

Seacare HSR Forum 2008 – Program

- 08.30-09.00am – Registration – welcome tea / coffee
- **9.00-9.05am Open**
Geoff Gronow, Chairperson, Seafarers Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority (Seacare Authority)
- **9.05-10.30am Session 1**
 - 9.05-9.20am **HSRs - representatives of employees**
Martin Byrne, Australian Institute of Marine & Power Engineers (AIMPE)
 - 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
 - international comparison
 - 9.20-9.35am **How AMSA can assist HSRs**
Clare Ellis, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
 - working together for safety – interaction between HSRs, operators / employers and regulators
 - 9.35-9.55am **HSR as a safety leader**
Dominic Panetta, Australian Maritime Safety Consultants (AMSC)
 - how can a HSR be a safety leader?
 - how does a HSR assist a company with its onboard OHS?
 - 9.55-10.15am **Risk management & issuing of Provisional Improvement Notices (PIN)s**
Ray Cooke, Training and Safety Consultants (TASC)
 - 10.15-10.30am **Questions & Answers**
- 10.30-11.00am – morning tea / coffee and cake
- **11.00-12.30pm Session 2**
 - 11.00-11.20am **Positive aspects of HSRs**
Allan Kneller, Teekay Shipping (Australia) Pty Ltd
 - value of HSRs to an organisation's OHS outcomes
 - how a HSR can assist with onboard OHS
 - challenges of current legislative arrangements
 - improving HSR and onboard employee consultation on and involvement in OHS
 - 11.20-11.40am **Offshore Sector experience**
Chris Homsey and Neil Butt, Farstad Shipping (Indian Pacific) Pty Ltd
 - the onboard safety issues faced by the sector
 - how onboard employees are involved in addressing these issues
 - the role of HSRs in onboard OHS - now and in the future
 - developing the role of HSRs
 - 11.40-12.00pm **Blue Water Sector experience**
Geoff Wood, TT Line Company Pty Ltd
 - the onboard safety issues faced by the sector
 - how onboard employees are involved in addressing these issues
 - the role of HSRs in onboard OHS - now and in the future
 - developing the role of HSRs
 - 12.00-12.30pm **Questions & Answers**
- 12.30-1.15pm – lunch – open sandwiches and fruit
- **1.15-2.45pm Workshops**
 - 1.15-2.00pm Groups to identify key issues for HSRs and possible strategies to address them
 - 2.00-2.45pm Group reports given and any related discussion on issues / strategies identified
- **2.45-3.00pm Close**
Geoff Gronow, Chairperson, Seacare Authority
- 2.45-2.55pm **Summation**
- 2.55-3.00pm **Launch of HSR Handbook**

This forum has been organised with the assistance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), the Australian Institute of Marine & Power Engineers (AIMPE) and the Australian Shipowners Association (ASA).

Seacare HSR Forum 2008 – Information

- **title of event**
 - Seacare HSR Forum 2008
- **theme**
 - Seafarers in OHS - *Involving HSRs and onboard employees in OHS*
- **date**
 - Sea Safe Work Day (Thursday, 25 September 2008)
- **timing / duration**
 - 9am to about 3.00pm
- **location / venue**
 - Port Education Centre, 343-383 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne (03 9645 3000)
- **catering**
 - morning tea / coffee and lunch
- **purpose**
 - assist HSRs and other onboard employees to participate in improving occupational health and safety (OHS) outcomes in the Seacare jurisdiction
- **objectives**
 - strengthen consultation between operators / employers and onboard employees, particularly HSRs, regarding onboard safety
 - identify use by operators / employers of the processes in the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993* (OHS(MI) Act)
 - encourage onboard employee awareness of and participation in achieving improved OHS outcomes
 - provide mechanism for sharing knowledge and information between HSRs
 - identify key issues facing HSRs and develop possible solutions
- **approach**
 - meet, network, participate, share experiences, exchange information
 - presentations and workshops
- **outcome**
 - operators have broadened awareness of 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 in their DWG
 - *HSR Handbook* launched - long and short version
- **potential participants**
 - seafarers – health and safety representatives (HSR)s and other onboard employees
 - operators / employers – management, OHS / HR staff
 - employee representatives
 - operator / employer representatives
 - providers of accredited HSR training courses
 - regulators
 - OHS professionals
- **numbers**
 - participant numbers will be limited to about 50