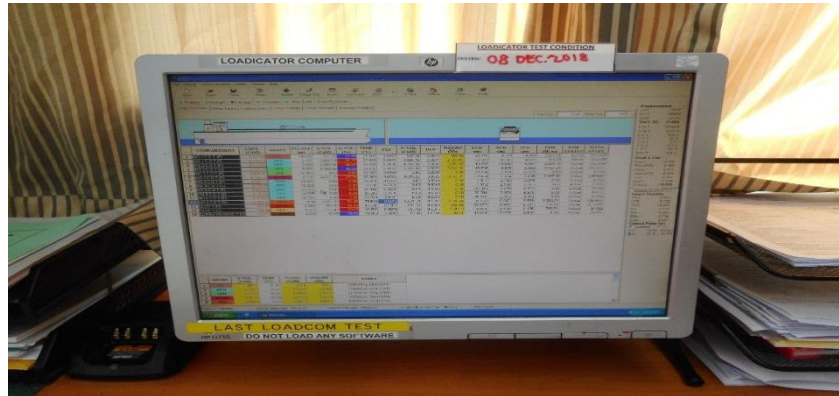




Tip of the Month – Preventing Risk



CASE STUDY #48 P@S H.EL.M.E.T. Marine Risk Assessment

H.EL.M.E.T. ELEMENT: Element 2, Item 18 'Critical Equipment'

FINDING: During the H.EL.M.E.T. Company's assessment, it was evidenced that the Chief Officer was not authorized to operate critical equipment such as the ship's loading computer

REF. ISM Code 7, 10 & TMSA 4A.3.1

IS THIS IMPORTANT? AT FIRST SIGHT THE SUBJECT FINDING COULD BE CATEGORISED AS A MINOR NON-CONFORMITY, ATTRIBUTED TO COMPANY'S OMISSION OR CLERICAL ERROR. THE FACT THOUGH THAT SUCH AN OMISSION WAS NOT IDENTIFIED DURING THE LAST TWO INTERNAL AUDITS, PROVES THAT THE COMPANY'S PROCEDURES RELATING TO CRITICAL EQUIPMENT HAD NOT BEEN AUDITED THOROUGHLY AND IN DETAIL.

SUGGESTION: COMPANY PROCEDURES RELATING TO CRITICAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE REVISITED TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL WORKFLOWS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT INTERNAL AUDITORS AND RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS ENSURE AWARENESS ON THE COMPANY'S SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEED WITH NECESSARY AMENDMENTS. A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SHOULD BE INITIATED A.S.A.P.

Making Prevention A HABIT!