

STCW IMPLEMENTATION FOCUS AND COORDINATION TEAM CHARTER

PURPOSE: The purpose of the **STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Team** is to develop a plan to monitor the progress of and coordinate efforts to implement the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 (STCW Convention) to ensure the Convention is given full and complete effect on schedule.

DISCUSSION: The STCW Convention sets qualifications for masters, officers, and watchkeeping personnel on seagoing merchant ships. The United States is a Party to this Convention, and the Coast Guard has the responsibility for ensuring that the provisions of this Convention are implemented domestically. While numerous efforts are underway nationwide to ensure provisions of the STCW Convention are and will be complied with, there is currently no coordination plan to monitor and focus these efforts.

DESIRED STATE: An STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Plan which will explain in sufficient detail how the Coast Guard will monitor and coordinate the steps being taken in the United States to give the STCW Convention full and complete effect. The plan will specify the steps required for implementation, the sequence of the steps, who is responsible for completing each step, and the proposed timeline for completion. Resource considerations should also be addressed, with steps prioritized as necessary to reflect anticipated resource constraints.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP: CAPT Bob Skewes will serve as Team Leader. Team members are as follows:

- CAPT Mike Rosecrans
- CDR Steve Boyle
- MR Stewart Walker
- CAPT Bill Bennett
- MR Don Kerlin
- MR John Bobb
- LT Mark Tennyson
- CAPT Geoff Powers
- MR Chris Young
- LCDR George Burns

Members from various other offices with stakeholder/ownership interest, and field and industry representation, will be added as deemed necessary by the Team Leader.

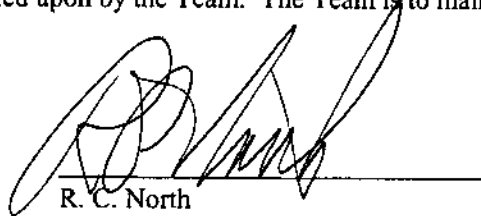
TEAM METHODOLOGY: Team members will set The Team methodology. Quality principals should be used for all meetings and deliberations. Consideration should be given to the G-M Business Plan, Government Performance and Results Act, National Performance Review, and guidance provided by the Commandant's Quality Award Criteria.

TEAM DELIVERABLES AND TIMETABLE:

	<u>Deliverable</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1.	STCW Team Issues Identification	20 November 98
2.	Conduct STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Plan Listening Session	16 December 98
3.	Comment Period from Listening Session Ends	16 January 99
4.	Draft STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Plan	15 February 99
5.	Solicit Public Comment on Draft STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Plan	22 February 99
6.	Comment Period on Draft Plan Ends	22 April 99
7.	Final STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Plan	24 May 99

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AUTHORITY TO ACT: THE STCW Implementation Focus and Coordination Team is authorized to collect all information necessary for it to realize the goals of this Charter. All M-wide offices are directed to provide assistance when called upon by the Team. The Team is to maintain liaison with G-M, G-MO and the MESC.



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11/5/98
Date