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OAA presents paper at the 2010 Tanker Safety Conference

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) recently presented a paper at the annual Tanker Safety Conference which was concerned with Human Factors in shipping and examined the extent to which CRM in the maritime environment can learn from aviation.



Adam Cowburn speaking on Human Factors in Shipping.

The focus of the 2 day conference was on the safety and security issues confronting the shipping industry. The programme was designed to bring together a wide group of stakeholders including– charterers, owners, regulators, shipbuilders, finance and insurance companies, class and industry associations – from all over the world, in order to gather intelligence, network and gain practical insights into maintaining and promoting tanker safety and effective emergency response.

OAA has been at the forefront of Crew Resource Management training for the maritime industry since the development of the original Bridge Resource Management (BRM) course. BRM has since been developed into MCRM (Maritime Crew Resource Management) encompassing training for the Bridge and Engine room.

MCRM motivates the bridge and engine room team to adapt behaviour to good resource management practices during everyday operations. This includes understanding the importance of good management and team work and the willingness to change behaviour. The use of common terminology is also emphasized.

The backbone of MCRM classroom training, whether delivered by OAA instructors or licensed by the customer, is its interactive CBT programme devised and regularly upgraded by OAA's award winning media team. OAA has trained over 20,000 maritime crew to date and customers include Chevron shipping with which OAA has recently signed a five year agreement for the training of all crew.

The MCRM family of courses includes BRM, ERM, Initial training, Workshop Leader, Command, Superintendent, Rating, Shore Management, CCM and Offshore.

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