

NTSB FORUM ON CRUISE SHIPS

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, PORT STATE CONTROL

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CRUISE SHIP SAFETY IN THE UNITED STATES

Safety Governance that includes:

- International Regimes
- Industry Standards
- Class Society Rules
- Domestic Regulations



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CRUISE SHIP SAFETY IN THE UNITED STATES

Layered Safety Ladder that includes:

- Vessel crew
- Owner/operator
- Flag State
- Class Society
- Port State



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PORT STATE CONTROL



- Process to examine visiting foreign flag ships for compliance with international & domestic standards
- Goal is to Identify/eliminate substandard ships
- Encourage shippers to adopt management philosophies that ensure compliance with accepted standards.
- Hold substandard vessels accountable.
- Part of the overall maritime safety net.



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PORT STATE CONTROL LAWS AND TREATIES

- International Treaties
 - SOLAS
 - ICLL
 - Tonnage
 - STCW
 - MARPOL
- 46 U. S. Code Chapters 33, 35, and 37
 - 33 – Ships in General
 - 35 – Passenger Ships
 - 37 – Tank Ships



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CRUISE SHIP PORT STATE CONTROL

In 2013

- About 140 individual Cruise Ships from more than 16 different Flag Administrations visited the United States

Over last 4 years

- Averaged > 270 PSC exams



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EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Robust examination program includes:

- Concept review
- Plan Review
- Overseas examinations
- Initial Examination at 1st US port
- Annual & periodic exams thereafter to maintain Certificate of Compliance
- Unannounced Exams



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TOP 10 DEFICIENCIES

In 2013 the Top 10 Deficiencies were:

- Fire Screen Doors
- Lifeboats
- Means of Escape
- Improper Storage
- Drills and Training
- Oil Leaks
- Structural Deficiencies
- Electrical Safety
- Combustible Waste Bins
- Fire Detection



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QUESTIONS ?



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