

STEERPROP AND ABOA MARE ENTER COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON SIMULATOR-BASED PROPULSION TRAINING

Finnish marine propulsion expert Steerprop and Aboa Mare, a leading maritime training and simulation centre, have entered into a cooperation agreement covering simulator-based training services for vessels equipped with Steerprop propulsion systems.

Under the agreement, Steerprop will be able to order tailored simulator training from Aboa Mare for its customers. The training programmes are designed to support the safe and efficient operation of vessels fitted with Steerprop propulsion equipment, across a range of operating conditions and vessel types.

The services consist of simulator-based courses organised together with Aboa Mare, focusing on vessel handling, manoeuvring and operational decision-making using propulsion systems supplied by Steerprop. The detailed scope and content of each training programme will be defined jointly by the parties on a case-by-case basis, based on the customer's vessel type, operating profile and operational requirements.

Aboa Mare is an internationally recognised maritime competence centre based in Turku, Finland, specialising in advanced training, simulation, research and development for the maritime industry. The centre provides realistic, full-mission simulator environments for shiphandling, engine room operations and integrated bridge systems, supporting both seafarers and maritime organisations worldwide.

The cooperation strengthens Steerprop's offering by combining propulsion technology with practical, experience-based training. For shipowners and operators, the collaboration provides an opportunity to improve operational safety, performance and energy efficiency by ensuring that crews are fully familiar with the behaviour and capabilities of their propulsion systems in real-world scenarios.

Simulator-based training is particularly valuable for vessels operating in demanding environments, such as in ice operations, where precise manoeuvring, high availability and correct system use are critical. By integrating propulsion-specific training into its customer support offering, Steerprop aims to support long-term operational performance and lifecycle value for its customers.

"Modern azimuth propulsion systems offer significant performance and efficiency benefits, but real value is achieved only when crews fully understand how the systems behave in different operating conditions. Through our cooperation with Aboa Mare, we can offer customers targeted simulator training that supports safe operations, optimised performance and long-term reliability," said Tom Ekegren, Director of Arctic & Naval Segments, Steerprop.

"Through simulator training reflecting real operating scenarios and unique equipment characteristics, we can help crews build competence and confidence before they face

challenging situations at sea,” said Thomas Friis, Training Director, Aboa Mare.



Caption 1: Thomas Friis, Training Director at Aboa Mare demonstrates a full-mission bridge simulator environment, highlighting the advanced training capabilities now available through its cooperation with Steerprop for propulsion-focused vessel operations.

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ABOUT STEERPROP OY

Steerprop is a leading designer and manufacturer of marine propulsion systems for the most demanding applications and toughest conditions.

Since our founding in Finland in 2000, we have delivered purpose-built units for hundreds of vessels, including every third icebreaker in operation around the world.

Our unrivaled arctic experience and fit-for-purpose solutions are a testament to our commitment to continuous development, steadfast dedication to meet our customers' needs and our unwavering resolve to perform.

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ABOUT ABOA MARE

Founded in 1813, Aboa Mare is a leading maritime education and training center based in Turku, Finland.

Aboa Mare offers degree programs and continuing education for maritime professionals, with strong expertise in IGF Code, Polar Code, BRM & ERM simulation, and sustainability. Aboa Mare provides training that meets the STCW requirements.

The simulation department includes nine ship bridge simulators, technical simulators, a VTS simulator, and a GMDSS simulator. Students and course participants can undertake practical exercises using the simulators, designed to replicate actual ship bridges and engine rooms. Aboa Mare also use its maritime expertise and simulation know-how for providing high quality R&D projects. Vocational education is provided through Axxell and university-level education through Novia UAS.

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