ivana navigates and berths ships on the Thames as a Class 1 pilot.

As a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation, Ivana chairs the Maritime Navigation Group and has recently played a critical role in the investigation and report on the impacts of GNSS interference on maritime safety.

With a focus on safety and equity, Ivana is also a Freeman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners; a member of Maritime SheEO Marine Pilots, the UKMPA and IMPA; and sits on the EDI Committee for the Port of London Authority.

With an unquenchable drive and ambition, Ivana was a finalist for the Champion of Women Award at the Ex-Forces in Business Awards 2023; she completed an Executive MBA in Strategic Leadership in 2025 in her 'spare time' and has previously held non-executive roles in the non-profit sector for 'Human Rights at Sea' and 'Campaign Force'.

Based in Kent and obsessed with both the sea and books, Ivana is a born-again Christian who loves chasing sunrises, sunsets and spotting seals in the Estuary.