SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

NEWS RELEASE

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Joint MARAD/SOCP Anti-Piracy Training and Technology Demonstration
November 1st, 2011 at Baltimore Harbor, Maryland

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) cordially invites maritime industry representatives to attend our joint MARAD/SOCP Anti-Piracy Training and Technology demonstration to be held at 399 East Cromwell Street, Baltimore, MD 21230 on November 1st, 2011.

The goals of this event are:

- Conduct a training and technology demonstration utilizing counter-piracy tactics and non-lethal devices.

- Provide the opportunity for the U.S. shipping industry, labor and government agencies to observe and evaluate the available technology and services available to reduce the risks associated with piracy.

All maritime industry and labor representatives are invited to attend. Attendees will be responsible for providing:
- Their own travel to and from the event.
- Event Registration
- Liability Waiver Form
- US Government issued Photo ID to enter the CAPE WASHINGTON pier security gate
- All attendees must register to attend this event using this link: 'Registration SOCP Event'.

The Maritime Administration has invited US Government Officials to be in attendance for this event.

Attendees for the event will be capped at 200 people to promote a safe and secure event. Attendees will NOT be permitted onboard the ship.

Parking for this event will be in the parking lot adjacent to Wal-Mart (Sam's Club) at 2701 Port Covington Dr, Baltimore, MD 21230. SOCP will provide transportation between the ship pier and the parking lot.

This is a "Rain or Shine" event. It is not anticipated that rain or high winds will change the activities or scheduling.

Please contact SOCP Program Administrator via email at programadmin@socp.us or by calling (301) 538-7627 for details.

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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