CG-543 Office of Vessel Activities

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Vessel Activities

• Responsible for National inspection policy
  ◆ Flag State
  ◆ Port State
• Final Agency Action for marine inspection appeals
• Designated Federal Official for two Advisory Committees
  ◆ Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety
  ◆ Merchant Marine Medical
Organization

- CG-5431 – Domestic
  - CDR Lee Boone
- CG-5432 – Foreign and Offshore
  - CDR Jennifer Williams
- CG-5433 – Commercial Fishing
  - Mr. Jack Kemerer
- CG-5434 – Mariner Licensing Policy
  - Mr. Luke Harden
Marine Safety Enhancement
(2011 Update)
Background

- Coast Guard has carried out Marine Safety Mission since the 1940s
- Safety of Maritime Transportation and Commerce is ensured through interwoven system of authorities, compliance, collaboration, enforcement and public dialog.
Following 9/11 the Coast Guard needed to focus resources on port security mission

Industry concerns:
- Interaction with Coast Guard personnel
- Marine inspector capacity and competency
- Merchant Marine Credential issues
- Rulemaking delays

Congressional Hearing in August 2007
- Commandant committed to plan to enhance marine safety program
The Plan

Focuses on **three key areas:**

- Improve the Coast Guard’s Marine Safety Capacity and Performance
- Enhance Service Delivery to Mariners and Industry Customers
- Expand Outreach and Advisory Mechanisms for Industry and Communities
Project update

• Improve the CG’s MS Capacity & Performance
  ❖ Increase MI & IO capacity
    • 30 - FY 08
    • 310 - FY 09
    • 68 - FY 10
  ❖ Add civilian billets for consistency
    • 108 - FY 09 + 38 - FY 10 + 25 - FY 11
  ❖ Increase accessions from maritime academies
    • FY07 – 15
    • FY08 – 28
    • FY09 – 31
    • FY10 – 28
Plan Update (con’t)

- Enhance Service Delivery
  - National Centers of Expertise
    - FY10 staffing at FOC
  - Improve IT
    - Tough books w/ wireless MISLE
  - Increase rulemaking capacity
    - FY08 added 30 billets
    - FY09 & 10 additional SMEs at HQ
  - Improve credentialing
    - NMC – IT upgrades to MMLD & other
Promised by CG-00 & CG-01 to Congress

FY 08
- Cruise Ship – Sector Miami …Complete in 09
- Suspension & Revocation – NMC…Complete in 09

FY 09
- Investigations
- Towing
- Outer Continental Shelf
- Gas Ship
- Great Lakes / Vintage vessels

Additional NCOE’s being considered
- Towing Coastal
- Chemical Ship
Significant MS Program Impact

- Senior Officer Experience
- Prevention Staff
- Appeals
- CG Academy Curriculum
- Reports:
  - Performance Goals
  - Civilian MIs
  - Industry Training
CG Authorization Act of 2010

- 40+ Reg Projects
- SMS for Passenger Vessels
- OSVs
- TWIC
- Survival Craft Approval
- Lake Texoma!
- Mandated F/V Exams
A Bridge to Inspection...

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Towing Vessel National Program Coordinator
Office of Vessel Activities (CG-5431)

Mr. Bill Perkins
Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise
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Partnerships

• CG & Industry partnered workgroups

• Monitor various processes of the Towing Vessel Bridging Program (TVBP)

• WG#5 – general monitoring of TVBP

• WG#6 – Industry input for TVNCOE

• WG#7 – Phase 2
Current and Future Initiatives

Workgroups comprised of Coast Guard, AWO, & Industry members worked on the following items in 2010.

- Policy LTR 10-02, Existing Systems and Equipment.
- Policy LTR 10-05, Electronic Nav Pubs.
- Policy LTR 10-06, Carriage of Excess Equipment.
- Refined TVBP Tools.
- Development of Flow Chart & Examples for Appeal, Equivalency & Exemption submissions.
- Phase 2 Implementation Strategy, Policy & Guidance.

In 2011 these work groups will focus on:

- Perko Navigational Light Fixture Policy.
- Con't development of Phase 2 Policy & Tools.
- Amend the Outreach, Orientation & Indoctrination workbook.
- Re-write the towing vessel examination form.

01/04/2016
**Towing Vessel Bridging – 3 Phases**

1. **Phase 1**
   - Outreach & Education
   - Industry Initiated Exams
   - Testing of Risk Tool

2. **Phase 2**
   - Risk Based Exams
   - Development of Formal Training

3. **Phase 3**
   - COI Issuance
   - Priority Ordering
   - Formal Training

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**High Priority Vessel**
- Company has not participated in Phase 1
- Vessel has not been examined

**Low Priority Vessel**
- Company participating in Phase 1
- Vessel has not been examined

**Non-Priority Vessel**
- Company participated in Phase 1
- Vessel has been examined

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- Summer 2009 18-24 months later
- Subchapter “M” Published

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01/04/2016
Industry Initiated Exams (5/25/11)

- Fleet Size: 6155
- Total Exams to Date: 2915
- Decals Issued: 2285
- Qualified Examiners: 229
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Detachment Chief, SMI

Lt Julie Bethke  
National Technical Advisor, SMI

Roy Murphy  
Licensed Capt, Gulf/inland towing industry, maritime training, TSAC, MERPAC, licensing

Bill Perkins  
SMI, IO, inland towing vessels, fire fighting, pressure vessels

Mike Kelly  
SMI, SIO, MI School Chief, webmaster, vessel security

Steve Douglass  
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Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE)

What's New

Current OSHA policy, information and guidance with respect to OSHA authority over persons working on vessels and facilities on or adjacent to U.S. navigable waters and the Outer Continental Shelf – click here.

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We learn little when nothing bad happens and yet a measure of Prevention's success is that nothing bad happens.

Questions?