

Implementing Ballast Water Regulations: Treatment Systems and Enforcement

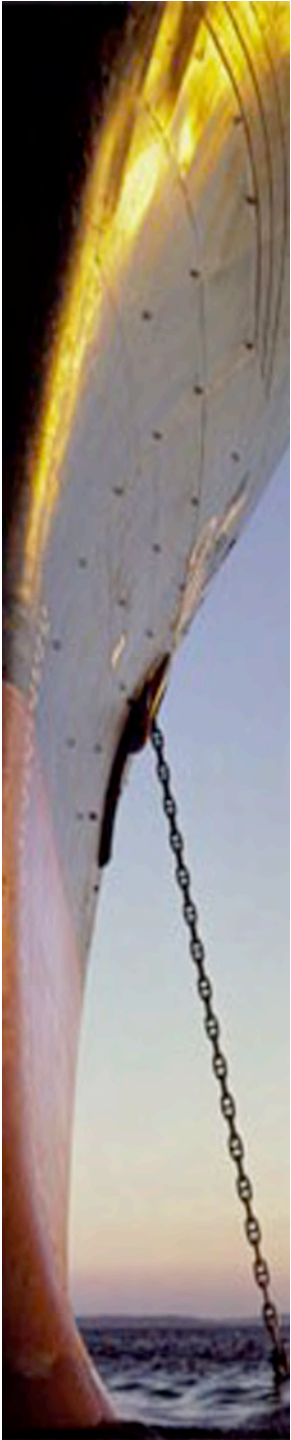
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Keys to Successful Ballast Water Discharge Regulations

- **Limits on concentrations of living organisms**
- **Ability to measure regulations with confidence**
- **Availability of technologies to meet regulations**
- **Willingness of ship owners to install, maintain, and effectively using treatment technologies**
 - **Certification of treatments**
 - **Compliance monitoring**
 - **Enforcement**
 - **Penalties**



Ballast Water Treatment Testing Facilities

- **Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)**



- **Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)**



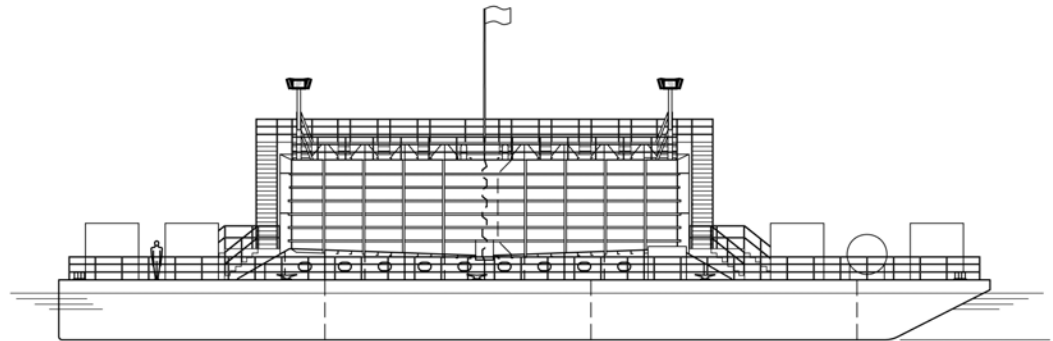
- **Great Ships Initiative (GSI)**

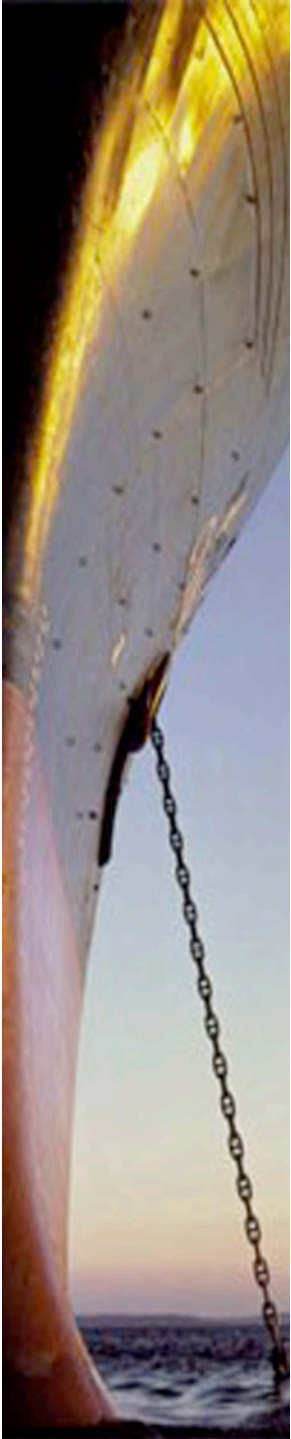


- **Maritime Environmental Resource Center (MERC)**



MERC Testing - Port of Baltimore

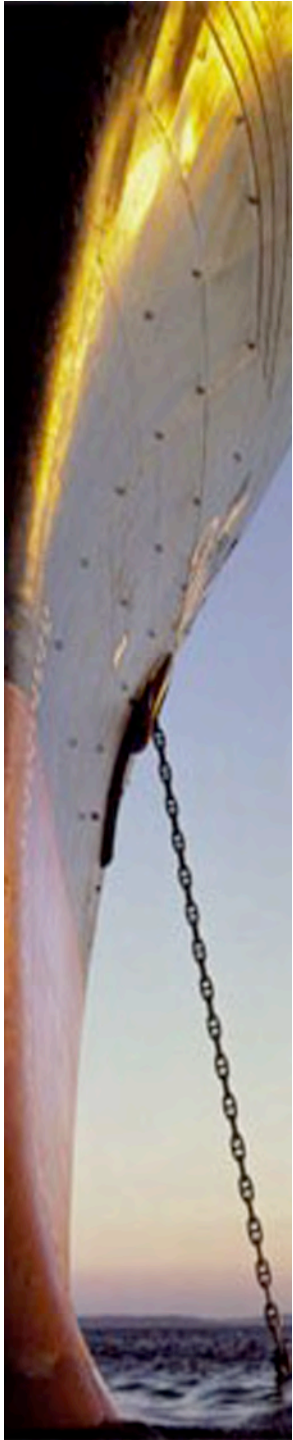




Challenges for Land-Based Evaluations and Shipboard Validations

- Open, standardized and rigorous testing
- Successful = meet standards, no discharge toxicity, no mechanical failures
- Sample volumes and detection limits
- Size class / minimum dimension
- Live organisms 10 – 50 μm in size
- Test challenge conditions
- Phase 1 is possible, Phase 2 is not





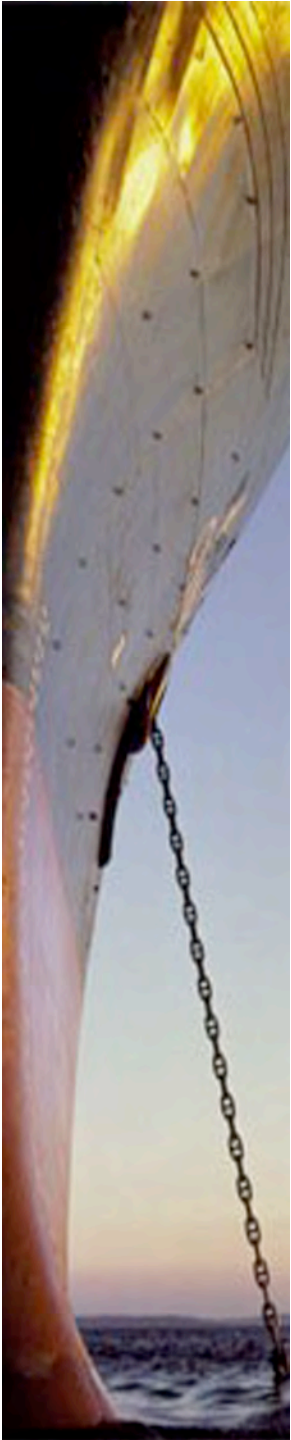
Ballast Water Treatments

- **Mechanical**
 - Filtration
 - Hydrocyclone
- **Chemical (Biocides)**
 - Oxidizing - chlorine, chlorine dioxide, ozone, bromine, hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid
 - Non-oxidizing - gluteraldehyde, menadione, acrolein
- **Physical**
 - Cavitation
 - Deoxygenation
 - Flocculation
 - Heat
 - Ultrasound
 - Ultraviolet Radiation
- **Several Combinations**



Recent Reviews

- **US Coast Guard NPRM**
- **Lloyd's Register (Sept 2008)**
- **California State Land Commission (Oct 2009)**
 - **30 Treatment Systems (9 countries)**
 - **18 combination of 2 or more**
 - **22 chemical (19 oxidizing, 3 non-oxidizing)**
 - **10 have been tested onboard active vessels**



IMO Certified Ballast Water Treatments

Manufacturer	Treatment Name	Treatment Type	Type Approval Certification
Alfa Laval (Sweden)	PureBallast	Filtration + Oxidation	Norway
Hamann Degussa (Germany)	SEDNA System	Hydrocyclone + Filtration + Peracetic Acid (Peraclean)	Germany
Hyde Marine (USA)	Hyde Guardian	Filtration + UV	UK
NEI Treatment Systems (USA)	Venturi Oxygen Stripping	Deoxygenation + Cavitation	Liberia and Marshall Islands
Oceansaver AS (Norway)	OceanSaver BWMS	Filtration + Cavitation + Nitrogen Supersaturation + Chlorination	Norway
OptiMarin (Norway)	OptiMarin Ballast System	Filtration + UV	Norway
Techcross (Korea)	Electro-Cleen	Electrochlorination	Korea

* IMO Basic and Final Approval ≠ Type Approval Certification



Can any current approach meet Phase 2 / 1000x IMO / California Standards?

- **USCG** concluded that no current technologies/treatments can meet Phase 2 (1000x IMO)
- **CSLC states** “...seven systems that have demonstrated the capability of complying with California’s performance standards have at least one testing replicate, at either full-scale land-based or shipboard scale that demonstrates compliance with the standards. Vessel owners/operators should closely scrutinize the available data, however, to ensure that systems will meet California’s standards on a regular basis...”
- **Personal experience...**
- **New innovation needed for Phase 2**



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