

Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise



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National UTV Fleet 5900 vessels (+/-)



Current Observations:

- Continued TPO approvals- TPOs report increasing clientele.
- TSMS Certificates issued.
- Questions on interpretation from both CG and industry. *Majority addressed in FAQs.
- HQ diligently issuing policy letters.
- CG surge training of SMIs.



To date, six approved non-Class Society TPOs

APPROVED THIRD PARTY ORGANIZATIONS (TPO)	APPROVED IAW 46 CFR 139.115 TO:			
	Audit Towing Safety Management Systems (TSMS)	Issue TSMS certificate to an owner or managing operator	Survey towing vessels to verify compliance with Subchapter M	Issue survey reports detailing the results of towing vessel surveys
American Global Maritime	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marine Compliance, LLC	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quality Maritime Training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sabine Surveyors, LTD.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau	✓	✓	✓	✓
WaveCrest Offshore Solutions, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	✓

Applications received and under review (4)



Class Societies

(approved under 46 CFR 8.230)

- America Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Lloyds Registry (LR)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- DNV/ GL
- RINA
- NKK



Approved TPOs Over-site Visits (139.160)

In process of visiting TPOs as a courtesy

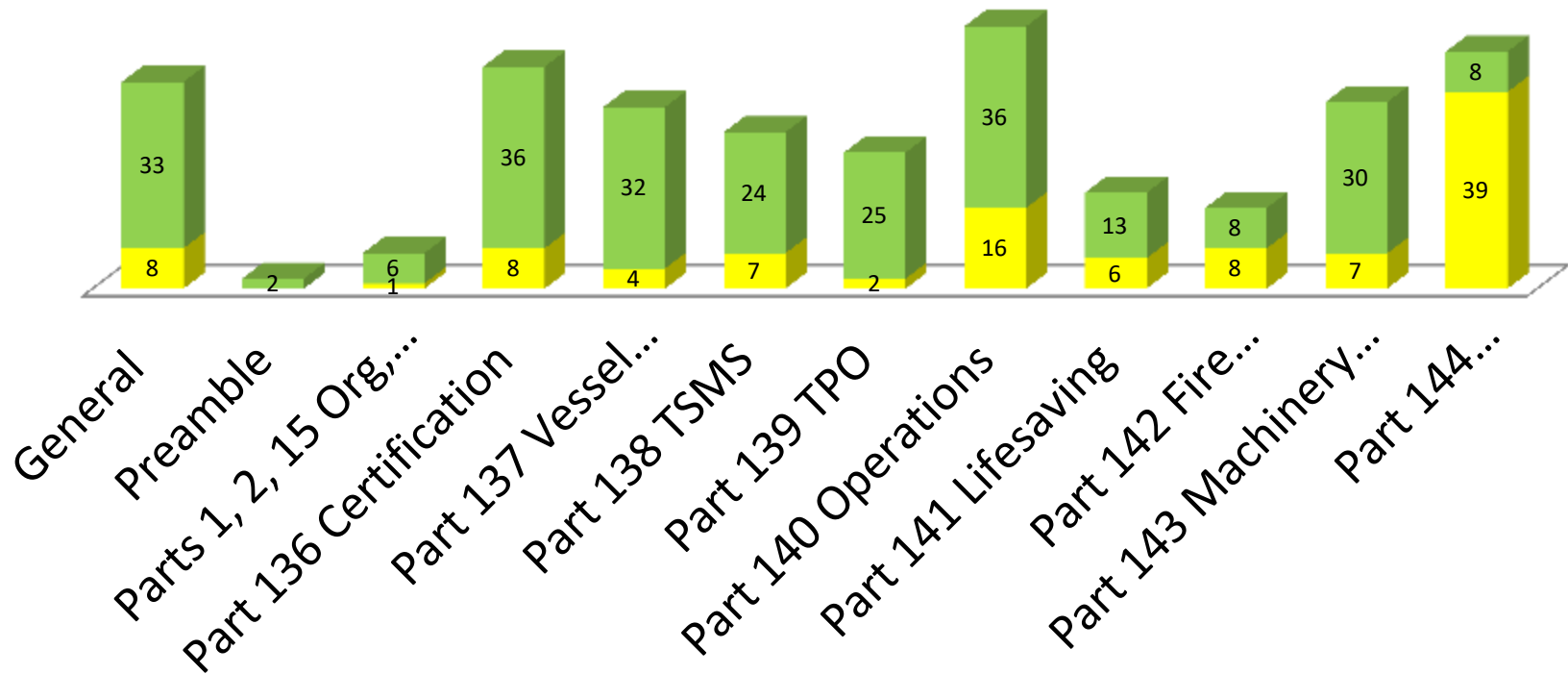
- Not an audit, approvals too new.
- Checking processes and procedures as described in approved TPO package.
- Offer guidance and address concerns, i.e. incorporating new CG policy into existing processes.

So far... so good



FAQs

- Received: 359
- In Process: 106 (32 @ MSC/ Part 144)
- Cleared: 253



Status update on CG Training-

- Surge training for SMI/ MITOs conducted Fall 2016
- 5 convening's TRACEN YT/ 125 members
- Concept: SMIs/ MITOs return to unit and train members locally. Advantages include local AOR knowledge to be incorporated and training costs reduced.
- Future initiative is to include industry in training sessions, as done with the UTV course.



CG Guidance Under Construction

- TPO Guidebook is designed to aid in the understanding of the Third Party Organization (TPO) requirements within Subchapter M.
- TSMS Guidebook: intended to provide owners and managing operators, vessel personnel, and TPOs guidance for setting up, implementing and auditing a TSMS as required by Sub M.



TVNCOE List Server

- Email notifications:
 - Safety information
 - Regulatory updates
 - New Guidance
 - Web site updates
 - etc.
- Information of interest to:
 - Owners/operators of Coast Guard regulated towing vessels
 - Coast Guard members who conduct towing vessel examinations and inspections
- Free service
- Easy to signup



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What We Can Do For You

- Gather, organize and provide statistical information.
- Foster dialog between the Coast Guard and industry - [Events](#)
- Research towing vessel issues - [FAQs](#)
- Help ensure high level of consistency through training and policy guidance - [Courses](#)
- Train towing vessel examiners - [Courses](#)
- Provide onsite assistance - [Contact Us](#)

What's New

IEW The Coast Guard has issued a new [safety alert](#) that addresses the use of surge protective devices onboard vessels. The safety alert can be found in the Safety Alert section within Policy and Guidance.

Federal Register on Friday April 05, 2013 (78 FR 20684) seeking applications from qualified candidates seeking consideration for appointment as public members to the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). TSAC advises the Coast Guard on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

The Coast Guard has issued a new [safety alert](#) that addresses counterfeit portable fire extinguishers. The safety alert can be found in the Safety Alert section within Policy and Guidance.

The Coast Guard has issued a new [safety alert](#) that addresses bow riding in heavy weather. The safety alert can be found in the Safety Alert section within Policy and Guidance.

Security Levels



Questions?

