

Seacare HSR Forum 2009 – Thursday, 22 October 2009

Involving HSRs and onboard employees in OHS

Program

9.00-9.30am	Registration – welcome tea / coffee
9.30-11.10am	Session 1
9.30-9.40pm	Opening remarks Chairperson, Seafarers Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare Authority)
9.40-10.00am	Model OHS Laws Melissa Ryan, General Manager, Research & Policy Branch, Comcare
10.00-10.20am	OHS Obligations Greg Smith, Consultant – Employee Relations, Freehills
10.40-11.00am	Industry performance briefing Gerry Newman, Director, Secretariat & Seacare Management Section, Comcare <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OHS, RTW and Workers compensation performance
11.00-11.10am	Questions & Answers
11.10-11.30am	Morning tea / coffee
11.30am-1.00pm	Session 2
11.30-11.50am	HSRs - representatives of employees Employee representative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the role of an HSR is an under utilised area of the OHS(MI) Act• potential to use HSRs to achieve real improvement in meeting national strategy targets
11.50-12.10pm	How AMSA can assist HSRs AMSA representative
12.10-12.30pm	HSR training needs Pat Lawrence, Senior Manager & Adam Parsons, Senior Lecturer, Australian Institute of Technology Transfer (AITT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how can a HSR be a safety leader?• how does a HSR assist an operator with its onboard OHS?
12.30-12.50pm	Employer experience Tony Martinovich, QHSE Manager, Offshore Marine Services Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the onboard safety issues faced by the Offshore sector• the role of HSRs and onboard employees in addressing these issues
12.50-1.00pm	Questions & Answers
1.00-2.00pm	Lunch <i>[free access to WA Maritime Museum]</i>
2.00-3.30pm	Session 3 - Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key OHS issues and possible strategies to address them
3.30-4.00pm	Session 4 - Close
3.30-3.50pm	Wrap up Gerry Newman, Director, Secretariat & Seacare Management Section, Comcare
3.50-4.00pm	Closing comments Chairperson, Seacare Authority
4.00-5.00pm	HSR Forum Drinks

Seacare HSR Forum 2009 – Information

- **time / date**
 - 9.30am to 4.00pm, Thursday, 22 October 2009
- **venue**
 - Western Australia Maritime Museum, Cliff Street, Fremantle
- **catering**
 - morning tea / coffee, lunch, post HSR Forum drinks
- **cost**
 - no charge for attendance
- **theme / purpose / approach**
 - Involving HSRs and onboard employees in OHS
 - assist HSRs, other onboard employees and other operator / employer personnel to participate in improving OHS outcomes in the Seacare jurisdiction
 - meet, network, participate, share experiences, exchange information
 - presentations and workshop
- **objectives**
 - improving operator / employer awareness of the workplace OHS consultative processes provided by the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993* (the OHS(MI) Act)
 - encouraging consultation between operators / employers and their onboard employees, including HSRs, regarding OHS matters
 - encouraging greater onboard employee involvement in achieving improved OHS outcomes
 - improving mechanism for HSRs to share knowledge and information
 - identifying key issues facing HSRs and the development of possible solutions
- **outcomes**
 - operators more aware of the processes provided in OHS(MI) Act
 - onboard employees more aware of how they can be involved in OHS
 - HSRs have strategies to assist them in promoting or ensuring the health and safety at work of employees
- **potential participants**
 - seafarers – health and safety representatives (HSR)s and other onboard employees
 - operators / employers – management, OHS / HR staff
 - employee representatives (union representatives)
 - operator / employer representatives (industry organisations)
 - providers of accredited HSR training courses
 - OHS, legal and medical professionals
- **publications**
 - copies of the HSR Handbook (long and short version) will be available at the Forum
- **registration**
 - register by emailing seacare@comcare.gov.au, with ‘Seacare HSR Forum 2009’ as subject, providing: full name, position title, organisation, phone number, email address and any dietary requirements **by COB on Friday, 9 October 2009**.
 - Places are limited so be early. Acceptance will be confirmed by email.