

OVID Highlights



We would like to wish all of our Members, Inspectors, Operators and their families a wonderful and safe holiday season.

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OVID Statistics

Monthly	Sept.	Oct.
All inspections requested	1140	1314
Inspections purchased	211	331
Inspections published	745	869
Number of vessels	3278	3394
Number of published OVPOs	1724	1913
Number of all vessel OVPOs	2275	2376
Number of vessel operators	424	442

OVID User Group

Our first OVID User Group meeting will take place on December 20th. I will be sending an email to all of our registered members of this group with the conference call information for you to dial into.

OVID Changes

I continue to receive excellent feedback from our Members/Inspectors and Operators.

The new very small vessel variant (New name Cat-2) I spoke about in last months newsletter is almost ready. I expect our IT folks will have this up and running by the 2nd week of December. I will send out a general email to all inspectors when its rolled out.

This month I sent all inspectors the new guidance regarding "Documented Procedures" if you have not received this email please let me know and I will send you a copy.

Feedback from the NOLA conference as well as from other members will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Ovid Focus Group Working Group.

Welcome to Our December 1st issue of OVID Highlights; during the month of November, the OVID team was in New Orleans, Louisiana, meeting with our OMC (Offshore Marine Committee) and conducting OVID workshops at the OMNI Royal Orleans. We had a great turnout and I appreciate all of the comments and suggestions we received. A special thank you to Brian Horsburgh (Shell) for his assistance and input at the OVID Workshops.



OVID on the Move

Norway:

I have had numerous requests for an OVID workshop in Norway and I am currently looking for a suitable date to host this important event.

Indonesia:

Several of our OCIMF members have requested a series of workshops to be held in Indonesia sometime in January.

If you would like to attend either of these workshops, please send me an email at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com

Future Workshops:
Perth, Australia
Singapore

Upcoming Events

NWEA Steering Meeting– December 13th Amsterdam

OVID User Group-December 20th (Conference call)

OVID New Inspector Courses for 2012

Keep watching our newsletter for future updates on our 2012 course schedule.

OVID Inspections

Last month I wrote about Inspectors reports; this month I am going to focus on vessel operator responses.

As important as it is to have an objective inspection, it is just as important that our vessel operators are responding to the findings correctly.

As an operator, you have 14 days to respond to an OVID report once it has been validated by the commissioning member. The report may have findings contained in it and as the operator you are expected to respond in a positive and pro-active manner. The tone of your response tells our members a lot about how the vessel is managed from the shore side. If you respond to a question negatively, i.e. "The inspector doesn't know what he is talking about" or "this is not a regulatory requirement and we are not going to spend the money to do this" then this could be viewed poorly by OCIMF members as a gap in your overall vessel management. When responding to the OVID observations, we would like the operators to be positive in their responses, as in the example of a live report below:

5.6.18 Are all spaces that are classed as 'enclosed spaces' identified and clearly marked.

Y N NS NA

Inspector Observations: Not all of the areas identified as 'enclosed spaces' are marked clearly.

Initial Operator Comments: The Company is working on a standardization of identifying and marking of enclosed spaces, we acknowledge this observation and are at the moment taking proper action to implement above into our procedure system. Please see our procedure from our management for "Permit to work" and "Entering enclosed or confined Spaces". /GWB

Attachment: Entering ENclose or Confined Spaces - 1133 - uncontrolled copy.pdf

Attachment: Risk Management - General 9999 - uncontrolled copy.pdf

This is an example of a clear/concise response from an operator; notice also how they attached their policies regarding this finding to the report. With this response, our members are able to see that this company has a strong SMS system in place and is able to provide evidence as well.

Here is another example of a positive response from an operator:

15.1.9 Have recommendations from the DP trial report been addressed and closed out as required?

Y N NS NA

Inspector Observations: There is no record that the five level two recommendations have been closed out.

Initial Operator Comments: We acknowledge this observation as vessel is not in compliances with Company procedure for reporting of recommendations made in connection with annual DP trail. Vessel will be requested to create a CAP for action plan and root cause removal. /GWB

Note the positive tone of the responder; the company acknowledges they have some work to do to correct this and are taking the necessary steps to resolve the issue. Remember, OVID is not a pass or fail, or a high, medium, low priorities list, but rather a general overview of the vessels safety and management systems. An honest forthright response goes a long way in building a strong relationship with your charterer.

If you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact me at anytime at sean.nicholson@ocimf.com



OVID Help

The new OVID HELP site is now published at <http://help.ocimf-ovid.com>. Along with FAQ's you will also find the latest videos for Members, Inspectors and Operators on how to use the OVID system.

Nautical Institute News

Please note the latest update from the N.I.

'From 1st January 2012 all applications for DP Certificates must be done through the DP online system. If candidates submit documents by post without applying their records through the online system, the Institute will not be able to process them and will return the documents through the postal services. In these circumstances, The Nautical Institute will not be liable for documents lost by postal services.'

NI DP Department

Facebook

OVID is on Facebook, and we invite all of our Members, Operators and Inspectors to join us. I regularly update the Facebook site with videos and information and a link to our latest newsletters.

Have an OVID IT issue?

Aziz Benbelkacem **OVID Systems Administrator**

Aziz can be contacted at the OVID helpdesk from
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Feedback

We look forward to hearing from our members and inspectors on ways to improve the OVIQ; your suggestions and feedback are invaluable to making OVID a "World Class" process.



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