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SOCP 2012 April Meeting
Theme: ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY
April 11-12, 2012 at [STAR Center](#), West Dixie Hwy, Dania Beach, FL

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) cordially invites maritime industry representatives to attend and participate in our April 2012 meeting to be held at STAR Center, Dania Beach, Florida.

The discussions in this meeting will focus on ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY. SOCP has invited Government and Industry experts to discuss MARAD's Environmental Initiatives, Emissions Control Areas (ECA), Regulations/Requirements, Enforcement, Compliance, Exhaust Scrubbers Technologies and Distillate Fuels Availability. Mr. Bud Darr, Director of Environmental and Health Programs for the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) will be providing the keynote remarks. We will also have panels on Alternative Fuels/Energy for Maritime Application and Ship Efficiencies.

SOCP is inviting representatives from Alternative Fuels/Energy industry to participate in the meeting to discuss expanded use of LNG as a marine fuel. Discussion items include the operational challenges and other regulatory and training requirements. Senior executives from the maritime industry as well as representatives from various Governmental bodies including DOD, MARAD and USCG will be attending.

All industry representatives are welcome to attend. Registration will be opening soon at www.socp.us. The registration fee is only \$50 to attend this event. Accommodation can be reserved at [STAR Center](#), which is close to the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International airport.

Event sponsorship and/or exhibit opportunities are also available. Please contact Sharad Singh at programadmin@socp.us or (301) LET-SOCP (538-7627) for details.

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