



THS Annual Conference and Dinner 2025

Date : Saturday 22nd November 2025

Venue : Portsmouth, Royal Maritime Hotel, Below Decks Conference Room

Programme

11.00 to 12.00 Members Meeting – preparing for the conference

12.00 to 13.00 Lunch

13.00 to 13.30 **Conference Registration**

13.30 to 13.35 **Words of Welcome** from THS and Orientation for the afternoon

13:35 to 13:45 **Keynote Address** – Mark Downer, CEO Griffon Marine

Session 1

13.45 to 14.15 **Presentation 1** – Hovertravel – 60 years of Hovertravel Service to IoW

14.15 to 14.45 **Presentation 2** – HoverAid – RR 4b into Service in Madagascar

14.45 to 15.00 Coffee/Tea Break and Q&A

Session 2

15.00 to 15.30 **Presentation 3** – Griffon Marine – Latest Research and Developments in ACV

15.30 to 16.00 **Presentation 4** – Griffon Marine – Careers in our high-tech Maritime Industry

16.00 to 16.15 Coffee/Tea Break and Q&A

Session 3

16.15 to 16.45 **Presentation 5** – K Oakley – Electric Light Hovercraft over the hump

16.45 to 17.15 **Presentation 6** – G Nutt – Breaking the mould – new events for light Hovercraft

17.15 to 17.30 Coffee/Tea Break and Q&A

Session 4

17:30 to 17:35 **Closing** – Thanks to presenters – THS Chairman

17.35 to 18.30 **Video Presentations**

Presentation of videos showing events during the year beginning with Sweden Hovercraft 500 km expedition. Short current videos from Airlift, Amphibious Marine, Aircat etc, with explanations and debate on the latest developments.

18:30 to 19:00 **Room preparation for Buffet Dinner**

17.45 to 19.00 **Social and Networking**

19.00 to 21.30 **Buffet Dinner and Awards**

21.30 to ... **Evening social informal** for those that wish.