



Communication, Navigation and Mayday CD

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Background

- Large portion of commercial fishing population along the Gulf Coast is Asian and Hispanic
- Recent immigration
- Language barriers
- Hands-on training conducted by authority figures



Anecdotes

- “I’ve been fishing for years and I never knew what the horns meant.”
- Fishermen use cell phones instead of the radio
- Near misses in the Houston Ship Channel



Simulation Development



Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010

- Mandatory dockside exams
- Expanded training requirements
 - Includes navigation training



CD Development

- Interactive
- Tri-lingual: English, Vietnamese & Spanish
- Remarks from respected mariners
- Includes signaling and Mayday call practice
- Developed and reviewed by key partners in each language

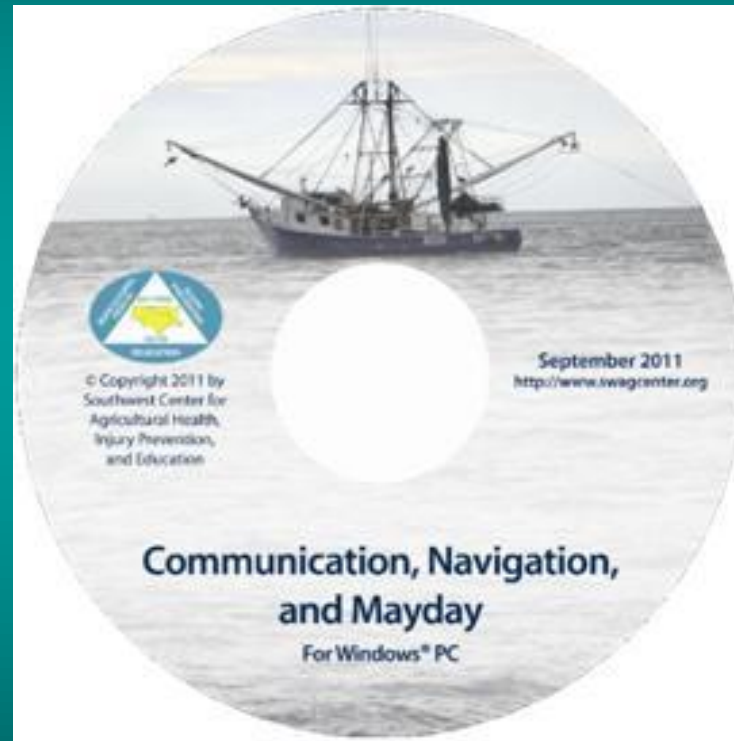


Collaborators

- U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit, 8th District
- Commercial Shrimp Fishermen
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Sea Grant
- Other stakeholders/volunteers



CD Preview



Questions?



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