



OVID Highlights



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Welcome to our October issue of the OVID Highlights

In the month of September, the OVID team held an OVID User Group conference call with OCIMF members, Inspectors, and Vessel Operators. The call was well attended and we had excellent feedback from those who participated. Suggestions from this conference call were added to the OVID Focus Group agenda.

We also held our bi-annual OVID Focus Group meeting with our OCIMF members to discuss changes and improvements to the OVID database. I have included an update on decisions and policy from the OFG in this issue of the newsletter.

OVID Workshop Q&A-Houston, Texas

The OVID Team is pleased to announce an OVID workshop hosted by ConocoPhillips on December 16th 2013. If you would like to reserve a seat please send an email to sean.nicholson@ocimf.com

N.I.

The Nautical Institute gave a presentation to our OCIMF members regarding proposed changes to the N.I. DP scheme. We would like to thank Phillip Wake and Regina Bindao for their presentation and answering our members questions.

OVID Statistics

Monthly	Aug 2013	Sept. 2013
Number of Vessels	6130	6259
Number of Vessels with an OVID Inspection - 12 mos.	3210	3321
Number of vessel operators	1004	1035
Operators with published OVMSA	107	110
Total Operators who have started the online OVMSA	322	339
Total OVID Inspectors	625	627

[OVID Focus Group \(OFG\)](#)



Back Row L-R Tim Stambolis (Conoco), Jason Smythe (Chevron-Vice Chairman of OFG), Jens Ladegaard (Maersk), Graham Coles (Exxon), Sean Nicholson (OCIMF Secretary). Front Row L-R Arvid Longva (Statoil), Turki Shihri (Saudi Aramco), Alex Hammond (Shell), Roger Moeskops (TOTAL-Chairman of OFG), Andy Nielson-Watts (BP)

OVID Focus Group Updates

We had a busy couple of days at OCIMF with the OFG reviewing updates comments from operators and inspectors, as well as reviewing the next release of the OVID Master OVIQ and the new MODU OVIQ.

I want to bring you up to date with some of the changes being made to OVID, as decided by the OFG.

1. OVID Inspectors will be required to complete (2) OVID inspections per annum starting January 1st, 2014. This is an increase from the current (1) inspection currently required.
2. The new MODU OVIQ is expected to be released early 2nd quarter of 2014, and will include Semi-Submersibles, Jack Up's, and Drill Ships.
3. The new Master OVIQ revision is also now scheduled for early 2nd quarter 2014 release.
4. A new "Non-Solas" vessel variant will be introduced by 4th quarter of 2013; this variant will include all vessels under 500grt. This is in direct response to vessel operators and inspectors to cover these types of vessels; the reduced question set is already under development.
5. A new variant has been approved for "small" vessels; this new variant is expected to include Seismic Chase Boats, Surfers, Alucats, Line Boats, etc.
6. A PDF application will be added to the vessel operators profile, who will then be able to print out and review the OVIQ findings prior to submission to the OVID database. This will allow operators the ability to review the findings with their responsible persons and to ensure proper close out.
7. OFG Members approved a further variant to include Freighters
8. OFG Members approved an update to the current policy of OVID Inspectors exam results. The updated policy will allow the following in case of failure of the New Inspector exam. Fail New Inspector Course, re-sit after minimum wait of 30 days to a maximum of up to 12 months; fail re-sit, wait a minimum of 12 months, maximum of 18 months, re-take new inspectors course and exam. Further attempts after three failures will not be permitted.

OFG Members have reiterated the need for vessel operators to attach documentation/pictures to their OVIQ findings. I had discussed this in a past OVID newsletter, and it seems this is not happening as much as members would like to see. If an operator attaches the documentation/pictures to close the findings, where necessary, then this will help another OCIMF member who purchases the report, in not having to re-visit the issue with the operator or conduct a further inspection of the vessel to ensure closure.

OVIQ Reponses from Vessel Operators

This month I received an email from an OCIMF member regarding responses to the OVIQ.

"It is my concern, that the majority of the vessel operator feedback are written by someone working in an operator office. Technical superintendent or HSE coordinator provide feedback in the OVID system, without involving vessel crew more than necessary. We are inspecting the vessels, not the operators office. If the crew members had been more involved in the close out process, they would be more familiar with their procedures". An example is provided:

Control of work

5.6.4 Does the PTW system specify when shore management approval is required prior to work being carried out? Y N NS NA

Inspector Observations: The PTW system do not specify when shore management approval is required prior to work being carried out.

Initial Operator Comments: This is not correct. Shipboard Operations Manua Chapter 2.3.1 states the following

No PTW requires shore based approval. Appropriate level in the shore based organization should be contacted for advise where Vessels Management are in doubt of the residual risk level in advance of an operation.

Unfortunately we see this quite a lot within the OVIQ responses; the inspector is on-board to review the knowledge of the vessels officers, and while this policy may rest within the SMS, the officers should know where to find it. A large number of findings throughout all of our inspections is because of the lack of knowledge or understanding of the company SMS policies from the ship side.

It would help if operators would forward a copy of the OVIQ Master to the vessel, which is available on our Facebook or LinkedIn accounts, in order for the crew to review the questions which will be asked so they can have the information ready for the inspectors review.

SEATRADE Abu Dhabi

We would like to invite our Members, Operators and Inspectors to the upcoming Seatrade Workboat Show in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. from Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd. OCIMF will be hosting a reception on Sept. 30th, hosted by the OCIMF Director, Captain David Cotterell, and we will also have an OVID information booth set up for the entirety of the workboat show.

Update-Few seats remain for this workshop; we encourage vessel operators to attend to better understand the OVID inspection format.

There will be an OVID workshop held on October 2nd at the exhibition centre, and is free to attend. If you are an OCIMF member, Vessel Operator or Inspector and would like to learn more about how OVID operates, then please send me an email at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com to reserve your seats.



On the Horizon

OVID New Inspector Courses 2013

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia October 23rd-25th (Registration now Closed)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia October 28th-30th (Registration now Closed)

These will be the last two OVID new inspector courses for 2013

OVID Workshop

Abu Dhabi-October 2nd-Fully Booked

To be eligible to attend an OVID refresher course you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be within 12 months of your OVID expiry date
- You must have completed at least one (1) OVID inspection prior to taking the refresher course
- **If you do not meet either the first or second requirement, please do not contact us for a reservation for the refresher course.**
- Refresher courses are free of charge/length 2 days/exam at end of course must be passed and completed to maintain your accreditation.

Refresher Courses

OVID Refresher Course-Abu Dhabi, U.A.E, September 29th/30th (Few seats remaining)

OVID Refresher Course-Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia-October 21st/22nd (Fully booked)

OVID Refresher Course-Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia-October 31st/Nov. 1st (Few Seats Remaining)

OVID Refresher Course-London, OCIMF offices Nov. 19th/20th (Registration Open)

For Refresher and Inspector course registration, please contact Zoe at ovidaccredit@ocimf.com

If you have any questions regarding these courses, please feel free to contact me at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com.

OVID Picture of the Month

This months picture was sent in by our OVID inspector, Captain Sergiy Ivanov. Every month, I am amazed at the pictures I receive, but this one is set for the OVID Hall of Fame. Notice this "bug zapper" is plugged in, I can only assume they wanted to catch the flies at the source!!



Need Help?

Please visit [HTTP://help.ocimf-ovid.com](http://help.ocimf-ovid.com). This site has many FAQ's as well as videos on how to use the OVID system for OCIMF Members, Inspectors and Vessel Operators.

Still need assistance? For IT issues or inspector registration issues please contact Aziz or Zoe:

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