

MARITIME ACCIDENT REVIEW 2010: 551 ACCIDENTS AND 61 LIVES LOST

The latest issue of the most popular document on the EMSA website is now online. [The Maritime Accident Review 2010](#), the fourth in the Agency's series of statistical and analytical reports on commercial shipping accidents in-and-around EU waters, has just been released. This year's review reports a small increase in the number of accidents in Europe – 559 accidents and 61 lives lost – up from the 540 accidents and 52 lives lost reported for 2009. However, these figures are considerably below the figures reported for 2007 (715 accidents, 76 lives lost) and 2008 (670 accidents, 82 lives lost). The mild increase of 3.5% in accidents reported for 2010 possibly reflects the recovery in shipping traffic and volume during the year. Indeed, the marked decline in accidents reported for 2009, in comparison to the economic boom years of 2007 and 2008, suggests that there is a link between maritime accident numbers and economic activity. This year's Review includes full maps of accidents reported during the year, plotted against their geographical locations, enabling readers to see accident trouble spots and patterns. The document can be downloaded from EMSA's [website](#).



The fourth in a series begun in 2007, the Maritime Accident Reviews provide an overview of commercial shipping accidents occurring in and around Europe. The photo shows the sinking of the North Spirit off NW Spain in December 2010; (source: SASEMAR).

ISO ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS MEET IN LISBON

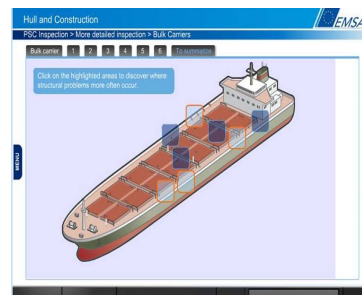


A green future: ISO is central to the formulation of globally-applicable standards, which aim to make shipping more environmentally-friendly without distorting competition.

At the end of May, 26 members of the [International Standardization Organization \(ISO\)](#) Technical Committee on Ship and Marine Technology-Marine Environmental Protection met at EMSA, despite a recurrence of the threat of ash cloud disruption to travel plans that had curtailed their meeting in Lisbon in 2010. The meeting continued the development of draft standards on port waste reception facilities, oil spill response, noise from shipping and antifouling, all of which will be circulated for wider comment by ISO through their consultation structure in the near future.

EMSA NOW OFFERS E-TRAINING FOR PSC OFFICERS

In May 2011, EMSA delivered the Distance Learning Package to the port State control (PSC) community of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (PMoU). PSC Officers now have access to a complete set of e-learning courses based on the PMoU list of instruments, covering most of the technical subjects encountered during inspections. Access to materials is provided through an online platform, the Maritime Knowledge Centre, which enables the Agency to deliver PSC training online. This is the biggest ever e-learning development in the field of PSC, and reinforces EMSA's calendar of training for PSC officers, which consists of several face-to-face training programmes every year.



The new Distance Learning Package is the second major project launch for the PSC team this year: in January, the team launched the new PSC information system THETIS.

PRESS VISIT ABOARD THE MV SARA

Each year EMSA carries out around 50 drills and exercises on its contracted network of [Oil Spill Response Vessels](#). These drills are crucial to ensuring that equipment and crews are adequately prepared to respond in the event of a major oil spill. On 15 June, EMSA organised a press visit on board the vessel *MV Sara*, based in Portland (UK), which covers the Channel and Atlantic approaches sea area. Press representatives joined the visit from the French publications *Le Marin*, *Ouest France* and *Mer et Marine*, together with the UK's [RNLI \(Royal National Lifeboat Institution\)](#), the British search-and-rescue charity, headquartered in nearby Poole). Under rainy skies, the drill included technical information from the contractor, Aegean Bunkers, inflatable boom and skimmer deployment with an assisting tug, together with the testing of sweeping arms. More press visits are likely to take place during future drills.



Journalists were invited to see first-hand how EMSA tests its contracted oil spill response vessels.

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Procurement: Study on discharge facilities for oil recovered at sea (deadline: 12/08).

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