

Ship Observations Team

~ integrating & coordinating international ship-based observing programmes for JCOMM ~



Task Team on VOS Recruitment and Programme Promotion

SOT-V

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Action items for TT-VRPP from SOT-IV

Item	Action		By	Status
I-4.1.4	To approach the Maritime Safety Committee with a joint document from JCOMM (WMO-IOC) and the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS).	TT/VRPP; Secretariat	Aug-07	Pending. There has been no high level WMO-IMO-ICS meeting since Feb 2007. Sarah North supplied a 'Generic Design Standards' document to WMO in Dec 2007.
I-4.1.5	To consider producing a VOS training video	TT/VRPP	SOT-V	No progress
IV-4.5.6	To consider the editing of training materials such as CD-Roms as well as the organization of training workshops	TT/VRPP	SOT-V	PMO-IV possibly organized in 2010 in RA-III or RA-IV
IV-4.6.3	To investigate the conduction of an impact assessment study of the VOF in liaison with other appropriate bodies and to report at the next SOT Session.	TT/VRPP	SOT-V	Ongoing - Document submitted to AOPC, SOGs listed

TT Tasks as set SOT-IV

- Further develop the generic pre-installation design standards that will eventually be available to ship builders and classification societies.
- Review existing promotional aids (flyer, certificate) and recommend new promotional aids.
- Promote the use of, and keep under review, the promotional presentation "The Partnership between the Maritime Industry, Marine Forecasting and Science".
- Establish a store of newsworthy articles for use in a SOT or VOSCLim Newsletter or in national newsletters.
- Review the questionnaire used for the Marine Meteorological Services Monitoring Programme, and propose amendments, which should be reflected in the questionnaire survey to be conducted in 2008.
- Review all relevant JCOMM Publications to ensure they are up to date and comply with Quality Management terminology.

Work completed

- Submitted the 'Generic Design Installation' document to WMO.
- Compiled a list of documents providing impact assessments on the use of VOS data.
- Designed the new powerpoint presentation "Partnership between Marine Industry and Marine Meteorological and Oceanographic Communities V3 2008".
- Reviewed the VOS Framework document.
- Developed new VOS Recruitment and metadata collection tools in conjunction with the TT on Metadata for WMO No. 47
- Revised the old MSC Circ 1017, New MSC Circular MSC.1/Circ.1293 issued by IMO 10/12/2008.
- Reviewed the SOT Certificate of Appreciation for ships participating in the various voluntary observing programmes and proposed a set of guidelines and issuing criteria.
- Updated reference material on the VOS website

Actions and Recommendations

- **Actions :**

- » Generic Design Document requires review and decision on how to progress it
- » Certificate of Appreciation is now available on VOS web site
- » Review the Task Team membership and encourage new TaskTeam members

- **Recommendations :**

- » Remove year of issue from Task No 5
- » That WMO, in support of PMO activities, commit to holding PMO-IV in 2010

