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**American Maritime Modernization Association, Inc.**

**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 16 December, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

**Location:** QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**Call In:** We now have a conference call number for those members that cannot physically make it to the meeting.

- Conference call number: **1-605-475-5900**
- Conference code: **2672299#**

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**A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:**

Jason Kjos	Epsilon Systems
Dan Beiler	SERCO
Lisa Silvia	VDEQ
Jolean Halford	QED
Tom Craddock	Delphinus
Otto Hylton	AMSEC
Wayne Watson	LPI
Eric Strickland	AIT
Rebecca Robinson	L-3 Unidyne

Call In: None

**B. Old Business:**

- 18 November, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- 12 November, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
  - General Dynamics NASSCO delivered the company's first ECO Class tanker, the Lone Star State, to American Petroleum Tankers (APT). It will run on natural gas instead of diesel fuel.
  - New rules with big changes are coming out for hazardous waste generators, especially large quantity generators. Look for changes to definitions, labeling requirements, point of generation, and co-generation.
  - Bahar Huffman is leaving VSRA on December 18th. She has been a great asset and will be missed. We wish her well. Sallena Nikitas is her replacement.
  - The online safety orientation is going through its annual review. The group is close to finishing and they should launch the revision in late January-early February. For the first time, VSRA will seek input from MARMC.
  - Safety Seminar Subcommittee. No time to rest on our laurels for the record seminar in October. It's time to start planning for

- the 2016 seminar. Any and all volunteers are welcome. The POC is John Davis, Crofton Diving.
- vi. SSRAC (Standard Specification for Ship Repair and Alteration Committee) Subcommittee. New chairman Tom Craddock reported that the subcommittee had its first meeting on December 9th and that they have already reviewed eight Standard Items.
  - vii. Permit Authorizing Individual (PAI) Hot Work subcommittee. VSRA is meeting with Frank Walker on December 14th, then with Captain Stancey on December 16th. After that, the form should be final.
  - viii. The next meeting of this VSRA Safety/Environmental Committee will be at 10:30 am (after the Safety Management Board meeting) on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at AMSEC, 5701 Cleveland Street Virginia Beach, VA 23462.
- 4 August 2015 Industry Call Highlights
    - i. NTR.
  - VSRA-OSHA Partnership Meeting Highlights:
    - i. NTR.
  - 10 December 2015 AMMA General Meeting Highlights:
    - i. Discussion about available grant to develop certification programs required by industry, potential funds available to help AMMA members benefit from Fiber Optic Fabricator Training Program.
  - AMMA Safety Committee Meeting  
Lisa Sylvia of Virginia DEQ Tidewater Office gave a fantastic presentation and associated handouts on HAZWASTE Generator Categories and EPA ID Info. Her presentation documents are attached. She also provided the following links for additional information:
    - <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Land/issuanceofprovisionalEPAIDnumbers.pdf>
    - <http://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/proposed-rule-hazardous-waste-generator-improvements>
  - New Business
    - i. FY-17 Standard Items – Now Available.
    - ii. New Standard Item Website WEBSITE  
“<http://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/RMC/CNRMC/OurPrograms/SRAC.aspx>”
  - Guest Speaker future meeting topics
    - i. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes – Jason Kjos – Jan Meeting
    - ii. Hotwork – PAI Requirements – Otto Hylton – Feb Meeting
    - iii. HAZWOPPER
    - iv. Noise Monitoring Program – Roy Maddox – March Meeting
    - v. Tank watch & rescue requirements

\*If someone would like to volunteer to present one of the topics above at our next meeting, please contact Wally with the details.

**D. Open Discussion:** Input from members attending

➤ Lessons Learned:

- i. When preparing for hotwork, a grounding cable was ran from one space, through a passageway and into another space where painting was being performed. During the painting operation the paint was spilled directly over the exposed grounding cable. Luckily, no fire.
- ii. During welding training, a Jr. welder picked-up a piece of hot metal he was being trained on and immediately dropped it onto the foot of the Sr. welder giving the instruction, breaking his pinky toe. Jr. welder should've wore gloves before handling the object.
- iii. Welder had a Temporary Worker run the Argon hose for the operation. The Temporary Worker never performed a drop test, resulting in the smell of the gas leaking from the manifold.
- iv. An employee used a pair of regular pliers to remove a tag from an object. The pliers slipped and hit him in the eye, causing his retina to detach and required surgery. He should have worn safety glasses and used the right toll for the job.
- v. Electrician tracing wiring found the end of a wire that was bagged. The bag fell off the wire and came into contact with his hand, receiving a shock from the 440V wire. He survived. He should've been wearing gloves.

➤ Recent Injuries

- i. See Lessons Learned above.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 January, 2016** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wally Finn, Chairman, AMMA Safety Committee