



OVID Highlights



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Welcome to our March issue of the OVID Highlights

The time is flying by, hard to believe we are already in March. February was a great month for OVID, we hosted 2 OVID User Groups, and we surpassed 7000 registered vessels in OVID. The 7000th vessel belonged to SBM and was the vessel SBM Installer.

We hosted our 55th OVID workshop in Aberdeen, Scotland on February 5th; it was very well attended and we had a lot of great questions and input from various vessel operators and inspection companies.

We also hosted our first OVID User Group in Aberdeen on February 6th. Thank you to all who attended.

The 7th worldwide OVID User group conference call took place on February 20th; all of the feedback for improvements into OVID have been added to the OVID Focus Group agenda meeting in Milan, Italy 13th/14th March 2014.

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OVID Statistics

Monthly	Jan. 2014	Feb. 2014
Number of Vessels	6924	7062
Number of Vessels with an OVID Inspection - 12 mos.	3691	3792
Number of vessel operators	1142	1156
Operators with published OVMSA	208	241
Total Operators who have started the online OVMSA	436	477
Total OVID Inspectors	716	714

OVID Schedule Changes

Due to overwhelming demand in Singapore, I have added a second OVID workshop and a second OVID refresher course for current inspectors.

We will be hosting two one day OVID workshops at the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club.

March 19th
March 26th

The workshop will be held from 09:00 – 15:00 hours. Seating is limited, if you would like to attend, please send an email to Rachel at RachelCapeless@ocimf.com and specify how many seats you require.

OVID Refresher Courses

OVID accreditation is valid for three years – in order to ensure that you remain an active accredited inspector, there is now a requirement to attend a Refresher course before your expiry date. Registration for these two courses is now open - please contact us to request your seat.

Singapore March 17-18
Singapore March 24-25

To apply for either of the above courses, please send an email to ovidaccredit@ocimf.com

2014 OVID Refresher Courses

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Houston April 21-22 (Registration opens 1st March)
London May 13-14 (Registration opens 1st March)
New Orleans June 9-10 (Registration opens 1st April)

To apply for any of the above courses, you must send an email to ovidaccredit@ocimf.com on the date that registration opens. Any applications received before registration has opened will NOT be processed.

When you apply, please include your account number, expiry date, and number of inspections performed within the last 12 months, as this will allow us to process your application faster. Seats are allocated on a first come first served basis, from the date that registration opens.

Please note that in the event of a course being fully booked, priority will also be given to those who are nearer their expiry date. OCIMF reserves all rights regarding seat allocation, and you may be asked to attend a later refresher course if you still have almost 12 months before your accreditation expires.

Mandatory Requirements - to qualify to attend one of these courses, **BOTH** of the following statements must be true:

1. You must attend the refresher course in the 12 months prior to the expiration date on your OVID card
2. You must have completed at least 1 OVID inspection prior to taking the refresher

If you do not meet **BOTH** requirements, you will not be allowed to attend a refresher course. If you do not complete 1 inspection prior to your accreditation expiring (and so are not able to attend a refresher course), you will lose your accredited inspector status, and will then need to apply to attend a full New Inspectors course, for which you will be charged.

The refresher courses are free of charge to attend, will include lunch and the final exam at the end of the course. If you meet the requirements and would like to put your name forward for these courses, please contact ovidaccredit@ocimf.com.

Please be aware that if you do not pass the exam, your accreditation will be suspended until such time as you either successfully pass the re-sit papers, or complete a full New Inspectors course to regain your accreditation. This will mean that you are not able to carry out any OVID inspections.

As of January 1st, all OVID inspectors will be required to complete a minimum of 2 OVID inspection per year in order to retain their accreditation - this requirement will increase in future years.

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

If your card has already expired, but you are an active inspector, please see the FAQ page for more information.

OVID Picture of the Month...

Unfortunately my computer crashed and I have lost most of the pictures sent in by our inspectors. I did manage to retrieve the one below, but not the email or who sent it, so please accept my apologies. I would appreciate it if you have some pictures you would like to share please forward them to me at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com



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