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## Hurtigruten

*Marit Finnanger discusses the Norwegian cruise operator's unique formula to develop cruise talent*

**MARITIME SIMULATION**  
THE NEXT BIG THING

**CREW CONNECTIVITY**  
INTERNET ACCESS  
CRITICAL TO RECRUITING

**WORKBOAT ACADEMY**  
COMING OF AGE



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**Delgado Maritime & Industrial Training Center**

13200 Old Gentilly Road  
New Orleans, LA 70129

**Date founded:** 1978  
**Website:** <http://www.dcc.edu/academics/workforce/maritime-fire>  
**Name of Director:** Rick Schwab  
**Annual Throughput:** 9,000

**Focus of Training:** Fire /Safety /Radar Navigational /Leadership /Basic Medical. Many courses approved by the U.S. Coast Guard to assist mariners in obtaining, maintaining, and upgrading their licenses, both limited and unlimited.

**Simulators:** The current facility houses two wheelhouse simulators that provide tandem exercises for participants. In the new Training Center, which opens April 1, 2016, there are 3 full mission simulators which will all have the capacity to run in tandem. All simulators will be used for Inland, Offshore and Dynamic Positioning scenarios, providing the most up-to-date software available.

**Make (OEM) of simulators:** Transas Marine

**Other Information:** The Delgado Maritime Facility was selected to be the Louisiana Community College to join the Federal

TAACCCT Grant Consortium for Mississippi River waterways, to provide federally funded training to licensed mariners.

**Biggest Success:** Delgado's high quality instructional staff and program delivery has led to worldwide recognition of our facility. The school stays abreast of all industry trends to allow licensed mariners to maintain or upgrade their workforce positions.

**Current Projects:** After 12 years of anticipation, the final result is visible: a state-of-the-art training center, with expanded programs and much-needed parking. All equipment received upgrades, including classroom training tools. April 1, 2016 marks the Grand Opening of this 19,000 sq. ft building. The current fire field will also receive an expansion to offer more maritime and industrial fire fighting programs.



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**IRClass Academy**

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**Date founded:** June, 2014  
**Website:** [www.irclass.org](http://www.irclass.org)  
**Name of Director:** U.R.P. Sudhakar  
**Annual Throughput:** 320 (in 2015)

**Focus of Training:** Maritime Professional Development – Beyond Seafarer (STCW) Competencies, Facilitation of seafarers in making the transition to shore-based positions and roles. Awareness building about the maritime sector, Facilitation of lateral entry of personnel into the maritime sector, Provisions of Regulation 2.8 of MLC 2006 that emphasize "...promotion of opportunities, both on board and ashore, for further training and education of seafarers," Upcoming regulations and implications for maritime industry, Facilitation of transfer of new technologies and Interface between maritime policy development and implementation.

**Simulators:** Survey Simulator – Five simultaneous users at a time for four vessel types (Bulk Carriers, Tankers, Container Vessels and MODU), used for imparting training to aspiring Technical Superintendents on Survey and inspection of hull, Understanding of

Class requirements, Typical structural defects, Reporting formats, Preventive measures, Safety aspects, the Role of shore-based managers in preparing for surveys, Maintaining hull/ coating conditions, Interpretation of findings from inspections, and steel renewal estimates.

**Other Equipment:** Moodle-based Learning Management System 'IRClassRoom' for delivery of e-learning courses being customized and installed (from June 2016 onwards).

**Simulator Particulars:** DNV-GL certified  
**Biggest Success:** The Expert Panel Discussion on Maritime Professional Development in India and the Executive Management Course in Ship Superintendency.

**Current Projects:** Customized training solutions for shore-based managers and the development of E-learning courses.