

# OVID Highlights



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Welcome to our March 1st issue of OVID Highlights; during the month of February we hosted the OVID Focus Group (OFG) as well as the OVID Work Group (OWG), and the Offshore Marine Operations Group (OMOG) at our London Offices.

We also hosted our 2nd OVID User Group teleconference, thank you to all of you who participated. We have made a lot of improvements to the OVIQ based on suggestions from our Members, Inspectors and Operators. Here is a sample of the positive changes made based on user feedback:

- We have decided to make Spread Mooring a separate variant, similar to DP, and remove the question set from all OVIQs. Now if you have a vessel with a spread moored system, you will only need to select the spread mooring variant instead of it coming up automatically.
- Zoom to be added for the OVIQ to make it easier to read.
- Our IT group is working on an offline version of the OVPQ; this will allow our operators to send the OVPQ to the vessel to be filled in, then returned to the office for checking and uploading to the OVID database. We are in the process of updating the guidance to some of the questions and changing the wording of others to ensure the questions are objective and clearly worded.

Our next OVID User Group will take place prior to the next OVID Focus Group meeting in September of this year. If you would like to participate in the user group, please send me an email at [sean.nicholson@ocimf.com](mailto:sean.nicholson@ocimf.com)

## OVID on the Move

### Upcoming Workshops:

Norway-March 27th  
Singapore-April 24/25th  
Perth, Australia-4th Quarter 2012

**SOMA - Singapore 2012**

## OVID Statistics

Monthly	Jan. 2012	Feb. 2012
All inspections requested	1621	1848
Inspections purchased	1063	1102
Inspections published	1071	1228
Number of vessels	3700	3879
Number of published OVPQs	2240	2383
Number of all vessel OVPQs	2637	2757
Number of vessel operators	482	508

## OVID Updates

### iPhone/iPad

Last month we highlighted that we had a system problem with the Apple Ovid Editor; I am pleased to tell you this has now been corrected and the new patch released. Please go to Apple Apps Store to download the corrected version of the OVID application.

### 2012 OVID Workshops

#### Norway

I am pleased to announce our next workshop will take place in Norway on March 27th at the Clarion Hotel in Stavanger, Norway. This is a free work-shop and includes lunch; start time is at 0900 hrs and we should wrap up by 1500 hrs. As seating is limited, and if you would like to attend, please send me an email at [sean.nicholson@ocimf.com](mailto:sean.nicholson@ocimf.com)

#### Singapore

The OVID Team will be in Singapore on April 24th and 25th at the Singapore Yacht club for 2 days of

The OVID Team will be at SOMA (Seatrade Offshore Marine Asia) with a booth for 3 days. This is in addition to the workshops we will also be hosting; we look forward to meeting our friends at SOMA, please stop by and pick up the latest updates on OVID.

workshops. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [sean.nicholson@ocimf.com](mailto:sean.nicholson@ocimf.com) and advise which date you would like to attend and how many seats you require.

#### **OVMSA**

The OVMSA publication is expected to be released by the end of March. You may obtain a copy by going to [www.witherbyseamanship.com](http://www.witherbyseamanship.com)

## **OVID Inspector Profiles**

We still have approximately 75 inspectors who have not updated their profiles; on March 1st all profiles that remain listed as inactive will be deleted from the system.

#### **OVID Courses:**

Oliver and Rob have conducted two OVID courses since January for our OCIMF members; our first course was for Saudi ARAMCO and our second course was for EXXON/IMT. These were the first of our new 3 day course for OVID inspectors. Our next courses that have now been scheduled are as follows:

Jakarta Indonesia - April 18th-20th 2012

New Orleans, La. - June 24th-27th 2012

New Foundland, Canada - July 3rd-5th 2012

London - TBA

#### **Requirements to attend:**

I receive a lot of emails asking how to register for these courses; below are the steps required to attend the OVID Inspector course:

#### **Experience:**

To become an OVID inspector, you must have the following experience:

Minimum 3 years of offshore experience in command position as Master and or Chief Engineer and or Class/Warranty surveyor; this experience could have been obtained on Crew boats, PSV's, AHT's, etc. (Current employees of Vessel Operators are not permitted to become OVID inspectors).

#### **Sponsorship:**

All third party inspectors are required to have an OCIMF member sponsor their attendance on the OVID course. An inspector will need to have an OCIMF member send me an email with your CV and COC along with their agreement for you to attend; once received, I will then review your CV and send the OCIMF member a decision based on your experience. OCIMF members may send me an email direct with their employees names and CV's for review.

#### **Cost:**

The new 3 day course costs 800 GBP per person; this includes lunch on all three days and all course materials.

#### **Registration:**

Registration for each course will commence 45 days prior the course; all inspectors who have been approved to attend will receive an email with details on the web site to register their details.

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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 the latest OVID information on courses and workshops.

**Inspectors: Not Seen Vs. Not Applicable**

I receive a number of requests every month from our inspectors asking to clarify what is meant by Not Seen (NS) vs. Not Applicable (N/A); Below is the guidance for these issues taken from the OVID training manual.

NS	Not Seen	Tick “Not Seen” if the issue addressed by a question has not been seen or checked by the inspector. The reason why the topic or issue was not seen must be recorded in the Observations box.
NA	Not Applicable	Tick “Not Applicable” if the subject matter covered by the question is not applicable to the vessel being inspected. In some cases, the “Not Applicable” response is made automatically within the software and is subject to the type of vessel being inspected. If, in the inspector’s judgement the Not Applicable response requires to be amplified with further comments, the inspector may record such comments in the Other Comments box. If, in the inspector’s judgment an explanatory comment is necessary, the inspector may make such comment in the “Other Comments” section accompanying the question provided such comment makes amplification to assist the understanding of a report recipient as to an issue associated with a specific question.

**ARAMCO Inspectors attending the new OVID Inspector course in January 2012**



**Have an OVID IT issue?**

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**Feedback**

This months feedback is regarding where to find back issues of the OVID Highlights newsletter. All of our previous 12 issues of the newsletter can be found on the resource page of the OVID web-site; [www.ocimf-ovid.com](http://www.ocimf-ovid.com) You will also find a master OVIQ and a CAT-2 inspection that is free to download for your use and review.

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