

Chair of the Maritime Volunteer Service Council



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Join the Maritime Volunteer Service as Chair of Council.

Are you passionate about maritime training, governance and supporting local communities? The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is seeking a new Chair of Council, equivalent to chair of the Board.

The Maritime Volunteer Service is a national, uniformed, self-funding charity with 22 Units and over 400 members along the UK coastline and some inland waterways, from the Isle of Wight to the Scottish border and Northern Ireland. We train our members in maritime skills, support Harbour Authorities under the Port Marine Safety Code, assist Local Councils in Resilience and Response, and engage with our communities including through the use of our own vessels and others'. The Maritime Volunteer Service was founded after the disbandment of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service (RNXS), since when the Royal Navy has bestowed Formal Recognition on the MVS. We are privileged with the active patronage of HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCV O CD KStJ and our president is Admiral The Rt Hon. the Lord West of Spithead GCB DSC PC.

Role Overview:

As Chair of Council, you will play a key leadership role in the governance of the Maritime Volunteer Service, ensuring the charity continues to thrive and fulfil its mission (see <https://www.mvs.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/>). This is a voluntary position with a focus on charity governance, requiring strong leadership, decision-making and ambassadorial skills.

Key Responsibilities:

- Chair meetings of the Council of Trustees;
- Serve as a Director on the Maritime Volunteer Service Council and Board of the Limited Liability by Guarantee Company (No. 3003565);
- Act as a Trustee for the charity (registered in England & Wales number 1048454 and in Scotland as SC 039269) and oversee reports produced by the Trustees to Companies House, the Charity Commission and the Office of the Scottish Charities Register;
- Represent the Maritime Volunteer Service to external bodies and act as the final authority for adjudication;
- Promote the Maritime Volunteer Service and its mission, supporting the charity's growth and engagement.

What We're Looking For:

- Experience in governance, leadership and the management of non-profit organisations or charities;
- Strong communication, decision-making and strategic thinking skills;
- A commitment to the mission and values of the Maritime Volunteer Service;
- Ability to work remotely with email, telephone, video conferencing (e.g. Zoom) and filing facilities.

Commitment & Conditions:

- Initial three-year term, with potential for extension;
- Voluntary position (no contract of employment implied);
- Expected to attend MVS Council meetings, AGM, and nominated working groups as required;
- Ability to delegate duties to a Vice Chair when necessary.

Why Join Us?

This is an excellent opportunity to make a real impact in a respected maritime charity. You will help shape the future of MVS, support its vital work, and be part of a dedicated team passionate about maritime training and community service.

For more information, visit <https://www.mvs.org.uk/> or email hq@mvs.org.uk.

Apply Today! Help us steer the future of the Maritime Volunteer Service.

**Applications welcome via our Headquarters Manager Chris Todd chris.todd@mvs.org.uk
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