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ABSTRACT

In Malaysia, there are many shipping companies that provide marine offshore support services to the oil platforms for major oil companies especially in the Eastern Coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Offshore Support Vessels (OSVs) or Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) are ships that are specially designed to supply services and materials to offshore oil platforms. In the offshore industry, seafarers are the backbone of the industry which without them the operation will not stroll. Therefore, shipping companies need to do all they can to promote seafarers health care and safe working as best practice procedures as possible. Although in Malaysia, seafarers who want to work onboard any vessel must comply with the international and local law which state that they must proceed with a medical check up and issue with certificate to approve they past the examination and fit to work at sea, but there are some weakness in the system where the certificate has long expired time where it is can be used continuously until expired. Therefore, the seafarers were not being proven to be fully fit and healthy to work onboard the ship. In the other hand, as we all known that seafaring is a dangerous occupation because of the nature of the work such as bad weather, rough sea and old ship that contribute to ship collision, capsizing and sinking where every year numerous fatalities of seafarers have been recorded. During their time working onboard the ship, seafarers are also exposed to various noxious agents such as noise and vibration, exhaust gases, toxic or dangerous cargo and other air pollution. Since the ships are their home and workplace, the exposure to sea and air environments and noxious agents can be continuous for months as long as the crews are onboard the vessels. Therefore this research study to aim to evaluate the effectiveness of seafarer health care that have been done onboard the OSVs either by the seafarers themselves or the officers in charge onboard the vessel nor the company that employ them and to identify the common health problems among OSVs crews. Thus, from the result some recommendation can be made to improve and enhance the health care onboard OSVs.

Kajian Terhadap Penjagaan Kesihatan Untuk Pelaut Di Atas Kapal Sokongan Pesisir Pantai

ABSTRAK

Di Malaysia, terdapat banyak syarikat perkapalan yang menyediakan perkhidmatan sokongan marin untuk pelantar-pelantar minyak yang dimiliki oleh syarikat minyak terbesar yang beroperasi di Malaysia terutamanya di Pantai Barat Semenanjung Malaysia. Kapal Sokongan Pesisir Pantai (OSVs) atau kapal Sokongan Platform (PSVs) adalah kapal yang direka dan dibina khas untuk menjalankan operasi penghantaran bekalan dan peralatan marin ke pelantar minyak. Di dalam industri perkhidmatan sokongan marin ini, pelaut atau krew yang bekerja di atas kapal-kapal sokongan pesisir pantai adalah tunggak utama industri ini di mana tanpa mereka, operasi tidak dapat dijalankan dengan sempurna. Oleh yang demikian, syarikat-syarikat perkapalan hendaklah melakukan yang terbaik dan sedaya-upaya mereka untuk memastikan penjagaan kesihatan ke atas pelaut-pelaut di bawah kendalian mereka berada dalam keadaan terbaik. Di Malaysia, pelaut yang ingin bekerja di atas kapal sokongan pesisir pantai mesti memperoleh sijil pemeriksaan kesihatan yang diperakui oleh pihak berkuasa untuk mengistiharkan mereka sihat untuk bekerja di laut. Namun demikian, terdapat beberapa kelemahan pada sistem pemeriksaan kesihatan masa ini untuk pelaut di Malaysia, contohnya sijil kesihatan yang dikeluarkan mempunyai tempoh sah yang panjang dimana ia boleh digunakan berulang-ulang kali sebelum tamat tempoh sah sijil tersebut. Oleh yang demikian, pelaut yang memiliki sijil ini tidak dapat disahkan sihat dan sesuai atau tidak untuk bekerja di atas kapal. Kita sedia maklum yang perkerjaan sebagai seorang pelaut adalah sesuatu perkerjaan yang merbahaya dan berisiko tinggi kerana berhadapan dengan keadaan merbahaya seperti ribut di laut, ombak bergelora dan kapal yang usang yang meningkatkan risiko untuk karam, terbakar dan perlanggaran dengan kapal lain. Setiap tahun, terdapat banyak laporan tentang kecederaan dan kematian pelaut semasa bekerja di atas kapal. Selain daripada itu, semasa berada di atas kapal, pelaut juga terdedah kepada pelbagai bahan-bahan merbahaya seperti bunyi yang bising, gegaran, asap dan gas bertoksik serta pencemaran udara yang lain. Oleh kerana kapal adalah tempat mereka bekerja dan juga tempat tinggal mereka, pendedahan terhadap bahan-bahan merbahaya ini boleh berterusan selama mana mereka tinggal di atas kapal tersebut. Oleh yang demikian, kajian ini dijalankan bertujuan untuk menilai tahap penjagaan kesihatan terhadap para pelaut yang dilakukan di atas kapal sokongan pesisir pantai sama ada oleh pelaut itu sendiri atau

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