## ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS

## 2025 AGM AWARDS

 **MEDAL OF DISTINCTION**

The Institution’s Medal of Distinction for papers published in the 2024 Transactions is awarded to **Robin Loscombe** for his paper *Some Observations on the Strength of Viking Ship Rudders.*

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

The Institution’s Medal of Merit for papers published in the 2024 Transactions is awarded to **Yordan Garbatov** and **Elios Koni** their paper *Ship Hull Hybrid Structural Design Accounting for Reliability*.

**JEOM PAIK PRIZE**

The Jeom Kee Paik Prize for the best paper on the subject of structures, published by an author under the age of 35 in the 2024 Transactions is awarded to **Elios Koni** for the paper *Ship Hull Hybrid Structural Design Accounting for Reliability*.

**W H C NICHOLAS PRIZE**

The W H C Nicholas Prize for the best paper on a design related topic published by an author under the age of 35 in the 2024 Transactions is awarded to **Baso Muhammad Ikhsan** and **Anugrah Darma Lestari** for the paper *Analysis and Evaluation of Artificial Lighting in the Passenger Spaces of a 500 GT Ro-Ro Ferry.*

**SAMUEL BAXTER PRIZE**

The Samuel Baxter Prize for the best paper on the subject of safety, published by an author under the age of 35 in the 2024 Transactions is awarded to **Yunus Emre Şenol** for the paper *Assessment of Seafarers’ Mental Workload: A Study on High Speed Craft.*

**DAVID GOODRICH AWARD**

The David Goodrich Prize for the best paper presented at the 2024 Warships Conference is awarded to **Jason LeCoultre** and **Matthew Williamson** for their presentation of the paper *‘Composite Repairs: Practical Ideas for an Increase in Capability and Operability with Lessons from the Oil and Gas Industry.’*

**WAKEHAM PRIZE**
The Wakeham Prize for the best general paper published in the 2024 Transactions by an author under the age of 35is awarded **Shuang Gao** for the paper *Fluid-Solid Coupling Analysis of the Propeller and Optimization of Boss Cap Fin Parameters.*

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

The Institution deeply values the dedication of its members who generously volunteer their time to serve on the Council and various Committees, often while managing demanding professional careers. Their contributions are essential to RINA’s continued success and reputation as a leading international professional institution.

While all member contributions are greatly appreciated, the Council recognizes that, at times, an individual’s service may stand out—either through its duration or its exceptional impact. To formally acknowledge such outstanding contributions, the Council may present a ‘Certificate of Appreciation,’ based on nominations from Division Presidents, and Chairs of Branches, Sections, or Committees.

The RINA Council was invited to consider a nomination for **Chris McNair** AMRINA to receive a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his significant and sustained contributions to the Institution. The recommendation was met with enthusiastic support from the Council.

This honour recognises Chris’s dedicated service in a range of influential roles, including Council Member, Chair of the Scottish Branch, Chair of the Developing Careers Committee, and Lead of the AMRINA Working Group. His active participation in the Professional Affairs Committee, as well as his efforts to engage the wider membership and promote STEM initiatives, have also been invaluable.

The Institution's Secretariat further acknowledges the profound and lasting impact Chris McNair has made. His unwavering commitment to advancing the Institution’s mission has been truly invaluable.