



THE LATEST FROM THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

March 2015

1. **Professional Development Online Symposium** – Registration for the 23rd Annual Joint Safety and Environmental Professional Development Symposium (PDS) has begun. The PDS will be conducted online using Adobe Connect, which is the software used by DCO. There is no cost for attendees so your commands save valuable travel dollars while you and your staff can maximize participation in the high-quality interactive training and information sessions provided throughout the week.

Building on the success of last year's event, this year promises to be bigger and better with the addition of Environmental Protection and Navy Energy topic tracks. These tracks will be ideal for those who are dual- or triple-hatted with safety, environmental, and energy responsibilities.

Access the registration site and download the latest agenda at <https://pdc2015.adobeconnect.com/pdsreg/event/registration.html?campaign-id=e4>. The agenda is subject to change so check occasionally to verify session dates and times.



2. **“Best of the Friday Funnies” in Production** – Fans of the Naval Safety Center’s Summary of Mishaps ALSAFE message are in for a treat: a special issue magazine, featuring the highlights (lowlights?) of the past 13 years. As regular readers know, the Funnies aren’t simply brickbats tossed at unwitting personnel. They are mini-seminars from the college of hard knocks, except you don’t have to suffer any knocks plus you get to (figuratively) stand around, raising your eyebrows and thinking, “What a knucklehead!” The only price is that you have to think about how you would have managed the risks (or inanimate objects) that overwhelmed the people in the stories. To get your copy, send your mailing address to safe-mediafdbk@navy.mil.



3. **High-Risk-Training Mishap Summaries Posted** -- Summaries of training-related mishaps, prepared by the staff of the Naval Safety Center’s high-risk training division, have been posted for all four quarters of FY14. The data cover all types of injuries during training events, with the goal of increasing the awareness of commanders, commanding officers, training safety officers, and safety managers. Drawing attention to the nature of these injuries will help identify prevention strategies. View the quarterly summaries at <http://www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Pages/ashore/TrainingSafetyHR/MishapReports.aspx>.



4. **Naval Historical Center Offers Digital List of Non-Combat Casualties** -- The dense, 60-page catalog is entitled, "Casualties: U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Personnel Killed and Injured in Selected Accidents and Other Incidents Not Directly the Result of Enemy Action." Mishap #1 is the March 18, 1781, loss (with all hands) of the Continental sloop *Saratoga* in a gale off the Bahamas. With more than a dozen major and minor mishaps per page, the list offers limitless opportunities to wonder what lessons were learned (and if they later got unlearned), and what foreseeable risks might have been managed.

The first mention of a mishap-generated precaution appears in an item from 1841, when an explosion during an ordnance experiment at the Washington Navy Yard killed two workers. "For safety purposes," the narrative says, "the laboratory and powder magazine are then moved to separate locations."

There are eye-popping mishaps that most non-historians haven't heard of.

In Pearl Harbor in 1944, "cataclysmic ammunition explosions" destroyed six tank landing ships, three tank landing craft and 17 track landing vehicles, killing 163 personnel. In 1952, 176 crewmembers died when USS *Hobson* broke in half and sank after colliding with USS *Wasp* in the in mid-Atlantic.

Peruse the list at www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/NHC/accidents.htm. It is always worthwhile to take a few minutes to appreciate how far we've come in the world of Navy and Marine Corps safety.



5. **Naval Safety Center social media list updated** – Here's the full list of links for how to stay in touch with our latest products, initiatives and news:

- LinkedIn – https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Naval-Safety-Center-8141567?home=&gid=8141567&trk=anet_ug_hm
- Flickr – <https://www.flickr.com/photos/navalsafetycenter/>
- Pinterest – <http://www.pinterest.com/navsafecenter/>
- Twitter – https://twitter.com/NSC_Updates
- YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/user/NavalSafetyCenter>
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/NavalSafetyCenter?ref=hl>
- *Approach* – <https://www.facebook.com/ApproachMagazineNSC?ref=hl>
- *Decisions* – <https://www.facebook.com/DecisionsMagazineNSC?ref=hl>
- *Sea Compass* – <https://www.facebook.com/SeaCompassMagazineNSC?ref=hl>

Mech – <https://www.facebook.com/MechMagazineNSC?ref=hl>

According to our fans and followers, the most popular content includes the latest installments of the Friday Funnies and the Photo of the Week, along with a new feature, "This Day in Mishap History."

