

# **Distracted Operation Round Table**

**Joint Safety Committee  
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# Risk Factors

- Cell phone use
- Routine
- Bridge lay out
- Radio calls
- Personal radio

# NTSB Attention

- Remarks of NTSB at the inaugural FOSL meeting
- Will there be additional regulation?
- Is that a good thing?

# NTSB Recommendation

- Promote awareness of the risk posed by the use of cellular telephones and other wireless devices while operating vessels and
- Encourage the voluntary development of operational policies to address the risk

# What We Know

- Cell phone use while driving extends a driver's reaction as much as a B.A. of **.08 percent**
- The **No.1** source of driver inattention is use of a wireless device
- Drivers that use cell phones are **four times** as likely to get into crashes

- **10 percent** of drivers aged 16 to 24 years old are on their phone at any one time.
- Driving while distracted is a factor in **25 percent** of police reported crashes.
- Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by **37 percent**

# Is This A Risk for Us?

The NTSB Thinks So!

# Group Exercise

- What are the three chief cause of distracted operation at your company?
- What actions has your company taken to mitigate these risks?
- What can AWO do to help address this issue?

# Sample Policy Needed?

- Should the Safety Committee develop a sample policy?
  - Should the policy prohibit any use of cell phones in the wheelhouse?
- Volunteers?