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Seacare Maritime OHS Forum

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AMSA and OHS(MI) Act

- Under section 82 of the Occupational Health and Safety Maritime Act {OH&S(MI) Act} AMSA is the Inspectorate
- AMSA surveyors have been trained and are appointed as inspectors under section 84
- OH&S(MI) Act describes responsibilities of operators, masters, employees, HSRs and the regulators.



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What is AMSA Role

- To ensure serious injuries, deaths and dangerous occurrences are reported in timely manner;
- Investigate the reported above incidents;
- Advice operators, employees and contractors on OHS matters



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What is AMSA Role continues..

- Provide the Seacare Authority with information;
- Ensure the health and safety of employees on ships and prescribed units under the Act;
- Work with the Seacare Authority to improve awareness of OH&S issues on ship; and
- Encourage a safety culture aimed at preventing death or injury in the maritime industry.



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HSR and their role

- HSRs play a vital role in keeping workplaces safe;
- HSRs provide a means for the seafarers to raise OH&S issues within their workplace and follow a process to resolve them with employers;



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HSR and their role continues...

- Have the power to issue Provisional Improvement Notices (PINs);
- Have the right to accompany an inspector in an investigation; and
- Anywhere these issues are resolved successfully we avoid the human and financial costs of workplace injuries.



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More from AMSA

- Promoting dialog and cooperation between operators, HSR, employees and AMSA through forums such as this;
- Inclusion of HSRs in OH&S audit processes;
- Establishing direct contact with industry to enhance process of OH&S audits;



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More contributions by AMSA continues....

- Targeting of ships for breaches of OH&S(MI) Act and regulations including non reporting of incidents; and
- Clarify boundaries between the Maritime Industry and the Offshore Industry;



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