



YDSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

23 MARCH 2026

Thistle Heathrow, Bath Road, Longford, Uxbridge, UB7 0EQ

09.30 – 09.45 - Arrival Tea & Coffee

09.45 – Welcome by Karen Wilson, YBDSA CEO

10.00 - 11.00 - **Chris Makin**, The Academy of Experts - *“How to become an expert expert”*

11.00 - 11.15 - Tea & Coffee

11.15 - 12.00 – Ask the expert Panel

Keth Lovett, Stoneways Marine Ins – *Industry trends and what's effecting your insurance*

12.00 - 13.00 – Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 – Ask the experts Panel

Adam Green, HPI – PCA & MCC – *how we can work together*

13.45 – 14.30 – Ask the experts Panel

Doug Ashley, Doug Ashley Marine - *Mechanical Engineer – Bring your questions on Engines, Stern Drives, and Gear Boxes.*

14.30 – 14.45 - Tea & Coffee

14:45 – 15:45 - **Craig Norton** , Inspect x – *Basic Tools to Consider When Using AI as a Marine Surveyor*

15:45 - Conference closed

16.00 - Departure