

OVID Highlights



Welcome to our March issue of the OVID Highlights

The OVID Team was in Bangkok, Singapore and Perth, Australia during the month of February. We conducted refresher courses in Bangkok and Singapore for our current inspectors and a new inspectors course and refresher in Perth. I was also invited to give an OVID workshop to our OCIMF Member PTTEP while I was in Bangkok; thank you to Captain Chula and his staff for hosting this workshop.

We also carried out a series of vessel operator workshops in Perth as well as one for our OCIMF membership. It was an enjoyable experience getting to meet the vessel operators, inspectors and our members and go over the latest updates to the OVID system.

OVID User Group

The next OVID User Group meeting will take place on March 6th, 2013 by conference call. An email with agenda will be sent out to members this week. The User Group is open to vessel operators, inspectors and members to provide feedback on OVID and suggestions for the OVID Focus Group for improvements. If you would like to join, please send me an email at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com

OVID Statistics

Monthly	Jan. 2013	Feb. 2013
All inspections requested	2012	2081
Number of vessels	5198	5362
Number of Vessels with an OVID Inspection	2598	2668
Number of all vessel operators	809	864
Operators with published OVMSA	53	66
Total Operators who have started the online OVMSA	224	233

Inappropriate use of Tracking Registers

It has come to the attention of OCIMF that some OCIMF Members and inspection companies are using a tracking register for the OVIQ. We have seen some examples of the tracking registers, which have included a traffic light system to rate the findings, as well as recommendations for corrective action.

The OVID system does not permit the use of tracking registers, traffic light rating systems, and or corrective actions. We are fully aware that some OCIMF members may have a register for their own internal questions and or suitability issues, however, OCIMF does not permit any OVID questions to be entered into this register. All responses from the vessel operator to the OVID inspection must be entered into the OVID database and not an outside register.

Why?

OVID was set up by our OCIMF Members to deliver an objective report using trained and

accredited inspectors. There is no place within the OVID protocol to allow tracking of findings outside of the OVIQ report. Vessel operators are requested to respond online to the findings within the OVID database only, and our OCIMF members are then able to make their vetting decision based on the information supplied in a non-judgmental inspection.

OCIMF cannot and will not support any inspection regime that is judgmental in any way. The use of tracking registers for the OVIQ does contravene most **Anti-Trust and Anti-Competition** laws and is therefore not permitted.

Tracking Registers Continued:

All OCIMF Members, Inspectors, and Vessel Operators who signed up to use OVID have electronically agreed to these terms of use, and as EXCOM gave permission for OVID to operate in a very specific way; there is no option for Members or others to use OVID outside of these requirements.

OVID Updates

The OVID Focus Group has been working the past several months on improvements to the OVIQ and the OVPQ Master documents. I am pleased to announce these changes are now complete and will be reviewed at both the OVID User Group Meeting and the OVID Focus Group meeting coming up in March. These improvements included changes to questions and guidance and in some cases the removal of questions or their re-wording to reduce confusion.

We have also completed the new variants for the offshore vessels, they now include the following:

1. **Dumb Barges**
2. **Manned Barges**
3. **Landing Craft**
4. **Dredgers**

These new variants take us to 23 vessel variants in total; more variants will be added later this year and I will update you in next months newsletter on these additional vessel types.

The release date for the new OVIQ updates is currently scheduled for May/June 2013; the new OVPQ editor, version 34, will be ready on Monday March 4th. Please ensure you update your editor to this latest version from the home page of your OVID account.

IPAD Editor:

The new iPad editor has been released to the App Store. In addition to the App Store update, you will need to click the update icon at the top left corner of the editor's main screen and click "Refresh Templates"

OVID Vessel Operators New Notifications:

At the request of our registered vessel operators, we have increased the OVID notifications for operators to complete their OVIQ responses, from 2 to 3. Currently vessel operators receive a notification when their inspection report has been validated by the OCIMF member and is ready for their comment. The operators also receive an email 7 days later if the report has not been responded to.

We have now added a third alert to remind vessel operators that the report will automatically publish within 48 hours of this last notification. We realize that some fleets are larger than others, and with the current work loads, OVID reports sometimes are not responded to in a timely fashion. We hope this latest notification will assist the operators in responding within the 14 day window.

PTTEP– OVID Workshop Bangkok



OVID on the Move

Meetings:

OVID User Group Hosted by conference call (OCIMF) March 7th
OVID Focus Group-Paris-Hosted by TOTAL March 13th/14th 2013

OVID New Inspector Courses 2013

Please visit www.ocimf-ovid.com for information on how to become an OVID inspector.

London-OCIMF Offices April 3rd-5th 2013-Registration Open
New Orleans, LA. - May 13th-15th 2013-Registration Open
Nigeria-TBA
Norway-TBA

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
- There is a one (1) year grace period, your OVID accreditation will remain valid, until you complete the inspection required.
- If you do not meet either the first or second requirement, please do not contact us for a reservation for the refresher course.
- If you do not meet the requirements after the 12 month grace period, your account will be suspended and you will no longer be able to conduct inspections
- Refresher courses are free of charge/length 2 days/Exam must be completed and passed at end of course to maintain your accreditation.

OVID Refresher Course-Aberdeen April 18th/19th 2013-Registration Open
OVID Refresher Course-New Orleans May 16th/17th 2013-Registration Open
OVID Refresher Course Nigeria-TBA
OVID Refresher Course Norway-TBA

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

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

OVID New Inspector and Refresher Courses Bangkok/Perth



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