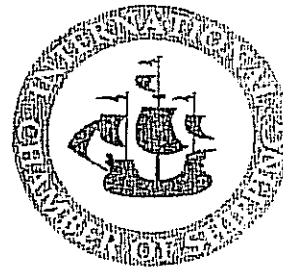


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PRESS RELEASE FOR ISF ON BOARD TRAINING RECORD BOOK FOR ENGINE RATINGS

Action required: to forward the attached ICS press release to your national trade press and, as appropriate, your administration and member companies.

Simon Bennett
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ISF LAUNCHES NEW ON BOARD TRAINING BOOK FOR ENGINE RATINGS

In order to take account of the 2010 amendments to the IMO STCW Convention, which came into force in January 2012, and which for the first time will make it mandatory for trainee engine ratings to provide evidence of structured on board training, ISF has updated its widely used On Board Training Record Book for Engine Ratings.

This is the second in a series of newly updated training record books, closely following the publication of a revised On Board Training Record Book for Deck Ratings.

The revised ISF Book contains structured on board training tasks formulated around the competence standards stipulated by STCW 2010, including those adopted by IMO for the new grade of 'Able Seafarer Engine'. Most Flag States are in due course expected to require many existing engine ratings to be certificated as Able Seafarer Engine as part of their minimum safe manning requirements.

As the principal international employers' organisation for ship operators, representing national shipowners' associations from 30 countries and about 80% of the world merchant fleet, ISF wishes to ensure that rating trainees make the best use of their seagoing service.

ISF Secretary General, **Peter Hinchliffe** explained:

"The competence of marine engineers, whether ratings or officers, is critical to safety and environmental protection. The updated ISF Book enables trainees and their companies to monitor, record and evaluate their on board training in a structured manner in accordance with the new STCW Convention requirements."

The On Board Training Record Book for Engine Ratings can be purchased from maritime booksellers, or direct from Marisec Publications for UK £25 (including airmail postage) or for £18 when five or more copies are ordered. To place an order, please follow this link:

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