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## YACHT DESIGNERS & SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

### DESIGNERS AND SURVEYORS ENJOY THE 2010 YDSA CONFERENCE

Over sixty delegates attended the annual Yacht Designers and Surveyors Association (YDSA) London conference this year. President of the association, Richard Ayres, welcomed the delegates to the prestigious event held at the Royal Institute of Naval Architects. This year's theme focused on yacht design since the 1930's and the consequent effects on marine surveying. A host of speakers presented a variety of topics throughout the day concluding with an open forum chaired by the established yachting journalist Andrew Simpson, a senior surveyor and member of the YDSA..

Areas discussed included traditional boat building methods with an emphasis on the diversity of modern materials surveyors need to understand. Winter & Co Marine Ltd insurance stressed the importance of surveyor's expert opinions for valuations. YDSA members are covered under their own PI insurance in the event of any discrepancies. David Johnson of Wessex Resins enthused about adhesives and resins and gave the audience vital tips on how to achieve optimal results. Delegates enjoyed a three course lunch with plenty of lively discussion and networking. After the break yacht designer David Cannell gave an informed presentation on yacht design since the 1930's. Changes were catalogued in three main groups along with their specific challenges. The conference ended with a lively open forum session, chaired by Andrew Simpson.

Mr Buz White of A.C. White Marine Surveyor, Guernsey commented:

'All the speakers were passionate about their subjects and had my full attention from beginning to end. There was plenty of expert knowledge to be gained at the conference and good networking opportunities too.'



Speakers Andrew Simpson, left and Tony Tucker enjoy a word

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