

# OVID Monthly Newsletter

We would like to welcome you to our first OVID newsletter. Each month we will be updating you with what's new with OVID, changes that are in progress, updates to our database, and general information regarding upcoming Offshore meetings.

## New OCIMF Offshore Marine Technical Adviser

Sean Nicholson joined OCIMF on January 13<sup>th</sup> as the Offshore Technical Adviser, replacing John Gipson. Sean is on secondment from Chevron, where he was previously the Marine Offshore Operations Adviser in Malongo, Angola. Prior to joining Chevron, he was employed by Tidewater Marine as a Captain of offshore vessels, Port Captain, and Operations Manager.

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## OVID Review

As OVID has just completed its first year in operation, I am pleased to announce the following figures from 1st January 2010 - 1st March 2011.

All inspections requested	312
Inspections purchased	126
Inspections published	178
Number of vessels	1981
Number of published OVPQs	680
Number of operators	260
Major charterers	5

## OVID Training

Oliver Pointon and Rob Collier continue their travels around the world conducting training sessions for OVID inspectors. The most recent training course was held here in London on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. OCIMF now has approximately 300 registered OVID inspectors worldwide. The next OVID training session will take place in San Antonio, Texas on March 31<sup>st</sup>—April 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the final "Grandfather" course offered by OCIMF. The New Inspector course schedule will be decided in early April.

## IT Issues

We are currently implementing more than 60 changes to the OVID system. This work will be completed by the end of March and includes interactive training videos for both members and vessel operators, as well as a simplified and more user friendly interface with the system.

## OVID Systems Administrator

Aziz Benbelkacem joined OCIMF in March 2008 and has been managing all the technical enquiries for the OVID Programme for the last 18 months. Aziz can be contacted from 09:00-18:00 GMT Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays). Please see contacts below.

## Feedback

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

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