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5 STEPS TO STAYING INSPECTION-READY



What would it look like if the ship did not prepare for inspections, but lived in a state of readiness, if compliance was not an event, but a culture? ...If, whether it is a SIRE 2.0, Rightship, or PSC, every time a third-party auditor steps on board, the vessel staff and its managers are confident that there cannot be any surprises? This article is not about advice; these are clear, actionable steps that we have designed and implemented on hundreds of vessels worldwide to achieve all of the above.

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WHAT'S NEW WITH NAVGUIDE?

We are very happy to invite our Chief Growth & Strategy Officer, India Operations, **Mr. David Birwadkar**, to the team. [\[Click here\]](#)

Our flagship app **Guide2Inspections**—a 'pocket mentor for every seafarer'—has found its own audience in the community. Several seafarers have come forth to pay for it on their own, using it before promotions or before inspections to prepare their own areas or simply to boost confidence in their work. We recently launched a seafarers' version and are gearing up to launch a nationwide campaign in the Philippines. Details will follow.

60-SECOND INSIGHTS

Policies: *Every officer must have a proper handover. The outgoing officer must stay on till the incoming officer is familiarised.*

Reality: "Captain, you are joining in Singapore. You will have lube oil FW and fuel oil bunkering, shore workshops, a discharge operation, and an Internal audit to take care of. The captain must sign off in four hours to be in time for his flight. Good luck."

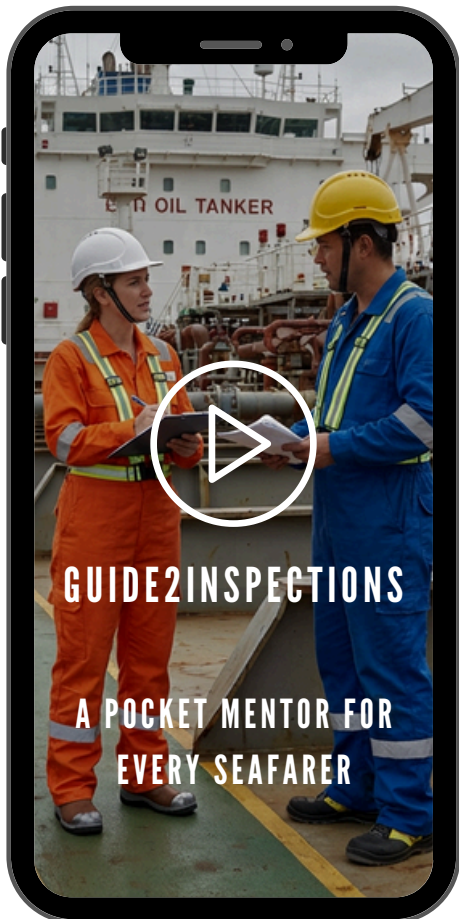
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We have all learnt our jobs from our seniors. How prevalent and effective is this mentorship culture in present-day seafaring?

Still happens on most ships | Rarely happens | Never happens | Happens occasionally



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FROM TICKBOX TO COMPETENCE

by Capt. Debashis Basu

Do what you say, say what you do.

ISM expects managers to build procedures for shipboard operation and continuous improvement.

We, as an industry, have ticked that box. We made procedures. But how?

For decades, instructions meant written content—SMS, PMS, checklists, manuals—dense, text-heavy, often misunderstood or taken lightly.

Guess what: Text never conveyed complete instructions. I can't explain how to tie a knot or which part of a lifeboat floating block will corrode first in text. We **expect** seafarers to just **know it**. Since **we never had complete instructions**, the proficiency gap may be dangerously wide. The senior may not be able to correct before things fall apart. Shore training may be forgotten. Core competency is left to chance.

Think... If an officer is unsure of how to fasten a pilot ladder, it may cost a life.

Can we do something about it? Yes, we did! Our flagship app **Guide2Inspections™** is a pocket mentor for every seafarer. With embedded video guides and a self-inspection roadmap, it makes instructions crystal clear. Imagine a seafarer accessing a short, precise visual guide and then performing the job immediately thereafter.

The result? Safer vessels, sharper crews, and measurable improvement in inspection outcomes—not more training, but by making it finally work.



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