



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

from the president

Dear GCSTG Members and Friends,

The 2015 hurricane season has started, the speaker Mr. Troy Frame (Chief Meteorologist) gave the outlook for this upcoming hurricane season in the our May meeting, which is predicted to be below average. But we still need to have our emergency plans in place with our workers and our families for this season.

Our second speaker was Nic McCormic. He discussed Quality 101 management system and the opportunities and challenges that company have.

In our July meeting our speakers will be Michael Hebert CBP Morgan City. US Customs and Border Protection, Randall Abadie of Shell who is Chairman of the US GoM Diving Safety Work Group, giving a update on the work of this Workgroup and Albert Skiba with OPITO.

As we approach the summer months one cannot help to notice that the two hottest months of the year are here. Temperatures range from low 90 degrees to highs near 100 or more degrees with humidity just as high. Please make sure you have plans in place to protect our employees and training is given on heat injuries and emphasis on proper hydration, also take this information home and addressed this with your family too.

Also with the ongoing changes in our oil and gas world, with every one keeping the cost in check, we need to stay focus on the HSE values of our personnel.

See you at the July meeting.

Pete Goodman, CHST
GCSTG President
HSE Manager
Blackwater Diving

notice of meeting

When: **Friday, July 10, 2015**

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$30 for members & sponsored guests
\$40 for non-members and members not sending an RSVP
(We accept pre-paid meeting fee cards, cash or checks. We are NOT set up for credit cards.)

RSVP Required by Thursday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m.
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@bellsouth.net

meeting agenda

- 07:30 - 08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 08:00 - 08:30 Welcome & Self Introductions
- 08:30 - 09:00 Committee Reports
- 09:00 - 09:15 Networking / Break
- 09:15 - 10:00 **Topic 1: "US Customs & Border Protection regulatory requirements on the OCS"**
Speaker: Michael J. Hebert Jr., M.S.
Company: Port Director, CBP Morgan City Trade Enforcement Coordinator, Petroleum CEE
- 10:00 - 10:15 Networking / Break
- 10:15 - 11:00 **Topic 2: "US GoM Diving Safety Work Group Status Report"**
Speaker: Randal Abadie, P.E. F. ASCE
Company: Shell Oil
- 11:00 - 11:15 Networking / Break
- 11:15 - 11:45 **Topic 3: "OPITO Update Report"**
Speaker: Albert Skiba,
Vice President Gulf of Mexico
Company: OPITO
- 11:45 - Until **Round Table Discussion** (Members seek solutions to safety concerns and share experience)
Door Prize Drawing
Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

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meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2015 at 8:00 am by Pete Goodman, President. Pete reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The pledge of allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence. Everyone introduced themselves.

Pete reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed.

Safe Gulf, Jim Gunter

The new curricula was reviewed and approved on April 30th and is in line with Safe Land; Chairperson proposed having an Operator task force; by-laws/guidelines were last updated in 2003; meeting minutes are available on safeulfweb.com.

Science Fair 2015, Leonard Nederveld

Lafayette winners will join us for the July meeting.

1st Guest Speaker – Nic McCormic – (GCSTG Quality Committee Chairman) with DUTY Management System will present “Quality 101”

Pete Goodman introduced the first guest speaker, Nic McCormic, GCSTG Quality Chairman with DUTY Management Systems to present “Quality 101.”

- Quality is part of everyone’s job
- Quality characteristics – degree of excellence; fit for purpose; free of defects; conformance.
- Quality is not final inspection, correct issues along the way; no inspection changes quality of a product.
- What does the customer want, what do they expect, and what do they get.
- Customer satisfaction is the ultimate goal.
- Quality applies to everything.
- What does quality cost? There are obvious and less obvious issues that affect quality.
- Business must understand what quality is for them and where are they going. They must plan forward. They need to understand purpose (consistency, training, sustain system with leadership, etc.).
- Dr. Deming Company
 - o Quality can lead to lower cost
 - o Inspection is too late
 - o Most defects are caused by the system
 - o Most variation is caused by the systems that judge, punish . . . destroy teamwork
 - o Profits are generated by loyal customers
- Dr. Juran from the Juran Trilogy
 - o Quality Planning
 - o Quality Control
 - o Quality Improvement – Improvement processes can improve production
 - o 100% customer satisfaction – Everyone here has a customer and if he doesn’t know who it is and what constitutes the needs of the customer, and work in the cycle of adjustment to customers’ needs and what he can produce, then he does not understand his job.
- Voice of customer (VOC) can be external or internal
 - o Internal – employees of other divisions (benefits, voice, training, mentoring, ownership, stakeholder involvement, communications/feedback, audits, measure feedback from employees, survey training, feedback helps you to know what you can improve, manage change).

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- What is a Quality Professional -> Anyone with a passion, zeal & discipline for:
 - Doing the right things at the right times . . . for the right reasons;
 - Empowering others through training, communication, tools, & mentorship;
 - Focused on improving systems, processes, & performance as a result of VOC
- How can you make a difference:
 - Recognize the need;
 - Be an agent of change
 - Make improvements
 - How can Quality be achieved -> Quality Management (Quality control, Quality Improvement, & Quality Assurance); subject to continual improvement.
- Quality 202 -> Corrective Action Reporting

Q&A

- How will quality affect profit -> Training, equipment, maintenance for equipment & people, wellness programs.
- There's a new ISO Standard coming out in September 2015, Top Management to Leadership. Instead of one manager/person being responsible, all are responsible. Risk based quality & safety added in the new standard.
- Quality is being merged with safety, they each affect the other and improve the overall processes. New standard will hold managers accountable.

Round Table, Pete Goodman

Pete Goodman opened the floor for the Round Table Discussion. The Round Table discussion is for members seeking solutions to safety concerns and share experiences.

Topic:

- Strong disagreement with Safegulf having an Operator Task Force that will exclude contractors.
- Driver tracker system needed
- Shell is expecting their contractors to complete RAVS in ISN at 100% unless an exemption is agreed upon.
- ISN RAVS Plus is something new being introduced and has additional questions for contractors to answer.
- RAVS Plus seems to be a system for auditing contractors.
- ISN has a section for Quality also.
- Audits should be face to face, not through computers.
- ISN also keeps track of contractor insurance certificates.

2nd Guest Speakers – Troy Frame, Chief Meteorologist, with Alert Weather will present “2015 Hurricane Season”

Pete Goodman introduced the next guest speaker, Troy Frame, with Alert Weather to present “2015 Hurricane Season.”

- Review of 2015 storm names chosen

- Hurricanes can be category 1 through 5
- Some expected influences:
 - El Nino or not
 - State of Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation
 - Atlantic temperatures and circulations (jet streams)
 - Dry conditions -> dust over the ocean
 - Tropical upper tropospheric lose (Tutt lows)
- Latest from NOAA -> El Nino conditions are present
- Average SST Anomalies
- Sub-surface Anomalies in the Pacific
- 1997-98 El Nino was one of the strongest this century, upper level shield curtailed hurricane season
- GOM -> 1957 Audrey, 1965 Betsy, 1992 Andrew -> all during El Nino events (they can develop in GOM)
- Some detection of cooler waters in Atlantic Ocean
- If temperatures are below normal across the ocean, then tropical activity will have a hard time forming
- 5, 10 & 15 thousand feet up of Saharan dust off the coast of Africa will make it hard to develop into tropical storms
- Dr. Klotzbach and Dr. Gray forecast of 4/9/15:
 - 7 named storms (11-12 average)
 - 3 hurricanes (6-7 average)
 - 1 major
 - Tropical cyclone activity at 45% of normal
- Sub-tropical storms are now being named instead of given numbers
- Tropical cyclones usually peak in September, sometimes in October, until cool fronts start
- August & September -> tropical waves usually start off coast of Africa
- October -> has less activity in GOM
- October to November -> NW Caribbean is not a good time for cruises
- Loop current in GOM affects deepwater drilling activities. Loop current usually has warmer water which can strengthen hurricanes
- Sub-tropical storm Anna is not expected to strengthen, will probably be inland in a couple of days, dry air is coming into the system from the north side
- For more information on current tropical systems:

www.alertweather.com

Email -> forecaster@alertweather.com

Q&A

- Why are there differences in storm models?
 - Because some are global, some local, and biases in different models
- Which Models are best?
 - American GFS models usually do well
 - European model does well also
- The frequency & intensity are usually both affected by El Nino

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R.S.V.P.

In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.

**Email your RSVP
by Thursday, July 9th, to:
genebarf@bellsouth.net**

Please include in your email:

The date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).

membership report

Category	Count
Air Service Companies	1
Associations	1
Contractor Production Operators	12
Diving Service Companies	2
Drilling Companies	14
Drug Testing Companies	2
Environmental Services	1
Governmental Services	42
Independent Safety Consultants	19
Industrial Medical Services	13
Insurance Companies	1
Marine Service Companies	3
Oil/Gas Production Companies	60
Safety Equipment Suppliers	1
Safety/Training Services Companies	23
Service Companies	89
Support Services	3
Universities-Safety Training	2
Total	289

2015 meeting schedule

Friday, July 10, 2015General Membership Meeting
 Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.....General Membership Meeting
 Friday, Nov. 13, 2015.....General Membership Meeting

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

	May, 2015
General Fund	\$22,681.32
Scholarship Fund	\$ 8,497.37
Savings Account	\$82,073.32
TOTAL	\$113,252.01

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- Underlying causes of El Nino & La Nino conditions:
 - o Water conditions
 - o Wind shears
 - o Natural ocean circulations (will happen every so many years, still studying)
- Trends/Patterns/Cycles -> what is natural and what is politicians screaming human behaviors and emissions
- How long have we tracked hurricanes, are they changing? 1880s early ship reports, land observations; 2005 went through all the storm names; 1930s went through a similar season; have not observed differences since the start of tracking
- Loop currents this year? Varies, oscillates, temperatures vary, they are always with us

Door Prizes

Door prizes were drawn and distributed and the meeting closed at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is Friday, July 10, 2015 at the Lafayette Petroleum Club.

quality committee

We have recently had GCSTG members interested in forming a new Quality Committee. Anyone interested in joining the GCSTG Quality Committee please contact Nic McCormic at nic@dutymms.com.

Welcome New Members

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