

2015 COLLECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

QACE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT - ANNEX C

1 / Trend analysis of audit findings and additional actions.

ACB audit non-compliances and observations (findings) have been recorded over more than three years for each RO. QACE, through its own analysis has found a three-year analysis of the findings to be highly effective in the identification of RO performance trends, areas for improvement, required corrective actions and possible audit focus issues. QACE recommends that the process is implemented by the ACBs and ROs.

2 / Reporting by Surveyors of Deficiencies relating to Possible Safety Management System Failures (PR17)

QACE has found that the effectiveness of the process to be variable implemented by the ROs. Where the RO's surveyors have been clearly instructed and encouraged to report instances during periodical or statutory surveys when it is possible the ship is operating a less than effective maintenance programme they are to be reported. Where appropriate, follow-up surveys and further actions can be required. Where required actions are not implemented, class suspension is the appropriate action.

3 / Fleet Monitoring effectiveness

To ensure the early identification of potentially sub-standard ships, particularly where the RO is managing a large fleet, QACE views the effectiveness of the RO's fleet monitoring processes as critical to success. There is evidence to suggest that effective implementations of recommendations 2 and 3 can positively affect RO PSC statistics.

4 / Audit preparation – (Surveyor Activity Monitoring)

Surveyor Activity Monitoring (AM) has again been highlighted through a number of audit findings across a number of the ROs. The requirement of PR6 Section 5 for evaluation of the results of AM to identify improvements cannot be demonstrated by many of the ROs.

Effective implementation can be achieved through a system for recording locally and analysing centrally common errors. Additional training and service improvements are looked for outputs. QACE would encourage the ROs to re-evaluate their process and ACBs to determine the effectiveness of corrective actions where findings have been raised in the past.

5 / New Construction process auditing.

Based on the complexity, time span and project nature of the new construction process QACE sees new construction auditing as an area for further development.

QACE has seen a number of benefits from combining NB VCA's with the plan approval. Follow-up of the project's survey, classification and certification could very usefully be included at the HO audit.

QACE has some concern that the current VCA audit duration is insufficient, particularly when travel to the yard and lengthy safety briefings detract from the time observing surveys aboard.