



Australian Government
**Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation
and Compensation Authority**

SEACARE HSR FORUM 2008
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Workshop

This workshop provides an opportunity for participants to identify issues and challenges faced by HSRs and seafarers in achieving better OHS outcomes and to suggest strategies that the Seacare Authority should adopt to assist HSRs and seafarers in achieving best practice OHS for their industry and their workplaces.

Maritime industry employers and operators under the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993* have a range of obligations, including the primary responsibility to provide a safe workplace for employees, contractors and other parties. The maritime industry faces many OHS challenges that are not encountered by other industries. These challenges impact on how the industry operates with regard to OHS, that is: how employers and operators set up their workplace OHS arrangements; whether Designated Working Groups (DWG)s are established; if there is a process for the selection / election of HSRs; and how seafarers are involved in achieving OHS improvements in the workplace.

In sharing your views, participants should draw on both their own experience and the information presented throughout the Forum. The comments and ideas generated may assist the Seacare Authority identify ways of improving OHS performance and of providing more focused OHS support for the Australian maritime industry and, in particular, HSRs and seafarers.

Format

- Discussion groups of 10 to 15 participants (maximum of 4 groups)
- Nominate someone to record views
- Nominate a speaker to report back
- Group discussions (40 mins)
- Report back (10 mins per group)
- General discussion on issues raised
- Record of discussions collected by Seacare

Questions

1. What are the major issues and challenges faced by HSRs and seafarers in achieving better OHS outcomes?
2. What strategies should be adopted to assist HSRs and seafarers with the issues identified?
3. How can the Seacare Authority best assist HSRs and seafarers?