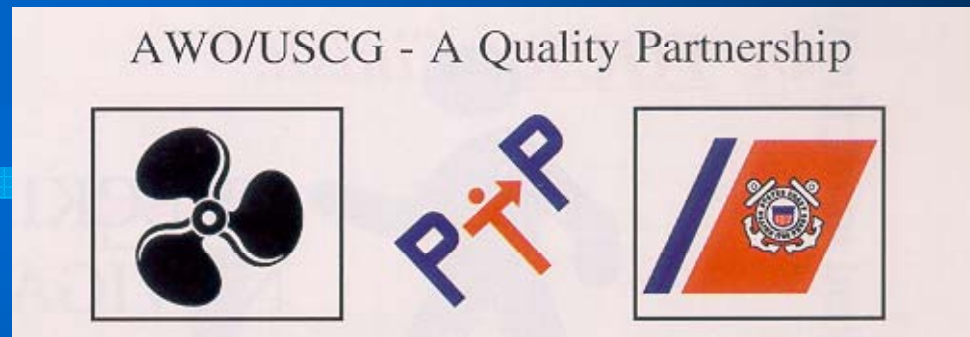


The Coast Guard-AWO Safety Partnership



Building on the Past,
Looking Toward the Future

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Origins of the Partnership

- **Fall '94: Coast Guard-AWO discussions begin**
- **2/95: CG-AWO QAT established**
- **6/95: QAT recommends establishment of Safety Partnership**
- **9/95: CG and AWO sign Memorandum of Agreement**
- **11/95: National QSC holds first meeting**

Purpose of the Partnership

- **“Improve vessel and personnel safety within the barge and towing industry and enhance the protection of the environment along our nation’s waterways”**
- **“Strengthen the communication and working relationship between the Coast Guard and the barge and towing industry”**

Focus of the Partnership

- **Emphasis on marine safety and environmental protection**
- **Results-oriented**
- **Non-regulatory, cooperative approach**
- **Reliance on data and analysis**
- **Ensure effective implementation**

Structure of the Partnership

- **National Quality Steering Committee**
- **Three Regional Quality Steering Committees**
 - **Mid-America Regional QSC**
 - **Pacific Region QSC**
 - **Atlantic Region QSC**

National QSC Mission

- **Provide overall coordination and support to the partnership**
- **Promote the partnership at all levels; foster high-level commitment from Coast Guard and AWO**
- **Serve as a forum for Coast Guard-industry dialogue**

Key Accomplishments

- Crew Fatalities QAT report/SAFE Decks program
- Downstreaming QAT and video
- Crew Alertness Dialogue Group
- Safety Statistics Collaboration agreement
- Towing Vessel Inspection Legislation
- Travel Time QAT

**STAY
ALERT
FOR
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In a round-the-clock business like marine transportation, working safely means staying alert! Here are some tips you can use, on the boat and off, to protect yourself and stay alert for safety.

The Future

- **How can the National QSC work together to build on the partnership's past successes and make it an even more useful vehicle for improving the safety and environmental performance of the tugboat, towboat, and barge industry?**