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New Computer-based Training (CBT) from SOCP: Merchant Mariner Information Systems Security Awareness (ISSA)

About the Mariner ISSA CBT

The tools of the trade are no longer just winches and marlinspikes. Mariners today find themselves in an increasingly computerized work environment for shipboard communications, navigation, administration, cargo systems and engine controls. Similarly our personal communications and entertainment have come to rely heavily on personal mobile devices.

Developed by Ship Operations Cooperative Program, Inc. (SOCP) with support from MARAD, this new Computer-Based Training (CBT) provides maritime personnel with a comprehensive overview of the range of threats that information systems and devices are subject to, and the practices recommended to minimize those vulnerabilities. Scheduled for release on Maritime Day 2014, best practices included in this training cover a wide range of topics, from maintaining security for corporate and government networks, to personal use of workplace computers, good password practices, and issues concerning the use of social media. This training also includes a supplemental section that addresses issues for mariners working aboard vessels operated or chartered by government agencies, such as specific log-in policies and rules surrounding working with classified information.

The courses include a series of quiz questions to test the user's understanding of the topics being covered, and a final assessment section. Students may print out a "Cyber Warrior" CBT completion certificate. See http://youtu.be/a_5WinGTyO0 for a preview of the CBT.

SOCP will distribute one copy of the CBT at no cost to all U.S. maritime training academies and other mariner training facilities, maritime labor unions, and owners and operators of all U.S. flag vessels - in ocean, coastwise, Great Lakes, inland, harbor, offshore, small passenger, dredging and other industry segments. Additional copies may be obtained by visiting the "products" link on the SOCP website at <http://www.socp.us>.

About the SOCP

The SOCP is a non-profit organization comprised of business, government, education and workforce. Our industry-led cooperative embodies like-minded individuals from every facet of the maritime community to explore challenges facing the U.S. maritime industry and discovering solutions together in the areas of safety, security, regulations, environmental protection and workforce development. Please visit our website to view SOCP's many [innovative product offerings](#) as a result of this unique collaboration.

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