



Towing Vessel

National Center of Expertise

Overview

Setting up Shop

- Moved into our building in Oct 2009
- Civilians hired and on the job by May 2010
- Held official ribbon cutting in May 2010
- Gained connectivity in June 2010



The TVNCOE Team

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SMI, SIO, MI School Chief, webmaster, vessel security

Steven Douglass



Licensed Engineer unlimited, blue water towing vessels, ATB

Outreach

- Workboat Show 2009 & 2010
- Pacific Marine Expo 2010
- SNAME Annual Meeting 2010
- Tugnology 2011
- Various CG industry days
- Various industry meetings



Partnerships

- CG & Industry partnered workgroups
- Monitor various processes of the Towing Vessel Bridging Program (TVBP)
- WG#5 – general monitoring of TVBP
- WG#6 – Industry input for TVNCOE
- WG#7 – Phase 2



Getting Down to Business

- Training
 - Developed & implemented 4 convenings of UTV “Just-in-Time” (JITO) course
 - Trained 99 CG examiners and industry reps
 - Working jointly with Program & Yorktown to develop formal “C” school curriculum (will replace JITO)
- Advising
 - Working with Program to help resolve challenging issues found on exams during TVBP (e.g. FF, Nav, Eng, licensing, etc)
- Info Hub
 - Website development



Current compliance issues

After nearly 2000 uninspected towing vessel exams, some key issues have surfaced.

Fire Detection /Suppression Systems

Pressure Vessels

Navigation Lights

Current and Future Initiatives

Workgroups comprised of Coast Guard, AWO, & Industry members worked on the following items in 2010.

- Policy LTR 10-02, Existing Systems and Equipment.
- Policy LTR 10-05, Electronic Nav Pubs.
- Policy LTR 10-06, Carriage of Excess Equipment.
- Refined TVBP Tools.
- Development of Flow Chart & Examples for Appeal, Equivalency & Exemption submissions.
- Phase 2 Implementation Strategy, Policy & Guidance.

In 2011 these work groups will focus on:

- Perko Navigational Light Fixture Policy.
- Con't development of Phase 2 Policy & Tools.
- Amend the Outreach, Orientation & Indoctrination workbook.
- Re-write the towing vessel examination form.

Up Ahead

- Implementing phase 2 of the TVBP
- Conduct 4 more JITO courses in FY11
- Develop MMS process for UTV exams and auditing of Examiners
- Implementing formal “C” school course
- Subchapter M – getting ready