

Audit Transition Plan for Existing AWO Members

Members with audit due dates in 2015 will be held to the current standard of 10 percent of their vessels audited for the 2015 audit. Their next audit due date will be set for five years out, with 100 percent of their vessels audited by their 2020 due date, and a midpoint management audit.

Members with due dates in 2016 and 2017 will be required to complete their management audit and 10 percent of their vessels by their current due date, and have 100 percent of their vessels audited by January 1, 2021. Their next regular audit due date will be five years from their 2016 or 2017 due date, including a mid-point management audit. *Members that are already on a five year ISM cycle will not have any changes.*

See the chart below for an overview of the transition plan for existing members.

Current due date	Next RCP Due Date	Mid-point management audit	Vessel audits
2015	2020	2017 or 2018	100 percent by 2020
2016	2021	2018 or 2019	10 percent by 2016; 100 percent by 1/1/2021
2017	2022	2019 or 2020	10 percent by 2017; 100 percent by 1/1/2021

Audit Transition Plan for New AWO Members

New members will continue to follow the existing requirements when they join AWO. Specifically, they must conduct an audit by the first anniversary of the company join date, with two more annual audits thereafter before moving to the five year cycle. These first three audits will follow the current standard of having 10 percent of their towing vessels audited; however, they will be required to have 100 percent of their vessels audited within five years of their initial join date.

See the chart below for an overview of the transition plan for new members.

First Audit	Second Audit	Third Audit	Thereafter
Due one year from join date; management audit + 10 percent of vessels	Due one year from first audit; management audit + 10 percent of vessels (different vessels)	Due two years from first audit; management audit + 10 percent of vessels (different vessels)	Move to five year schedule; 100 percent of vessels audited by five years from join date (around first mid-point audit)

All members are strongly encouraged to conduct audits on 20 percent of their vessels each year as they move to the 100 percent in five years standard. During the transition periods, the allowance for 10 percent is designed to allow companies to build up to the 100 percent. The RCP Standards Board understands that each company will have to decide for itself how to get to 100 percent vessel audits over a five year period; 20 percent per year may not be feasible for every company across the board, so it is not a requirement.