



NEWS RELEASE

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SOCP Fall 2012 Meeting

Theme: [BALLAST WATER/ECA/MARINER SAFETY](#)

October 22-24, 2012, Providence, RI

(Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC) & Westin Providence Hotel)

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) cordially invites maritime industry representatives to attend and participate in our SOCP Fall 2012 Meeting to be held at Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC) & Westin Providence Hotel on October 22-24, 2012. This SOCP meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers (SNAME) meeting held October 24-26, 2012 at the RICC.

The meeting will focus on the impact of Standards/Rules/Enforcement/Compliance and regulatory changes in the areas of safety, environment and training in the US maritime industry. The agenda includes presentations and panel discussions on a broad range of topics, including Vessel General Permit, Ballast Water Regulations, Human Factors and Mariner Safety, North American ECA, Vessel Response Plans, Work Force Development and STCW issues.

All industry representatives are welcome to attend. You must, however, register to attend this event using the links on the SOCP website at www.socp.us under Upcoming Events or on the SNAME site at <http://www.sname.org/2012AnnualMeeting/Register/>. SOCP members can register to attend the SNAME meeting at the SNAME Member rate using the same link. This is a single registration process for both these meetings using options.

SOCP is an industry-government partnership that was formed in 1993 to share resources in development and evaluation of technologies to advance shipboard safety, regulations, environment, training, reliability and productivity in an effort to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. maritime industry.

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