

# Why ISPO Certification? And what are the benefits?

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# Cork Pilots

- 12 Pilots
- Pilotage district of 17NM with six main locations.
- Pilots work an eight day on eight day off rotation
- VTS duties included in the job.



# Whitegate Marine Terminal

Irving Oil Co.



Aframax vessels loaded to 13.25m



# Cobh Cruise Terminal



Vessels up to 360m LOA.



# Ringaskiddy



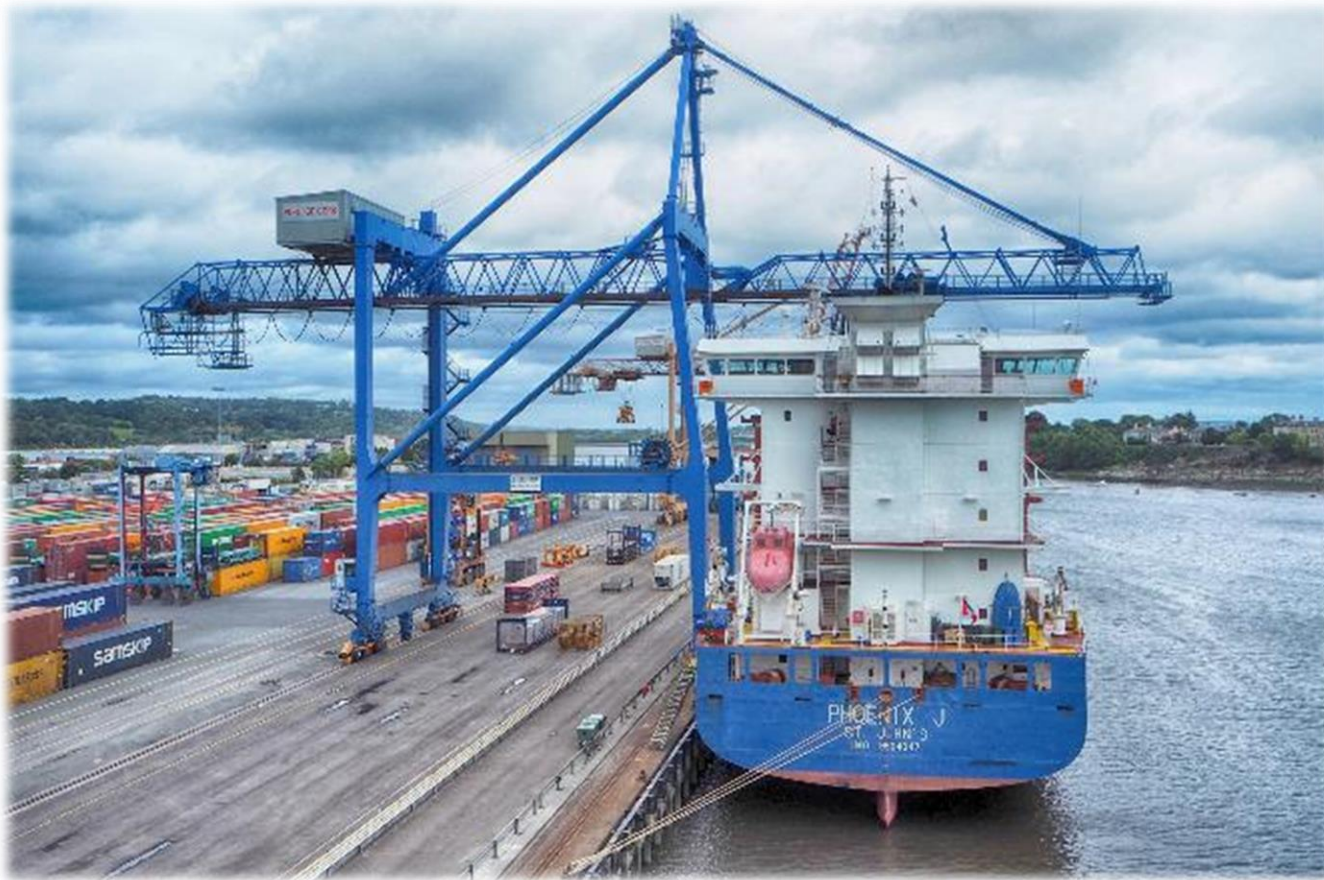
Multi purpose berths



# Cork Dockyard, Passage West & Marino Point



# Tivoli



Container feeder vessels up to 152m, LPG & Chemical berths.



# Cork city quays



Dry bulk vessels up to 155m, and visiting vessels.





# International Port Safety & Environmental Protection Management

## IPSEM

- Developed by Bureau Veritas. Similar to PMSC in UK.
- Useful for small/medium sized ports.
- Being overtaken by ISO's
- Code of practice and certification scheme which is intended to help managers improve port safety and environmental protection.
- Ostensibly ISM for ports.
- Port of Cork certified in 2005.



# IPSEM

- Although contained Pilotage related activities and procedures, it was thought that all aspects of the Pilotage organizations service were not covered.
- Was not as well known as other standards.
- Covers a lot of the ports activities, handling cargo, operation of plant procedures for accepting vessels into the port system.



# ISPO

- Standard written by Pilots for Pilots
- Continues to gain more recognition worldwide
- Demonstrates a Pilotage Authority's commitment to customers satisfaction, i.e. the authority is providing an efficient service to a high standard, and wishes to maintain that standard through reviews, assisted by customer feedback.
- Flexible, enabling tailoring to specific Ports needs and systems.



# Benefits of Certification for Port of Cork

- The Ports customers invariably operating a safety management system of their own, happy to know that the Port they are using is as committed to safety management as they are.
- Operational procedures, and policies (Quality, environmental etc) easily recognisable to customers.
- Personnel find the training procedure, amongst others easier to follow, having things in procedural format. Demonstrated by recent recruitment.
- Membership of IUG, allows for input into the maintenance of the standard.



# Benefits of Certification for Port of Cork

- In the absence of a national standard, ISPO becomes a good, best practice framework for a Port to use.
- Can protect the reputation of the Port.



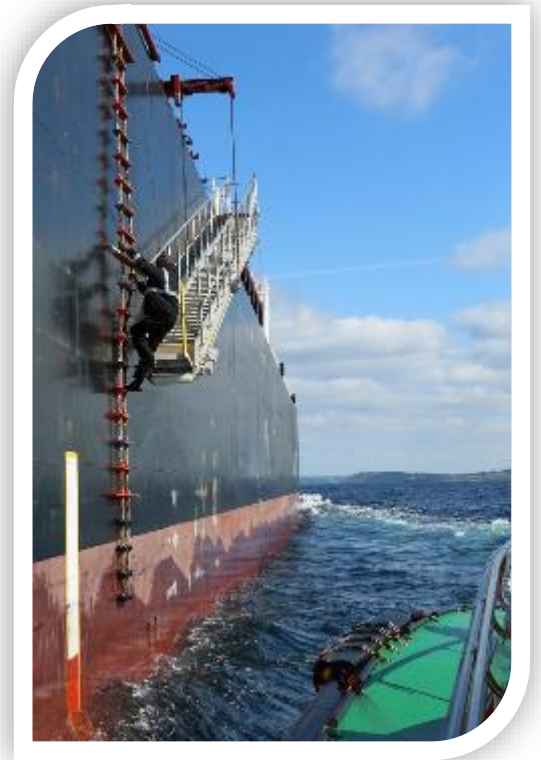
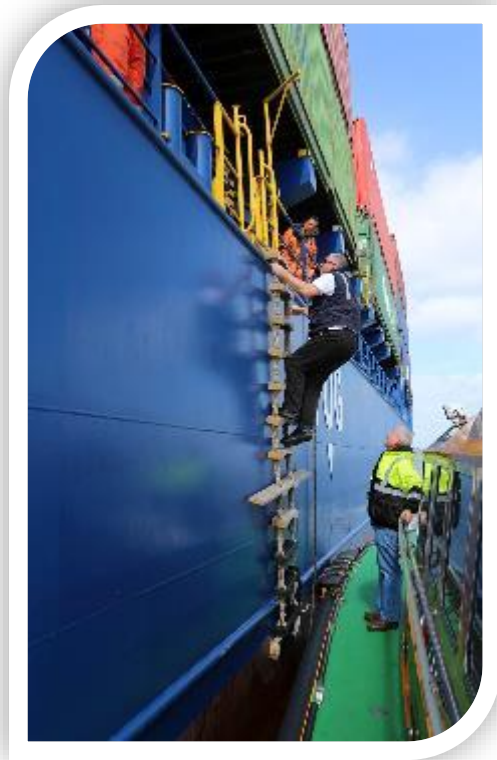
# Safety Management Systems

- Change of personnel.
- Older Pilots – “We’ve always done it this way”.
- Newer Pilots in the job, within the last 15/20 years coming from systems (e.g. ISM) being implemented aboard ships and in shipping companies.
- Everything written down, “Say what we do and do what we say”.

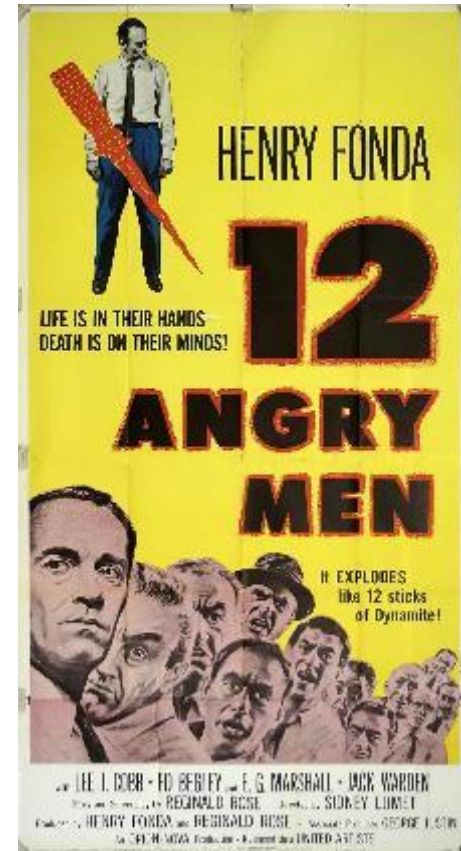


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As mentioned earlier, there are 12 Pilots in the Port of Cork.



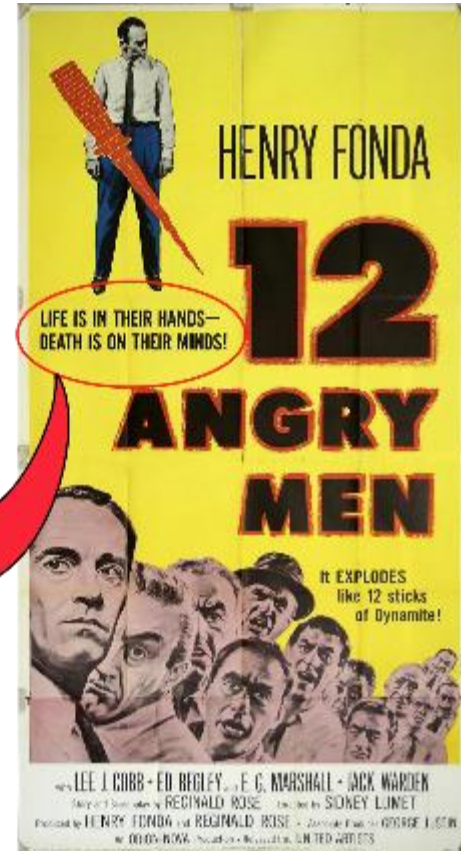
“Affectionately” known as.....





# If Hollywood was involved!

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DEATH IS ON THEIR MINDS!

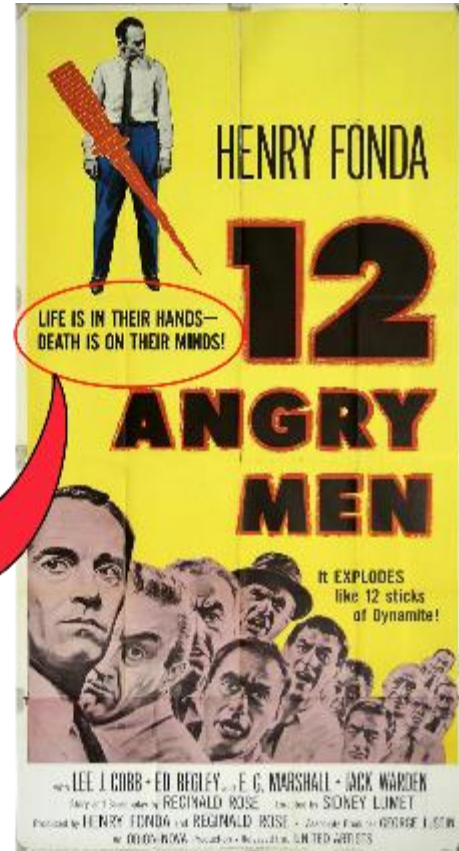


# If Hollywood was involved!

Floating assets  
in their hands

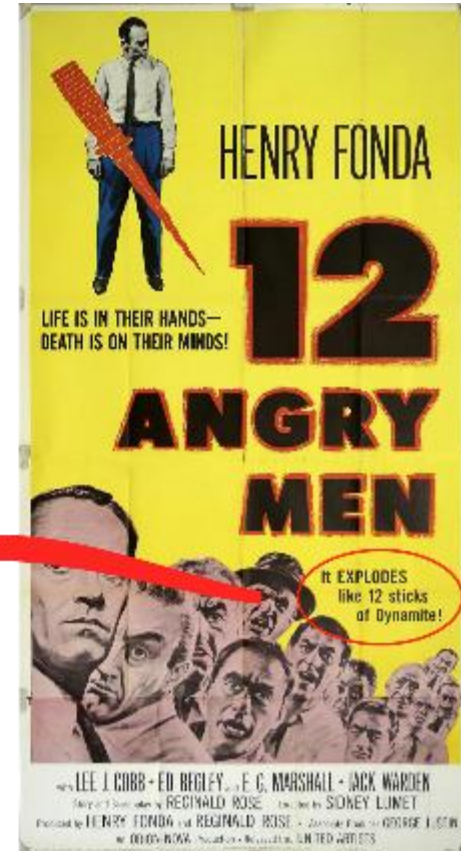
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Safety is on their minds!



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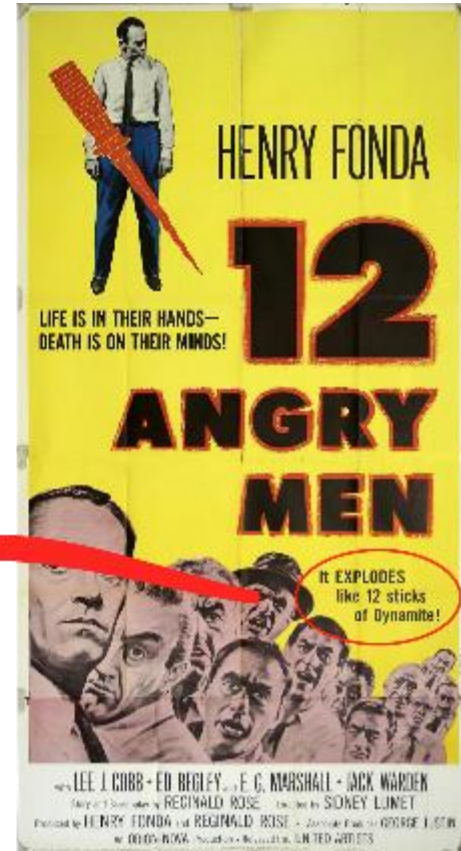
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# If Hollywood was involved!

When wage negotiations don't work out!!

It EXPLODES like 12 sticks of Dynamite!



Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir as do aire.

Thank you all for your attention.

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