Dear Ships Council Members,

The purpose of this letter is to formalise a call to the membership to submit candidates for two executive vacancies that will arise in March 2018. Candidate nomination is quite simple as members may self-nominate or nominate any other member.

The current Executive Committee is constituted as follows:

**Small Ships Forum**

Lucy Gross (term expiring March 2018)

Jan Miles (term to expire March 2019)

Toby Marris (term expiring March 2020)

**Tall Ships Forum**

Einar Corwin (term expiring March 2018)

Haakon Vatle (term expiring March 2019)

Pedro Mendes (term expiring March 2020)

You are invited to submit your nominations for one of the two vacancies and in an email addressed to the Secretary of the Ships Council ([paul.bishop@sailtraininginternational.org](mailto:paul.bishop@sailtraininginternational.org)) by 1 March.

Your nomination should include the name, position, sail training experience and a short statement why this candidate has been nominated, explaining his or her motivation.

The ballot will be sent to your organisation listing those nominated to represent your forum on 1 March and voting will close at midnight UTC/GMT on 14 March.

Results will be collected by the Secretary of the Ships Council on a non-open basis, recorded by the Trustee ex-officio and verified by an independent 3rd party from the Ships Council. This independent 3rd party will consist of the chairman of the TSF ExCom who verifies the votes of the SSF and vice versa.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.