

# **Stability - Training Subcommittee Meeting**

In Attendance Were:

**NCFSSAC Subcommittee Members In Attendance Were:**

Mr. Frank Vargas

Mr. David Turner, Subcommittee Chair

Mr. Tim Vincent, scribe

**US Coast Guard Attendees Were:**

USCG Mr. Mike Rudolph

USCG Mr. Scott Wilwert

USCG Kyra Dwyer

USCG Andrew Diggs

USCG George Rau

USGC Brian Henderson

USCG Roving Guidance (ADFO) : Mr. Jonathan Wendland

**NCFSSAC Roving Committee Members In Attendance Were:**

Mr. Jerry Dzugan – Manager AMSEA Vessel Safety

Mr. Tom Dameron

**Public Attendees Were:**

Karen Conrad – Executive Director NPFVOA Vessel Safety

Alan Davis

Tim Dyasuk

**Task 1: 06-23 Crew access to spaces**

- In so much as is practicable, all spaces subject to flooding and/or necessary spaces for safe vessel operation should be accessible by crew during normal operations.
- In the event this is impractical and access is over stacked deck equipment (i.e. pot stacks or deck cargo) the committee recommends establishing vessel procedures which may include the use of tag lines, the buddy system, PFD's worn, Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's) Man Overboard beacon's etc.

- For spaces where access may be blocked, consideration may be given to supplementing high water alarms with infrared cameras, increased maintenance frequency on watertight seals, dogs, knife edges, etc., and also on bilge level alarms. Consideration may be given as well to secondary means of dewatering (i.e. deck connection for a de-watering/trash pump).
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### **08-23 Stability - Training**

- Operators of commercial fishing vessels of any sizes are encouraged as a best practice to attend a commercial fishing vessel stability training program. Operators are encouraged to share their experiences/stories of stability related issues in training. Where applicable, operators are encouraged to bring their vessel-specific stability instructions to this training.
- Operators of commercial fishing vessels are encouraged as a best practice to implement procedures prior to departing port, such as observation of the vessel's trim, check condition of freeing ports and scuppers, watertight/weathertight doors and closures if applicable.

### **08-23 Recommendations to the USCG**

- With regard to smaller vessels, the committee advises the Coast Guard look at other agencies, port controls on how they are implementing best practices for vessel stability safety (i.e. MCA recommendations regarding the Wolfson method).
- The committee recommends that the USCG provides formalized training to its FV Examiners on the topic of compliance with vessel stability regulations, specific to the USCG District and fleets within the District (i.e., vessel service).

### **09-23 Risk Assessment**

- The committee recommends the USCG liaise with industry to understand and identify training needs addressing risks specific to individual fisheries. This can be accomplished in conjunction with dockside safety examinations, during industry events, (i.e Pacific Marine Expo) or other forums, and social media. The committee understands some of these training needs may be broadly identified, whereas others may be very specific, based on fishery. The committee recommends the USCG then work with industry to develop fishery specific training programs for implementation.