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Serving the Needs of the Maritime Industry through Collaboration & Innovation

Dear Potential Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP). At SOCP, we believe in the power of collaboration. Organized in 1993, the SOCP is a member driven non-profit organization that brings U.S. based maritime organizations together to work in partnership to solve common issues and develop innovative solutions to enhance the maritime industry.

Our members include: vessel operators, ship managers, labor, government, classification societies, educational/training institutions, and other organizations within the maritime community. This diverse membership allows the SOCP to be effective in many different areas of maritime interest, and provides the strength of a Cooperative when making recommendations to state, federal, and international regulatory organizations for overall improvement.

The SOCP has various member driven Working Groups and Committees, such as: safety and health; environmental protection; security; extreme weather; future Leaders; and, workforce development, which oversee a number of timely and relevant projects voted on by members, all designed to better serve the maritime industry and merchant mariners.

We invite you to take a moment to review the additional SOCP information in this packet, including membership benefits and products. As a benefit to being an SOCP member, you are able to purchase SOCP products at a significantly reduced rate. [Product Order forms](#) and [SOCP Member Application forms](#) are both accessible online at SOCP.us.

What maritime industry enhancement would you like to see implemented? Combine your resources with other SOCP member organizations to be a Catalyst for Change™. For more information, please contact SOCP Program Administration at programadmin@socp.us, (301) 538-7627.

We look forward to you partnering with us to make a difference!

The SOCP Team

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Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) Membership Benefits

- SOCP Members take on industry improvement projects for the betterment of the U.S. maritime industry, focusing on safety, productivity, efficiency, security, and environmental performance of U.S. vessel operations.
- SOCP Members provide "thought leadership" and a vehicle by which U.S. based maritime organizations can work together to solve common problems relating to vessel operations.
- SOCP Members facilitate dialogue between its members consisting of business, government, education and labor as well as outside organizations having the ability to address and effect change regarding issues of concern.
- SOCP Members develop products that its members can obtain at a reduced cost. These products are also sold to non-members. SOCP members determine the products that would be most valuable to them and assist in their development and production. Revenue generated by SOCP product sales comes back to SOCP and is used in SOCP programs as members see fit.
- SOCP Members test and evaluate new products and technologies that are of interest and may have applications within their operations. Feedback and evaluations from the testing are shared with the SOCP membership so they can determine potential applications within their organizations.
- SOCP Members conduct, support or oversee research and development work, and explore new technologies at a fraction of the cost of conducting independent projects.
- SOCP Members provide the strength of a united consortium when making recommendations to state, federal, and international regulatory organizations.
- SOCP Members allow for the timely sharing and dissemination of maritime new, regulations and information among members

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SAMPLE OF PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Improvement

- Strategies for Combating Distracted Operations
- Safety Reporting Standardization
- Energy Efficiency White Paper
- SASH Prevention BPG, CBT & Tools

Facilitation

- Right Whale Strike
- Extreme Weather Events
- TWIC Credentialing

Testing & Evaluation

- Bunker Fuel Oil Analysis
- Thermal Navigation System Evaluation
- Anti-Piracy Technology

Workforce Development

- Grade 9-12 Maritime Curriculum
- Future Leaders Committee
- Military-to-Mariner Pathways

Product Development

- Maritime Cyber Security Training
- Exhaust Gas Scrubber Guide
- Line Handling

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SOCP CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

American Bureau of Shipping
American Professional Mariners Association
APL Maritime, Ltd.
Calhoun MEBA Engineering School
California Maritime Academy
Crowley
CSL International, Ltd
Det Norske Veritas (DNV) GL
Flagship Niagara League
Foss Maritime Company
Future Leaders
Great Lakes Maritime Academy
HMS Global Maritime
Hornbeck Offshore Services
Interlake Steamship Company
Keystone Shipping Company
Lamar State College - Orange
Maine Maritime Academy
Maritime Academy of Toledo
Maritime Administration (MARAD)
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Matson Navigation Company
Military Sealift Command (MSC)
MITAGS-PMI
Moran Towing and Transportation
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA)
Ocean Shipholdings, Inc.
San Jacinto College - Central Campus
Sea Scouts, Boys Scouts of America
Seafarers International Union—Paul Hall
Maritime Center SMART Center, an NSF
ATE Maritime Center
STAR Center
SUNY Maritime Academy
Tekoa Academy
Texas A&M Maritime Academy
Total Marine Solutions
TOTE Services, Inc.
Transportation Institute
United States Merchant Marine
Academy/GMATs

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JOIN THE SOCP TEAM

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A Forum to Improve the:

- Safety,
- Productivity,
- Efficiency,
- Security, and
- Environmental Performance

of U.S. Vessel Operations.

Catalyst for Change™

WHY JOIN?

SOCP Membership Provides . . .

- The opportunity to conduct high priority vessel operations improvement projects at a fraction of the cost of doing them independently.
- A vehicle by which U.S. maritime companies can work together to solve common problems in vessel operations.
- Opportunities to explore new technologies using both industry and government resources.
- The strength of a unified voice when making recommendations to state, federal, and international regulatory organizations.
- A forum to share results of onboard evaluations and opportunities to test new products and equipment.
- Opportunities to purchase products, equipment and training materials at discounted prices.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any U.S. based maritime organization, as well as international organizations with U.S. maritime interests. Members include business, government, education, and workforce that are involved in, or provide support for, the design, construction, operation, management, maintenance, or repair of vessels.



PROJECT & INITIATIVE FOCUS

SOCP Members Focus On . . .

- Industry Improvement
- Facilitation of Dialogue on Issues
- Testing & Evaluation of Products and Technology
- Workforce Development
- Product Development

MARINER CAREERS AND OUTREACH

SOCP Members Promote . . .

The important role the maritime industry serves to our nation, as well as potential career and educational/training opportunities.

SOCP Members Participate in . . .

- Outreach Activities
- Presentation of Information at Career Fairs
- School Visits
- Sharing Voyage Experiences
- Supporting our Future Leaders



SAFETY MANAGEMENT

The Safe Management and Operation of Vessels is Important to Members...

The effective implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code is key to ensuring safe operational practices. Members continually explore opportunities to introduce ISM principals through product initiatives and panel discussions during SOCP meetings that support robust Safety Management Systems within the Maritime Industry.

TESTING & EVALUATION

Members Volunteer to Test and Evaluate...

- New products and technologies aboard their vessels
- Provide feedback regarding results and effectiveness

FACILITATED DIALOGUE ON INDUSTRY ISSUES

Members have participated in discussions and submitted comments for Notice of Proposed Rule Makings (NPRM) for Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) and Right Whale Strike reduction issues. Members will continue to comment on issues and facilitate discussions for matters of concern to them such as Extreme Weather Events, Autonomous Vessels, and strategies for combating distracted operations, human factors, safety reporting standardization, energy efficiency, military-to-mariner transitioning and other important topics.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

SOCP conducts three (3) annual meetings per year (spring, summer, and fall) to provide a platform to address current maritime issues and discuss solutions. Most of SOCP's projects and initiatives are a result of these annual events.

SOCP PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

SOCP develops products that members can obtain at a reduced cost and can be marketed to non-members.

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