

Course packs a powerful safety message

The maritime industry, by necessity, requires organisations and maritime professionals to be compliant with a vast array of laws and regulations. Concern about a lack of HSEQ (health, safety, environment quality assurance) knowledge has led two Western Australia-based training specialists to develop an e-learning package aimed particularly at the towage, fishing, ferries and small craft sectors.

Traditionally, particularly in the small craft sector of the maritime industry, many coxswains, masters, superintendents and operational managers are recruited from the fishing industry, white-boat industry or off the deck. As a consequence, there is likely to be a lack of formal training and understanding of



the laws, regulations, acts, conventions and rules pertaining to HSEQ. Companies and professionals unable to fully comply with the required regulations, and present actual proof of compliance, are therefore legally exposed in a world that is more and more being driven

by legislation and litigation.

In an effort to address this issue, SeaWays Consultants and Marine Certification Solutions have combined their extensive industry experience and knowledge to develop a package of 24 online e-learning lessons covering 74 topics that masters, superintendents and marine managers should know, in order to be compliant and to manage their legal exposure within the maritime industry. These in-depth lessons, delivered through the two companies' e-learning platform, not only provide the required knowledge and proof of learning but also provide a cost-effective solution that can be accessed any time, anywhere.

Capt Arie Nygh, MD of SeaWays Consultants, said: "How can you ensure compliance if you do not know what you have to be compliant with? I sincerely believe one of the most profound messages I can offer colleagues is the importance of these online e-learning lessons on HSEQ and the need to have proof of compliance."


Marine Certification Solutions MD Jeff Hinrichsen said: "I believe that for any organisation involved in the maritime industry, it is crucial to provide extensive training to employees regarding HSEQ, thus supporting them in their job."

Nygh added: "Around 90 per cent of the course knowledge content is internationally generic, with 10 per cent specific to a region of operation. With this in mind we have developed our first lesson package to be relevant to the Australian market and over the course of the coming months will engage local HSEQ experts to assist us in making the content specific to a particular region. This process has commenced for Canada and the UK and will be followed shortly for Europe and the US. By year's end we should have full global coverage."

"We hope that this online training facility will highlight the importance of being compliant with HSEQ regulations and help maritime professionals to develop their knowledge and skills in this area."

For more information, visit the HSEQ e-learning website at <https://schoolways.thinkific.com/>

Anchor-handlers join well-drilling project



▲ *Maersk Master is one of two new anchor-handlers on contract with Quadrant Energy*

Maersk Supply Service's first two Starfish-class anchor-handling vessels, *Maersk Master* and *Maersk Mariner*, begin a contract with Quadrant Energy in Western Australia in March.

Both vessels will support Quadrant's Phoenix South and Van Gogh drilling campaign, initially covering three wells for a period of 150 to 200 days. They will be supporting Transocean's semi-submersible rig *DDI* with supply and anchor-handling duties throughout the campaign.

David Lofthouse, head of commercial Asia-Pacific at Maersk, said: "Quadrant Energy is an important customer. We are excited about having our two new-built Starfish vessels operating together on this programme. This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate their state-of-the-art capabilities, such as minimised environmental footprint, high safety standards and on board comfort."

Maersk Master previously worked in the North Sea on a decommissioning project; *Maersk Mariner* came to Australia in August 2017 to work for another customer.