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TRAINING**

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Abstract

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), requires that seafarers be provided with "familiarization training" and "Basic Safety Training" which includes basic fire fighting, elementary first aid, personal survival techniques, and personal safety and social responsibility. This training is intended to ensure that seafarers are aware of the hazards of working on a vessel and can respond appropriately in an emergency.

Accidents at sea and in port happen anytime. It is a well established fact that the seafarer's competence is among the most critical factors in safe and efficient ship operation. Therefore, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted in July 1995 substantial amendments to the International Convention on Standard of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarer's of 1978 (STCW'78). This event is considered as the most important development for improving maritime safety and pollution prevention over a decade.

This study is conducted to know the effectiveness of instructors in teaching the subject course and to determine the mastery and learning of Marine Engineering students of JBLFMU-Molo regarding Basic Safety Training.

To answer the objectives of the study, a descriptive research design was used. The respondents were the 50 marine engineering students and 50 cruise ship management students of the business department enrolled for the second semester of Academic Year 2013-2014.

The proportional sampling method was used to choose the participants of the study. The study utilized the researcher-made questionnaire to gather the needed data for the study. The instrument consisted of two parts. Part I dealt with the personal data of the respondents and Part II dealt with the basic safety training principles which is divided into (a). Elementary First Aid (b). Personal Survival Technique (c) Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (d) Personal Safety and Social Responsibility.

Results of the study revealed that the students of JBLFMU-Molo as a whole group were "very aware" $M=.69$ of the Basic Safety Training-Elementary First Aid. When the Basic Safety Training-Personal Survival Technique were evaluated, the students were "aware" $M=.37$. When the Basic Safety Training-Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting were evaluated, the students were "aware" $M=.55$. With the Basic Safety Training-Personal Safety and Social Responsibility were evaluated, students were "very aware" $M=.82$.

When the students were classified according to the categories of variables age, residence, gender and department, they were "very aware".

Results of the study have led to certain implications for theory and practice in relation to the Awareness of JBLFMU-Molo Students on Basic Safety Training.

Training is a must for sea farers. The learning of new knowledge, skills, attitudes or other characteristics in one environment (the training situation) that can be applied or used in another environment (the performance situation) is really essential to our lives.

In order to make JBLFMU-MOLO Students aware of Basic Safety Training, the following are recommended:

1. Teachers should teach their students with good teaching strategy in order to make their students learn.
2. School Administration should evaluate and assess the effectiveness of their school instructors.
3. Students should assess how aware they are through other studies and answering surveys that scales their learning.
4. Implement this study in other institutions to test learning of their students.