

Seacare Awards 2006 – Award Recipients

(* winner eligible for consideration for the *Safe Work Australia Awards 2007*)

Category 1 - Best Workplace Health and Safety Management System *

This award recognises demonstrated and effective commitment to continually improving workplace health and safety outcomes through the implementation of an integrated systems approach.

Winner

Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd

for the ***Teekay Marine Operations Management System (MOMS)***

The Teekay Marine Operations Management System (MOMS) allows Teekay to easily adapt operating procedures to meet changing operational, statutory and regulatory needs. OHS is fully integrated into Teekay's management system. Teekay has adopted methods to ensure communication, consultation, continual review of MOMS. The introduction of MOMS has resulted in an improvement of OHS outcomes, demonstrated by a significant reduction in the Lost Time Injuries Frequency (LTIF) rate and an increase in Near Miss reports.

Category 2 - Best Solution to an Identified Workplace Health and Safety Issue *

This award recognises excellence in developing and implementing a solution to an identified OHS issue. Nomination for this award may centre on a product solution, engineering innovation, a training program, an awareness raising activity or other risk control measure that reduces the risk of work-related injury and disease.

Winner

Farstad Shipping (Indian Pacific) Pty Ltd

for the ***Anchor Handling Training Video***

Anchor handling operations between supply vessels and drilling rigs is very high risk and dangerous work, with the potential for serious injury or death. The work conditions do not make it easy to do on the job training. The crew of the *Far Saltire* developed an anchor handling training video as a visual learning tool so that the risks and appropriate work practice could be demonstrated. In January 2006 the crew won a Farstad Safety Reward for their solution. The video, in the form of a DVD, has been circulated across the Farstad organisation (local and international).

Highly Commended

Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd

for the ***Teekay Lockout System***

The Teekay Lock Out System, developed through a process of consultation, uses a padlock system to ensure equipment and machinery under repair can not be inadvertently activated or started. This solution was rolled out in early 2005 and is now on fifteen ships. The system uses easy to comprehend procedures and training is provided by Teekay safety specialists in ports around Australia.

Highly Commended

Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd

for the *Teekay Near Miss Report / Take 5 Pocket Note Books*

In 2005, an OHS survey identified the need for improved Near Miss reporting and that the Take 5, Take Time for Safety risk assessment tool was not fully utilised. Teekay's solution, which links these two tools together in the form of a pocket size note book together with a training and poster campaign, has been shared with other companies and has helped to raise safety awareness, thereby minimising injuries and accident.

Encouragement

Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd

for the *FPSO Offtake Support – engineering a safer vessel solution*

Mermaid Marine's solution to addressing safety issues with the use of Offtake Support Vessels is to design safety features into those vessels, which it is doing with current construction OSV 'Mermaid Sound'. Mermaid Marine's engineering approach takes into account key OHS issues and should result in better and safer working conditions.

Category 3 - Best Rehabilitation and Return to Work Program

This award recognises the parties involved in an outstanding rehabilitation and return to work program, and is open to employers or rehabilitation providers who have achieved excellent results in the rehabilitation and return to work of injured seafarers.

Winner

MP Safety Management, ASP Ship Management Pty Ltd and Mr Geoff Donovan

Mr Geoff Donovan experienced serious injuries in an accident on board the *River Embley*. His successful rehabilitation and return to work is an excellent example of what can be done. MP Safety Management and ASP Ship Management acted promptly and closely with Mr Donovan, his family and colleagues in implementing a rehabilitation program. On 19 June 2006 Mr Donovan returned to his normal duties as a Chief Engineer, approximately 8 months after his accident and has been certified as medically fit for duties at sea. A significant achievement given the initial estimated rehabilitation time was between 12 and 18 months.

Highly Commended

TT Line Pty Ltd and Mr Michael Lillis

Mr Michael Lillis' rehabilitation and return to work outcome demonstrates the commitment of all parties. TT Line provided support by way of modified duties, an alternative position and training. Mr Lillis' demonstrated a willingness to be flexible and focused with his RTW program. This positive cooperation has led to Mr Lillis' appointment to a permanent position as a shore based Cleaning Supervisor on the *Spirit of Tasmania*.

Encouragement

MP Safety Management, Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd and Mr Douglas Craig

Following a lower back injury Mr Douglas Craig was not able to return to sea, but has since been appointed to a shore based position in Teekay's head office. The cooperation of all parties is demonstrated by the positive RTW outcome. MP Safety Management developed a graded exercise and physiotherapy program. Teekay provided an alternative shore based work position, which took into account Mr Craig's skills and experience. Mr Craig demonstrated a commitment to his RTW program.

Category 4 - Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health and Safety *

This award recognises an individual whose contribution has made an exceptional difference to OHS in their workplace.

Winner

Capt John Whitehead

ASP Ship Management Pty Ltd

for ***individual commitment to OHS***

Captain John Whitehead has over 40 years experience at sea. He has a strong commitment to OHS and belief in the International Safety Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention. This is demonstrated by his achievements on board *MV Kowulka*, which has operated for three years without a lost time injury and within that period, one year without a medical treatment case. Captain Whitehead has also been actively involved in the review of ASP Ship Management's quality system.

Winner

Mr Lee Gravolin

Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd

for ***individual initiative to achieve risk mitigation (The Fall Arrester System)***

Mr Lee Gravolin identified a serious safety issue on the role on role off ship *Iron Monarch* with existing non retractable fall arrester. Mr Gravolin sought advice on modifications to ensure less gantry crane breakdowns, to reduce the use of the fall arrester, and championed the introduction of a superior designed fall arrester. In doing so, he liaised with the Teekay Safety Coordinator, the Vessel manager, supply company and the crew. The owner and operator agreed to the proposed modifications and the replacement of fall arresters.

Highly Commended

Captain Scott Laughlin

P&O Maritime Services Pty Ltd

for ***Senior Officer ISM & Legislation Training***

In 2005 Captain Scott Laughlin took on the challenge of improving the awareness of senior officers in the P&O Marine Science & Research fleet of the *International Safety Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention*

and other key legislative requirements for masters and all ship senior officers. He developed and produced the course content, documentation, accompanying presentations and delivered this to across. Capt Laughlin is developing tailored versions for other P&O Maritime Service businesses.

Highly Commended

Captain Christopher Lever

ASP Ship Management Pty Ltd

for ***individual commitment to OHS***

Captain Christopher Lever has demonstrated a strong commitment to OHS. During his time as Master of the *MS Vigsnes* (formerly *Iron Sturt*), he has been instrumental in maintaining a very good safety record on board the vessel. Captain Lever has also successfully developed ship specific procedures within the ASP Quality System.

Chairperson's Award

This award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution toward the work of the Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority.

Winner

Mr Martin Byrne

Assistant Federal Secretary, Australian Institute of Marine & Power Engineers

Martin Byrne has been involved with seafarers' compensation matters since the 1980s. He participated in the 1987 review of the *Seamen's Compensation Act 1911* and subsequently in the negotiations leading to the introduction of both the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* and the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993*. Martin initially served as a Deputy Member of the Seacare Authority. Since 1996 until the present he has been a Member of the Seacare Authority.