



OVID/Offshore Newsletter

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Technical Adviser's Note

2018 is turning out to be a busy time for the Offshore Marine Committee

(OMC) and its sub-committees and working groups.

The OVID Focus Group (OFG) has completed the revision of the Offshore Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (OVIQ), Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Questionnaire (MODUQ) and Offshore Vessel Particulars Questionnaire (OVPQ).

The OVPQ2 template was sent to members and IT teams on 17 January and the official release date is 16 April 2018.

A final set of updates of the OVIQ3 and MODU2 have been forwarded to MIS from the OCIMF Secretariat. I'll keep you posted when MIS is ready and then we can plan the release date, bearing in mind the 90-day IT integration period.

The OFG has worked well on the development of a more fit for purpose Small Vessel (<100GRT) OVIQ and are waiting for an update from the working group.

Another working group is developing the second edition of the Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment (OVMSA). See below for more details.

The OMC also has working groups developing guidance on:

- Carriage of Methanol in bulk on Offshore Vessels.
- F(P)SO Marine Assessment Questionnaire.
- Deck Cargo Operations, Stowage and Securing on board Offshore Vessels.

Questions about the above topics should be sent to ovid@ocimf.org

Floating Systems Group

The 16th meeting of the Floating Systems Group (FSG) and F(P)SO Marine Assessment Questionnaire Working Group will be held at the Shell House in Singapore, from 6–9 March 2018.

The FSG are responsible for the following two publications:

- *Cargo Guidelines for F(P)SOs* - Stage 3 review of the publication process. The guidelines are now with the publisher and publication is expected later this year.
 - *Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations* – currently completing Stage 3 Legal and Director's second review.
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Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment (OVMSA)

Work on OVMSA2 is still progressing. As work reaches the final stages there will be more announcements, including a transition plan between OVMSA and OVMSA2.

The OVMSA2 working group Chair is stepping down due to operational needs in the Chair's company. A new Chair will be selected at the OFG in February 2018 in Paris, France.

OVID User Group registration is closed

The next OUG meeting will be held from 08:30 to 12:30 British Standard Time on 20 March 2018 in Aberdeen, UK.

The purpose of the OUG is to enable users of the OVID programme, including OVID Accredited Inspectors and Vessel Operators, to provide their comments and feedback on the operations on the programme and where improvement might be considered.

OVID Inspector inspection requirement

For 2018 there will be no change to the minimum of four (4) inspection requirements.

Over the past few weeks many OVID accredited inspectors have been asking if the minimum inspection requirement of four will be enforced for 2018. The answer to this is: Yes. The number of OVID inspections carried out by accredited inspectors has increased every year since the programme began, indicating that there is no need to adjust the inspection requirement. It is expected that the four inspection requirement will continue to remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

From January 2019, accredited OVID inspectors who fail to carry out the required four inspections in two consecutive calendar years will have their accreditation withdrawn for a period of two years. For example, an inspector who has failed to carry out four inspections in 2017 and 2018 would have their accreditation withdrawn in January 2019 for the 2019–2020 period. At the end of a two year exclusion period a former inspector may seek nomination by an OCIMF member company to become accredited but will need to go through the new inspector application and accreditation process.

Starting in January 2019, any inspector failing to meet the minimum number of required OVID inspections annually will be responsible for the full cost of their OVID refresher course (£675).

These measures are being taken to reduce the number of inspectors who maintain accreditation only through attending refresher courses and not by carrying out OVID inspections. This method of maintaining accreditation increases the costs for the programme and is not sustainable.

In 2018 there is no change to the minimum requirement of four OVID inspections per calendar year. We are working on a change to the OVID inspector profile that will allow us to show the number of inspections required and number of inspections completed. The number of inspections required will be prorated for new inspectors and reaccredited inspectors who have just attended a refresher course for that year only. If your accreditation is active when you attend a refresher course the required number of inspections will not be prorated.

If you have any questions, please email ovidaccredit@ocimf.org.

OVID Report Quality

The annual ethics statement signed by accredited inspectors has been amended to include a requirement that OVID inspectors read section 1-5 of the Master OVIQ.

This requirement has been added to reinforce inspector compliance to the uniform inspection procedure. Inspectors carry out their work at the direction of and on behalf of the member companies that commission the reports. Comments and observations contained in reports submitted by accredited inspectors must conform to the question guidance established in the published OVIQ. Without this uniformity the value of the reports is reduced for all member companies paying for the reports and inspections.

As member companies review reports prior to submission the inspector responses to each question should be compared to the OVIQ guidance. Comments and observations that do not conform to guidance or offer value to the reader should be discussed with the inspector. This communication should help guide the inspector to conformance to OVIQ guidance during future report writing.

Member companies that purchase OVID reports and discover comments and observations that do not satisfy OVIQ guidance should issue a feedback report to OCIMF describing their concerns. Commissioning members receiving a feedback notice should initiate follow up with the inspector to clarify the circumstances of the response. Where feedback identifies flaws that can be corrected the commissioning member's amendment of the report is necessary to maintain the value of the report to the programme. Member discussions should guide the inspector through the process of correcting and resubmitting the report, as well as avoiding reoccurrence.

OVID Inspector courses - 2018

Our courses for 2018 can be found on our website ocimf-ovid.org.

If you are interested in enrolling on either a New Inspector or Refresher course, or have any queries about the courses, please email ovidaccredit@ocimf.org.

OVID current status

OVID numbers as of 31 January 2018

Current OCIMF Members using OVID (out of 109 OCIMF members)	67
Number of vessels	10639

Number of Vessels with an OVID Inspection	6751
Number of inspections submitted in last 12 months	2866
Number of vessel operators	1849
Operators with published OVMSA	671
Total Operators who have started the online OVMSA	1026

Regional breakdown of OVIDs (1 January 2017 to 31 January 2018 inclusive)

Description	Count	Percentage
Far East (China, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia etc.)	931	30.3%
Africa (Not North Africa)	525	16.6%
North America	412	13.4%
North West Europe (UK, Germany, Netherlands)	317	10.3%
Middle East (Red Sea, Persian Gulf)	194	6.3%
Baltic Sea, including Norway, Finland, Russia, Sweden	186	6.1%
Australia and New Zealand	154	5.0%
Caspian Sea	90	2.9%
Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and North Africa	68	1.9%
South and Central America, including Caribbean	51	1.7%
Country Not Specified*	30	1%
Europe Atlantic coast, including France, Spain, and Portugal	56	0.8%
India, Burma, Sri Lanka	12	0.4%

OVIQ2 Most frequent observations from Anchor Handling section

These totals are based on OVIQ2s that were commissioned with anchor handling operation selected during the **1 January 2017 to 31 January 2018** inclusive:

Question No.	Question Text	No. Observations
8.6.15	Does the vessel have a tension gauge and/or tension limiter to monitor bollard pull and is it regularly calibrated?	248
8.6.21	Are records available confirming the formal training of winch operators?	207
8.6.3	Does the vessel have displayed on the bridge a document to show the acceptable vertical and horizontal transverse force/tensions to which the vessel can be exposed?	203
8.6.10	If the vessel has a minimum freeboard requirement for safety on deck, is it specified in the operating manual?	147
8.6.7	Does the vessel operating manual include written procedures for SIMOPS and tandem vessel operations?	145
8.6.16	Are bollard pull figures available for when power is diverted to transverse thrusters or other large power consumers?	112

8.6.5	Are emergency release systems regularly tested and records maintained?	109
8.6.2	Does the vessel have contingency plans for operations associated with anchor handling?	104
8.6.9	Does the vessel's operating procedure define a minimum of two deck officers capable of taking control of the vessel to be on the bridge throughout anchor handling operations?	103
8.6.6	Does the vessel operating manual have a written procedure for safe anchor handling operations in differing water depths?	88

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