

Seafarer Welfare - Critical from every Perspective



Owner's Influence on Seafarers' Welfare

Professional well being Welfare on board Personal Health Mental Well being Investing in Training Reinforcing the Ship Shore Relationship Going over and above....



Professional Well Being

Vessel design

- Ergonomics
- Bridge and E/R Layout based on Seafarer feedback
- Standardizing Equipment across the Fleet

Maintenance to highest standards

Supporting ships staff in vessels maintenance thereby promoting professional pride

Professional Guidance

 Providing support by special teams ashore in dealing with sensitive areas of ship operation

Simplified SMS Procedures

End User views taken into account



Welfare On Board

- Providing amenities including:
 - Board games
 - Gym and body work-out equipment
 - Home theaters (movies, etc.)
 - Musical instruments
 - Entertainment equipment (karaoke, etc.)
 - Video games
 - Sport games (ping pong, darts, etc.)
- Free internet access
- Welfare awards (Safety Performance, Safety Competition Sharing Best Practices Onboard)
- Adequate Shore Leave opportunities
 - Free launch service



Personal Health

- Catering Contracts with specialist ship supply companies
 - Ensuring food meets cultural and nutritional requirements
- Extended Pre-employment medical examinations
 - Helps identify any unknown issues
- Issuing Periodical Health Bulletins
 - Promoting a Healthy lifestyle
- Medical Advisory Services
 - Providing specialist help from ashore



Mental Well Being

- Number of Cases of Depression and Suicides increasing
- More connectivity with shore
- Providing Seafarers help and support 24h/7d ISWAN
- Speaking to someone from outside the organization in your native tongue
- Care and counselling
- Psychometric testing for Personal Development
- Enabling Ship staff to understand symptoms of Depression
- Issuing Depression recognition Guidelines
- Discussion during Conferences and Pre-joining Briefing
- Promote Constant awareness

Focus should be on getting the crew to sit down and talk between themselves!!



Investing in Training

- Investing in Crew Conferences to provide training in:
 - Team cohesion
 - Entertainment through games and social events
 - Rewards
- Conducting targeted seminars on Soft Skills, to improve:
 - Leadership in a cross-cultural environment onboard
 - Communication between ashore and onboard personnel
- Issuing Fleet Letters related to topics such as:
 - Work/ Rest Hours Management Fatigue Management
 - Harassment and Bullying



Training Our Seafarers

- Establishment Learning Management System e-learning courses focused on:
 - Culture Management
 - Stress Management
 - Mentoring at Sea
 - Task and workload Management
 - Harassment and Bullying
 - Fatigue Management
 - Medical Care
 - MLC 2006 Onboard Responsibilities



Ship-Shore Relationship

- Establishing an "Open Door" Policy
 - Seafarer should feel free to call and talk to the office
 - Internal Confidential reporting system
- Onboard Visits by Office personnel aimed at discussing:
 - Conditions of Work and Rest
 - Crew welfare
 - Safety concerns
 - Getting feedback for improvement
- Seafarers' pre-embarkation briefing focusing on:
 - Working / Rest Hours Fatigue Management
 - Collective Bargain Agreements
 - Company's welfare provisions and other benefits
 - Drug and Alcohol policy
 - Onboard Complaint Procedure



Over and Above ...

- SCORPIO Group Life and Healthcare Cover
 - Life Insurance covers seafarers when ashore on leave, compensation paid to family in case of death
 - Health Insurance covers <u>Officers</u>, <u>Crew</u> and their <u>Dependents</u>
 - Benefit's Matrix includes:
 - Hospitalization / In-Patient and Out-Patient Benefit
 - Emergency Benefit
 - Medical Assistance while on holidays worldwide
 - Special Treatments
 - Maternity Benefits



Over and Above ...

- Establishment of a Working Group in the office focused on undertaking projects and tasks to improve seafarers' health and well-being
- Participating in Programmes aimed at increasing Safety and well being
 - Shell Maritime Partners in Safety Campaign
 - Hi-Lo project
 - Lloyds Safety Accelerator Project
 - Lovoy Project

