



U.S. Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration

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Dear U.S. Maritime Industry Stakeholder:

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) announce the availability of new computer based training (CBT) on cyber-threats in the maritime environment. MARAD and SOCP developed the CBT pursuant to a cooperative agreement focused on promoting the safety and security of the U.S. Merchant Marine, including the development of training for merchant marine officers and crews.

The CBT will assist vessel owners and operators, merchant mariner unions, maritime academies and other maritime organizations in training U.S. mariners on best practices to reduce the risks and vulnerability associated with information systems. The CBT contains training for all merchant mariners and includes a supplemental section geared for mariners on government owned or chartered vessels.

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. Enclosed is one copy of the CBT. Additional copies may be obtained (free while supplies last) by visiting the "products" link on the SOCP website at <http://www.socp.us>.

Mariner awareness of cyber vulnerabilities and the means to minimize risk is essential to the safety and security of the maritime transportation system. We hope this CBT will be of assistance in preparing U.S. mariners to meet these challenges.

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Susan Hayman
President, SOCP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul N. Jaenichen".

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