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PORT STATE CONTROL: CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN FOR ENTRY INTO ENCLOSED SPACES

The Paris and Tokyo MOUs on Port State Control have announced they will launch a joint concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on crew familiarization with enclosed space entry. The CIC will run from September 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015.

The purpose of the campaign is to ensure ships have effective procedures and measures in place to safeguard seafarers when entering and working in enclosed spaces on board ship, and to check compliance with the applicable Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention requirements.

During port state inspections, officers will check in detail the enclosed space entry procedures and measures that are in place. Port State Control Officers will use [a questionnaire](#) as attached to establish that crew members are familiar with the relevant equipment and have received training to identify and understand the hazards associated with enclosed space entry.

If a deficiency is found, actions by the port state may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period, to detaining the ship until the deficiency has been rectified. Any detention will be published in the Paris and Tokyo MOU monthly detention lists.

It is expected that approximately 10,000 inspections will be carried out during the CIC and the findings will be presented to the governing bodies of both MOUs for submission to the IMO for further consideration.

In this connection, and in amplification of the initiative described above, your Managers cannot overemphasize the risks the initiative seeks to address. Indeed, the Club recently had a case of multiple loss of life caused by entry into an enclosed space lacking adequate oxygen.

To this end, Members are referred to [Club Circular No. 34/11, E-learning Tools: New Module on Entry Into Enclosed Spaces, The Case of the Silent Assassin](#) and [Club Circular No. 11/13, E-learning Tools: New Module on Entry Into Enclosed Spaces: the Case of the Invisible Assassin](#), highlighting risks of entry into enclosed spaces. These e-Learning tools are available to Members free of charge. For further information on accessing these tools, please refer to our website at

<http://www.american-club.com/page/education-training-tools>.

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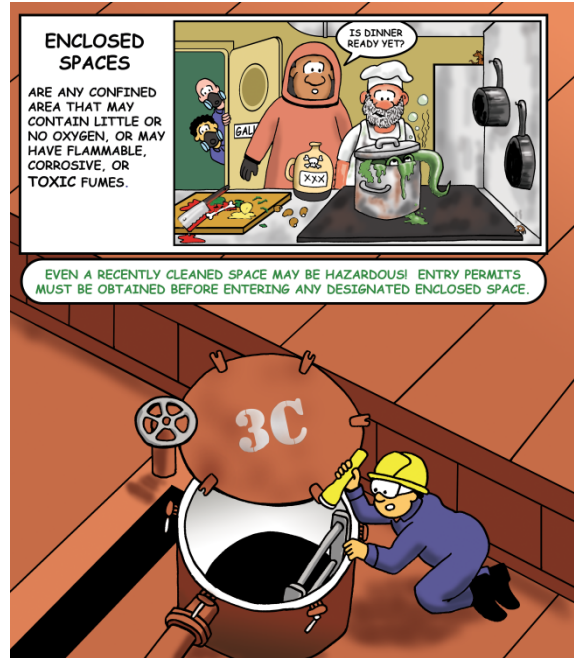
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Members are also encouraged to post the American Club's Enclosed Spaces poster aboard all entered vessels to further highlight this risk. Members can obtain free hard copies of the poster from your Managers upon request. Electronic copies of this poster and other Club posers can be obtained at our website at

<http://www.american-club.com/page/posters>.

Should Members have any questions, please contact Dr. William Moore, Senior Vice President at +1 212 847 4542 or by e-mail at william.moore@american-club.com.



CIC on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry

*This CIC applies to **all** ships*

Inspection Authority:			
Ship Name:		IMO Number:	
Date of Inspection		Inspection Port:	

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.1 Note 1	Are there measures in place to test the atmosphere of an enclosed space to confirm it is safe to enter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.2 Note 1	Are crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces trained in the use of the equipment referred to in Question 1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.3 *	Are the crew members familiar with the arrangements of the ship, as well as the location and operation of any on-board safety systems or appliances that they may be called upon to use for enclosed space entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.4 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space emergency duties, familiar with those duties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.5 *	Is the training manual available on board and its contents complete and customized to the ship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.6 *	Is there evidence on board that enclosed space entry and rescue drills are conducted in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.7 *	Have the ship's crew participated in an enclosed space entry and rescue drill on board the ship at least once every two months in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.3?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.8 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space entry aware of the associated risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.9 *	During the CIC, the PSCO is to observe an enclosed space entry and rescue drill. Did the drill comply with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.6?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q.10	Is the ship detained as a result of a "NO" answer to any of the questions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note 1 For PMoU, questions 1 & 2 are for information purposes only.

Note 2 Each question should be answered and only one box ticked for that question.

Note 3 Questions with an asterisk indicate Code 30 may be issued.

The CIC on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry was conducted during the period September – November 2015.