

PSC: 1st HALF 2012 –Trends so far & Looking Ahead

You have recently been informed about our move into the White List now being official from the Paris MoU. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we now look back on the first half of 2012, but also with somewhat apprehension that we reaffirm our aspirations for the second half –

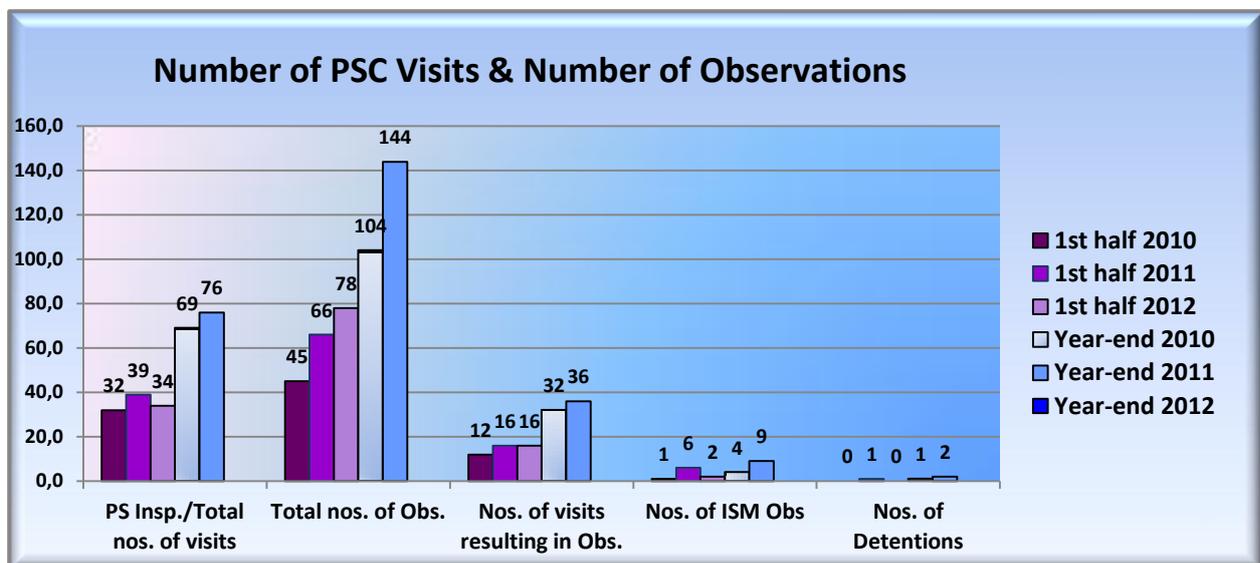
- Pleasure because the first 6 months have *further improved our records*, and
- Apprehension because we know that *one of the challenges* ahead will be the forthcoming Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on fire-fighting conditions.

As seen in the below figure, the first 6 months have seen altogether 34 inspections on Faroese ships. The equivalent number in 2011 was 39. This indicates a slight decrease in number of inspections.

Of the 34 inspections, however, 16 have been concluded with one or more observations, i.e. 47.1% of all visits are concluded with one or more observations. The total number of observations is 78. You should note the tendency as seen in the quarterly report, i.e.:

- in number of inspections we have 5 less than for the first half of 2011, while
- in number of observations we now have 12 more than during the first 6 months of 2011 (78 vs. 66).

As very cautiously indicated in the 1st quarterly review, we still see an hint that vessels trading in the Baltic and Poland seem to be submitted to somewhat more particular inspection methods than seen in other areas. Hence, ships trading in this area are well advised **to strengthen their self-inspection methods and record-keeping.**



A little more on the numbers

The average number of observations accrued during each single PSC on board Faroese flagged ships is **2.3** during the first half of 2012. Out of this, the percentage of ISM observations is **2.6**. With reference to Operational Newsletter 02/2012 we take this opportunity to remind all companies of the goals set for 2012:

- **Detentions** **0.0**
- **IMS observations (Code 15150)** **≤ 0.5**
- **Other observations:** **≤ 1.2**

The above implies that in order to reach the goals set for 2012, we shall be aiming for:

- More inspections with **0** observations
- **0** ISM observations in the 2nd half, and
- **0** Detentions

Briefly on the underlying material

Studying the underlying material, a rough categorization of the observations may be along the following lines:

- Related to documentation	:	15	
- Related to Navigation	:	14 *)	
- Environment-related	:	11	
- Related to Fire-fighting Equipment	:	5	} 17
- Related to Life-saving Appliances	:	5	
- <i>Other</i> safety-related	:	7	
- Access: Pilot latter, emb. arr. survival craft, etc. :		6	
- Various (incl. maintenance)	:	15	

*) Of the 14 observations related to navigation, 5 were pertaining directly to equipment (“not as required”).

Looking ahead

We shall once more remind owners, managers and ships of the mentioned Concentrated Inspection Campaign with focus on ***fire-fighting equipment, checks, maintenance*** and ***record-keeping*** of same. The campaign starts early September.

In preparation of the forthcoming campaign, we shall take this opportunity to re-emphasize the onboard readiness and preparedness, which can only be maintained by

- Regular and focused self inspections,
- followed by adequate and timely follow-up work,
- performed by qualified and dedicated personnel,

Also, you are kindly referred to our Operational Circular No. **02/2011** as well as No. **10/2012**, along with their respective checklists.

With the joint efforts of ships and shore-based organisations, we believe that our common goal for 2012 is within reach:

Upward mobility amongst the white listed flags.

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