



PGM HOSTS SHIPBOARD OFFICER CONFERENCE

NEW ORLEANS, LA (January 16, 2026) – Pacific-Gulf Marine recently welcomed its senior shipboard officers, along with ship group managers and assistant port engineers, to downtown New Orleans earlier this month.

The conference focused on “Continuous Improvement”, with sessions designed to encourage open, productive dialogue between shoreside personnel and shipboard teams. A key component included a comprehensive 2025 Management System Review presented by each vessel.

PGM’s Ned Howell delivered an overview of contract updates related to the new Ship Manager (RRF) agreement, while ABS Consulting led a full-day training session on Incident Investigation and Root Cause Analysis. Additional breakout sessions provided NS-E training, and Masthead Maritime’s Capt. George Pereira presented findings from recent internal audits conducted across the fleet.

Additional topics covered during the week included:

- Purchasing procedures and payroll
- Claims administration for shipboard injuries and illnesses
- Human resource management and payroll/accounting
- Ethics awareness
- SASH training

The week also included time to connect and network outside of the conference. On Thursday evening, conference attendees gathered with officers and guests at Lucy’s Retired Surfer Bar & Restaurant.

Based on positive feedback from participants, Pacific-Gulf Marine plans to host another training conference in 2027.