

Improving hazard awareness



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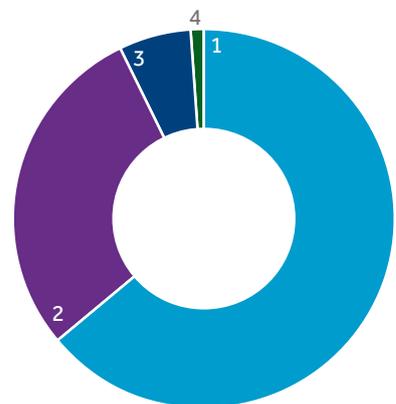
The winners of the Standard Club and the International Chamber of Shipping 'Spot the Hazard' competition were announced on the competition website (www.hazard-competition.com) in December 2015. We consider this competition a successful example of how large maritime organisations can interact with seafarers to advance the cause of safety at sea and we would like to thank each seafarer who took the time to enter the competition.

The results

In total, the competition attracted participation from 590 seafarers, representing 78 companies and who collectively submitted 1,300 posters. The most popular poster submitted was the 'Safety in Galley'. It was also the poster with the highest scores achieved, with over 90% of entrants achieving either a score of nine or the maximum 10, despite the fact that only 6% of entrants were from the catering department. Although the majority of entrants were from the deck (64%), only 12% of entrants scored top marks on this poster. In contrast, the engine room had 50% of its respondents achieving the maximum score even though only 29% of responses were from the engineering department. This supports our perception that most seafarers have some cross-departmental knowledge and are aware of the important hazards.

Of all the hazards within the five posters, the hazard that was most often mistaken or overlooked was a bridge hazard, namely, the 'over-scaled Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) display'. This was not particularly surprising and is consistent with our observation that the levels of ECDIS proficiency amongst crew varies. Members should refer to our recent Standard Safety special edition on ECDIS, which is available on our [website](#), for more information.

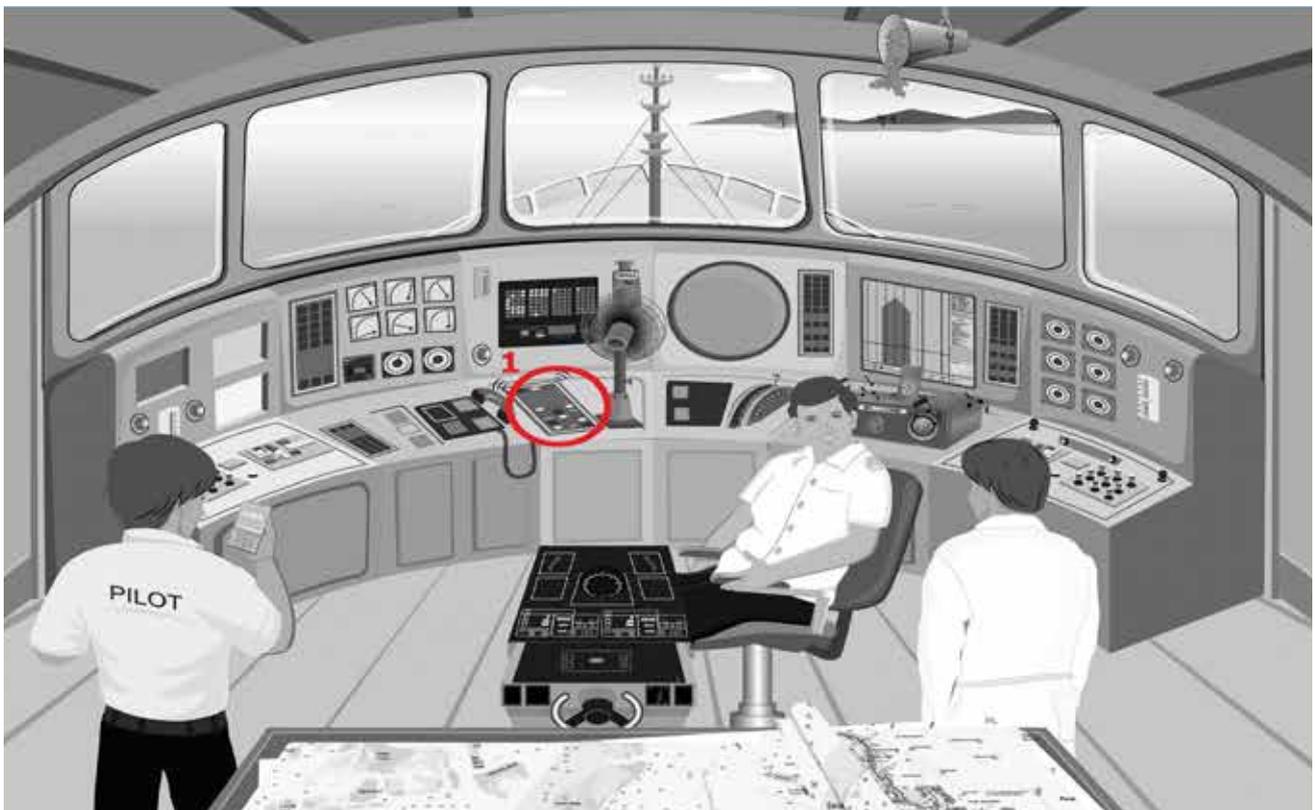
Competition participants by department



1 Deck	64%
2 Engineering	29%
3 Catering / Supply	6%
4 Miscellaneous	1%

The competition required seafarers to identify a series of hazards embedded in five posters which depicted everyday scenes on board a ship. Entrants were also required to come up with a unique idea to improve safety on board.

The Bridge



Engine Room



Galley



The Deck



Terminal

The pictures above each show typical scenes on board ship. Ten hazards have been added to the scenes, for example the one circled on The Bridge. On the standard club [website](#) you will find links to each of the five posters with the hazards highlighted and an explanation of why awareness of each hazard is important for the safety of ship operations.