

Fatigue at sea

Newsletter March 2007

Dear colleagues,

Simulator

The time since our last newsletter has been exciting. We planned and re-planned the simulator study. It was performed in January, 2007, and started on a stormy Sunday. So stormy, in fact, that two of our participants could not attend the study. Therefore, we used the five available bridges to make a test of the 6-6 system only (as opposed to the comparison of 4-8/6-6 we had planned). Analysis is in progress.

Pilots, boatmen...

We have finished the study and the report of pilots, boatmen and VTS-, bridge and lock operators. Generally, we saw many occurrences of working while very tired, and problems of not getting enough sleep – especially during the day. The report will soon be available on www.vti.se/fatigueatsea

On-board

We are presently performing our last on-board visit, on a 4-8 ship – after this the spring will be an intensive analysis and writing period. We have visited 12 ships and collected data from 29 deck officers. Of these, 17 have been on two-watch ships, of which in turn 10 worked on pure two-officer ships (only master and chief mate).

Meeting

We are planning a final open **meeting** for May 23rd. The venue is the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden. A tentative time plan is 10.00-16.00 to allow for travelling on the same day. We plan to make it a two-step event:

1. Information about project status and results.
2. A workshop/seminar focussing on the results and recommendations.

The project report will be in a final draft stage at this meeting, and we will take into account views and comments. Please contact us if you wish to participate and have not received an invitation. More information can be found on www.vti.se/fatigueatsea

We send you all our best regards,

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Please note that there is a project website at www.vti.se/fatigueatsea

