



VESSEL ATTENDANCE & BOARDING PROGRAM SEAMLESS SOLUTION

Our well-seasoned team of technical and maritime professionals includes Master Mariners and former U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) port state control officers who attend your vessel to offer varied levels of technical assistance to meet vessel-specific needs. Our team members are located in convenient, high-volume ports around the US, as well as select locations in Europe and Asia Pacific. The graphic below summarizes the types of technical assistance activities we routinely engage in to support of our clients in facilitating worry-free operations in the US.



USCG Port State Exams

- COC attendance
- Deficiency resolution
- Pre-inspection gap analysis
- PSC exam attendance



TMSA 3 Environmental Performance Audits

- Comprehensive MARPOL
- DOJ & voluntary ECP
- Oil pollution equipment
- Cargo & mooring audits
- Navigation audits



Compliance Verification & Gap Analysis

- Ballast water management
- Bunkering & ECA compliance
- Garbage & sewage treatment
- VGP compliance documentation
- VRP exercise documentation
- Loss prevention



Shipboard Trainings

- EPA vessel general permit
- Hazmat refresher
- H₂S
- OPA 90 & VRP familiarization

To schedule attendance please contact vesselboardings@wittobriens.com

For compliance support contact inquiry@wittobriens.com or call our 24/7 Emergency Command Center

RESULTS THAT MATTER

In the last few years, we have conducted 270+ attendance activities on 170+ vessels for 50+ different firms.

In 25% of the activities conducted, we identified major issues that without our intervention, may have led to control actions, even detentions and costly commercial delays.

In another 10% of attendance activities, we were able to work with the USCG to avoid control actions and costly commercial delays. On 15 occasions, we have assisted in expediting the release of vessels that were detained.

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WITH YOU WHEN IT COUNTS



VESSEL ATTENDANCE CASE STUDIES

Whatever the requirement, ship owners and operators can be assured their needs will be attended to by our knowledgeable maritime professionals who are equipped to minimize commercial delays, losses and detentions. Included are examples of issues that we found recently while conducting vessel audits, boardings and inspections.

Pre-Exam Lifeboat Test

Observation:

A dark spot was located on the strongback between the forward and aft davits. Upon closer examination, a hole was found rotted through the strongback, severely weakening it. The vessel contained flammable cargo, and the USCG would have likely detained the vessel until proper repairs were completed. Repairs could not be made until the vessel was certified gas free, which would have involved paying a tank facility to take the cargo if the hot work was completed while in port – a costly and time consuming endeavour.

Outcome:

The issue was addressed before the COC exam in the next port which prevented an unnecessary delay of the vessel and afforded the company the opportunity to pro-actively address the issue without USCG intervention. It was discovered that this was a common issue for this class of vessel after 12-13 years of service, so we recommended commencement of annual NDT testing after the second scheduled drydock (10 years) to ensure timely repairs for other vessels in this fleet in order to prevent any future delays.

