

Alternate Compliance and Safety Agreement Stakeholders Meeting Summary

NPFVOA classroom

September 5th, 2024 09:00 – 10:30

❖ Meeting Kick-off

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| ➤ MC | Mike Rudolph |
| ➤ Welcoming remarks | Captain Jensen |
| ➤ Attendance Roster, Agenda & Hand-outs | Troy Rentz |
| ➤ Round of Introductions | All |
| ➤ Updated USCG ACSA contact information | hand-out |

❖ ACSA Fleet Marine Casualties

- No Major Casualties since last meeting (November 9, 2022)
- 9 classified as Serious Marine Incidents. 8 injuries (finger, hand, back injuries in factory, on deck and in freezer hold). 1 wave damage; wave strike broke most pilothouse windows, caused extensive damage to the forward bulkhead structure, bridge electronics and outfitting destroyed due to water damage. The wave damage necessitated a fair amount of steel replacement as well as electronics and outfitting.

❖ Training / Certifications

- The new compliance matrix was distributed. It consolidates all required ACSA training and certification onto one spreadsheet. The information is contained in different sections of the ACSA Guide. The matrix is a job aid for all concerned to see exactly what is required aboard vessels, scaled according to the number of total persons aboard.
- Rebecca Hanratty, NPFVOA Program Coordinator was invited to the training room. USCG expressed appreciation for the long-standing partnership in fishing vessel safety training. The ACSA training requirements spreadsheet was shared with Rebecca, she informed attendees that there is a Stability Training course scheduled for November 1st. Drill conductor, first aid/CPR and firefighting courses are all available thru NPFVOA. Mike Rudolph asked if training could be exported (aboard a vessel or alternate location). Rebecca confirmed this can be done. It requires logistical support relocating equipment.
- Required number of Drill Conductors
Richard Thummel (Alaskan Leader) initiated discussions on the number of certified Drill Conductors required to be carried aboard. A vessel the size of the Bering Leader maintains 2 Drill Conductors on a regular basis as the Master and Mate are trained and dependable. The 3rd required Drill Instructor is normally drawn from processors and deckhands that change out frequently. Group discussions centered on answering the question of; what is the benefit of having a 3rd drill conductor aboard?
Chris Woodley and Phil Dang recalled discussions that occurred regarding how many drill conductors should be carried when ACSA standards were being developed. The Galaxy incident pointed out that it is critical to have a person within the processing space who knows what to do and lead the group during emergencies. No changes were made to the requirement
- Mike Rudolph brought up that the training can be done aboard the vessel and there is now a person in Dutch Harbor available to conduct drill conductor training.
To sign up for a class or schedule one aboard your vessel call NPFVOA 206-285-3383 or AMSEA 907-747-3287.

- **Stability Training**
All Unlicensed Masters of ACSA vessels must complete USCG accepted stability training no later than December 31, 2025.
- NPFVOA, AMSEA and MITAGS all have USCG accepted stability courses.
- Fishing industry specific stability training is **recommended** for all Masters and Mates
- USCG is also completing stability training with Fishing Vessel Examiners in WA, OR and AK. The training was recently completed by examiners in AK and is scheduled at the end of this month for WA & OR.

❖ **Fishing Industry Vessel Automation**

- Nate Crum reminded attendees that the engine automation checklist is part of the exam for each vessel that has automation in lieu of second engineer. The checklist is included in the ACSA Guide (Annex 8). The equipment must be functioning as designed.

❖ **Deficiency follow-ups and Exams in Dutch Harbor**

- Larry Schalles informed attendees that MSU Dutch Harbor can conduct fishing vessel exams and deficiency follow-ups on a regular basis.
- Troy Rentz informed attendees that he now tracks each overdue deficiency and may be calling to ask about the status.
- Please call the appropriate office for deficiency follow-ups before they are due. Many deficiencies can be cleared by emailing documentation or extended while you are waiting on parts or servicing.
- ACSA Renewal Exams and ACSA Mid-Period Exams scheduled in Dutch Harbor are hard-fast dates as the USCG Inspector will be flying out from Anchorage to complete the exam.

❖ **Kodiak Enterprise NTSB Report**

- LCDR McNeeley briefed attendees on the NTSB press release for the Kodiak Enterprise fire/total loss of vessel.
- Stakeholders related to the incident, engaged in meaningful discussion on risks and best practices.
- Companies shared prevention and preparedness steps they have taken since the incident.

❖ **Open Announcements, Questions & Answers**

- Engine tests. Please inform the USCG Examiner when engine tests will be performed to main propulsion machinery and auxiliary prime mover (e.g. overspeed, lube oil pressure, jacket water temperature, etc.) to allow the Examiner an opportunity to attend.
- Scott Wilwert inquired if companies have any feedback from USCG boardings on ACSA vessels. In general companies saw an increase in the number of boardings. CDR Downing informed the group that USCG presence and capabilities have improved in their operating area with new more capable cutters patrolling areas that previously saw little Coast Guard presence.
- When is the next Stakeholders' meeting? Consensus was to hold the meeting at the same time and location annually. The ACSA Stakeholders' meetings will be held the Thursday after Labor Day weekend each year.

❖ **In attendance:**

- Richard Thummel Alaskan Leader Fisheries
- Phil Dang Ocean Peace
- Larry Schalles USCG MSU Dutch Harbor
- Troy Rentz 13th Coast Guard District
- Chad See Freezer Longline Coalition
- Chris Woodley Groundfish Forum
- Nate Crum USCG Sector Puget Sound
- Mike Rudolph 13th Coast Guard District
- Mike Tappan USCG Sector Puget Sound
- Kristian Uri Fishermen's Finest Inc.
- Lorena Rosenberger Coastal Villages
- Natalie Frank Glacier Fish
- Scott Penny Bristol Wave
- Tamara Briggie Freezer Longline Coalition
- Darwin Jensen USCG D13
- Abbie Lyons USCG Sector Western AK & Arctic
- Morgan Daniel Glacier Fish Company
- Chris Schaffer Bristol Wave Seafoods
- John Downing USCG D13
- Scott Wilwert USCG D17
- Annabelle Gagnon USCG Sector Puget Sound