

Item	Maritime Briefing paper – baseline vs future delivery
Committee	Learning Teaching and Research Committee
Date paper prepared	20/02/2026
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Subject	Maritime
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Action requested	☒ For Information ☐ For Discussion ☐ For recommendation ☐ For Endorsement ☐ For Approval
Purpose of the paper	Fulfil a request from the committee to update on the current baseline vs future delivery of maritime courses
Brief summary of the paper	A consolidated overview of UHI North, West and Hebrides' (UHI NWH) maritime training portfolio is provided, presenting both the current course provision (2026 baseline) and the expanded future portfolio anticipated following MCA approval and increased instructor capacity. Current provision is strong but uneven across centres due to instructor availability, location specific approval requirements, and variable market demand. The future portfolio will offer a consistent, multicentre maritime training network with significantly expanded capability across MCA STCW, RYA, and Seafish approved programmes. A comparative table summarises the shift from the current baseline to the expanded future state.
Consultation How has consultation with partners been conducted?	Click or tap here to enter text.
Resource implications What are the risks with this proposal?	Not achieving the required delegate numbers
Risk implications	Expansion risks will be mitigated by completion of market analysis and business case based on realistic projected course delegate numbers

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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Not relevant
Island Community Impact	Has an Equalities and impact assessment been undertaken i.e.: It has been assessed that this policy will have no direct equalities impact."
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