Test your FPVE knowledge – Issue 10

During the document verification on an Annual Foreign Passenger vessel exam on a ship that will be embarking U.S. passengers after the exam, you note several members of the entertainment staff do not have crowd management or crisis management and human behavior training, and some crew members who reported one week ago have not completed crew familiarization training. Based upon this observation, you decide to focus more on crew training and knowledge during emergency drills. While questioning the stairway guides during emergency drills, a few crew members respond that they do not speak English. You proceed to the muster stations and find someone who does speak English, and you ask, "who is the second in charge?" and they respond "we figure that out based upon who is available." You continue to walk up the stairs, and you observe two crew members cleaning a public rest room, and you ask them why they aren't participating in the drill, and they answer their supervisor told them to continue cleaning. On the embarkation deck, no one is preparing the life boats for embarkation. You are told the life boat preparation occurs after the abandon ship signal is given, and is completed by the first ten deck personnel that arrive on scene. Your teammate observes the Master does not use the decision support system during the emergency drills. He is told by the Master the decision support system will be available after the computer system is re-booted. Finally, the life boats are lowered, all at the same time, and you observe not all life boats have radios in them. The crew is communicating with hand signals and by shouting. The boats are tested and recovered and you make your way to the bridge to discuss your observations with your team

(1) Crew members must be able to communicate with passengers **(STCW A-V/3.1)**

(2) The muster list shall specify substitutes for key persons who may become disabled , taking into account that different emergencies may call for different actions **(SOLAS III/37.5)**

(3) The muster list shall show the duties assigned to the different members of the crew including (.3) preparation and launching of survival craft **(SOLAS III/37.3.3)**

(4) In addition to the printed emergency plan or plans, the Administration may also accept the use of a computer-based decision support system on the navigation bridge... **(SOLAS III/29.6 and 29.3)**