

# SOCP NEWS RELEASE

January 2013



## SOCP SPRING 2013 MEETING

Theme: **RECRUITMENT / RETENTION & CRITICAL INCIDENT IMPACTS**

**February 20-21, 2013, STAR Center • Dania Beach, FL**

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) cordially invites maritime industry representatives to attend and participate in our SOCP Spring 2013 Meeting to be held at STAR Center, 2 West Dixie Highway, Dania Beach, FL 33004 on February 20-21, 2013.

This meeting will focus on Recruiting the Next Generation of Mariners and how Regulatory Requirements and Critical Incidents impact the US maritime industry. We will also hear about Lessons Learned in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy.



### Keynote Speaker and Moderator

**Rear Admiral Wendi B. Carpenter**

**President, State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College.**

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Attend and participate in the Panel Discussions on:**

- **Recruiting the Next Generation of Mariners – How Do We Best Work Together?**
- **Regulatory Impacts on Crew Recruitment and Retention – How Do We Reduce?**
- **Maritime Lessons Learned from Super Storm Sandy – Opportunities for Improvement in Vessel Capabilities for Disaster Response?**
- **Piracy and Other Critical Incidents at Sea – How to Reduce Impact on Mariners?**

*These facilitated discussions help drive future program development.*

**Luncheon Discussion: The Future of SOCP**

*Working Cooperatively for Industry Since 1993*

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Attend the SOCP Business Meeting and Learn about Upcoming Projects:**

- **Mariner Information Systems Security Awareness Training CBT**
- **Maritime Near Miss Safety Reporting System**
- **Piracy Response Book**
- **Maritime Leadership Training DVD**



From cargo ships, tankers, passenger vessels and workboats to shipyards and ports, **we welcome all maritime industry representatives to join us.** To attend this event, you must register by using the links on the SOCP website at [www.socp.us](http://www.socp.us). ~Thank you

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## SOCP New Product Release

### "Line Handling - Safe Working Environments & Procedures" DVD

Mooring line handling is a basic, everyday component of the shipping industry. Formal line handling training and supervised on the job training is strongly encouraged. A mariner must evaluate all tasks and identify the hazards related to these tasks daily. Complacency in assigned work is one of the most common factors in workplace deaths annually. With **good training and by following some simple best practices line handling accidents can be eliminated**. These best practices and how to stay safe during line handling are the subject of this new 45 minute training video.



### "Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Selection Guide"

SOCP has released an updated "Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Selection Guide". This guide is an update to the "Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Selection Guide" published by SOCP in 2011.

**Update Overview:** As of 2015, ship operators that trade in emissions control areas (ECAs) will be required to burn fuel with less than 0.1% sulfur content. A ship operator may meet this requirement by burning high-sulfur fuel at sea, and then switching to low-sulfur fuel within the ECA. Other ship operators may choose to reduce operational efforts by converting fuel oil tankage and handling systems such that they always burn low-sulfur diesel fuel oil, or utilize natural gas that has almost no sulfur content.

Alternatively, international convention allows a ship operator to burn high-sulfur diesel fuel if using an exhaust gas cleaning system (EGCS) that can reach an equivalent level of emission reductions. These systems "scrub" most of the sulfur, and some amount of particulate, out of the exhaust gas after the high-sulfur fuel is burned.

**This Guide has been developed to assist members of the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) in determining their emissions requirements**, calculating potential cost savings, and understanding the integration and operational challenges of various EGCS technologies. Each ship operator will need to consider the discussions for and against each EGCS presented in this report.

### "I Choose Not to Look the Other Way" DVD

It's not too late to train mariners at all levels to speak up to put an end to the reticence. SOCP presents this engaging narrative which **trains through vicarious experience the effects of not speaking up when a fellow mariner is putting themselves and/or others in harm's way**. This program is geared toward all professional mariners and all other personnel working onboard or around vessels of all types.

### "Electrical Safety for Mariners" CBT

This Computer-Based Training (CBT) course is **designed to assist ship owners, operators, maritime academies and labor organizations in training merchant mariners** in best practices to reduce the risks associated with electrical systems aboard all types of US Flag commercial vessels in all types of service oceangoing, coastwise, inland and offshore. This product is also intended to provide onboard electrical safety training for various SOCP member vessel owners/operators - for both basic electrical safety and annual refresher training.

### "Crew Endurance Management System" CBT

**This CBT provides Familiarization Training for Ocean Going Mariners** and is a formal program of practices for controlling risk factors that affect crewmember performance and shipboard safety in the commercial maritime industry. The computer based training program provides modules regarding environmental and individual factors, light management, coaches training/developing and implementing crew endurance plans.



**To place an order:** Please fill out the [SOCP Product Order Form](#) and email it to [programadmin@socp.us](mailto:programadmin@socp.us). **Special pricing for members.**

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