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## **New SOCP Safety Project: Maritime Safety Reporting System**

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### **Background**

The impact of management practices on the safe operation of ships has been recognized for some time, in particular safety management systems. A Safety Management System (SMS) is a business approach to safety. It is a systematic, explicit, and comprehensive process for managing safety risks in the workplace and providing a framework for continuous improvement.

### **Why the Need for Continuous Improvement:**

Companies should continually evaluate and improve the effectiveness of their SMS, associated policies, and quality objectives. A means to accomplish this task is through clear and effective benchmarking. The key to successfully accomplishing effective benchmarking is to have consistent terms (taxonomy) for incident reporting, recording, and investigation.

### **SOCP Maritime Safety Reporting System Project Goals:**

- Work with all segments of the maritime industry to develop a standard data set for safety reporting relevant to maritime operations.
- Support industry with collecting and sharing safety data and facilitate development of safety metric for gauging safety performance in the maritime industry.
- Cooperatively develop a Maritime Safety Data Reporting Standard that will serve industry safety professionals for measuring and improving safety within the maritime industry.

### **This Would Help Allow For:**

- Consistent nomenclature characterizing accidents, causal factors, and means of remediation, and common means to normalize incident data.
- Industry wide benchmarking, within and among similar organizations.
- Solving a large problem for smaller companies who often lack expertise and experience suitable to consistently conduct incident investigation and associated reports.

### **How You Can Help:**

We need you to provide your safety data reporting taxonomy information by sending the following:

- 1) A blank incident report form with instructions for completion (if available).
- 2) A blank near miss report form with instructions for completion (if available).
- 3) A list of your related definitions.

### **Where to Send:**

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