

Ocean Innovation 2009 Icebreaker
October 20, 2009 7-9:30 PM
Maritime Museum of British Columbia

28 Bastion Square (<http://www.mmbc.bc.ca/>)

Victoria Shipyards is our Sponsor for this year's event. Network over a drink and appetizers. Participants have full access to all three floors of maritime exhibits in this unique Victoria landmark.



Participants in Oceans Innovation 2009 can RSVP for this free event by updating their profile online <http://www.regonline.ca/Checkin.asp?EventId=733394> or contact plant@camosun.ca.



Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd (VSL), a member of the Washington Marine Group (WVG), strives to be an environmental leader within the ship construction and repair industry. We are committed to continual improvement of our environmental performance, using best practices and working collaboratively with our stakeholders, industry partners and conservation groups.



In December 2006, WVG's Environmental Management System (EMS), which includes Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd., was certified to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001:2004. Regular external surveillance audits check for conformance, and certificate renewal is planned for December 2009.

VSL has also been successfully audited by other external agencies as part of their contractor assessment process, including SNC-Lavalin Inc., the Canadian Submarine Management Group and Public Works and Government Services Canada.

The key aspects of VSL's Environmental Management System (EMS) include:

- Health, Safety and Environmental Policy;
- Identification of environmental hazards, and controls to mitigate potential environmental impact using an Environmental Risk Register;
- Annual environmental objectives and targets tracked through VSL's Environmental Action Plan;
- Ongoing environmental training and awareness;
- Communication on environmental issues of importance;
- Emergency preparedness, prevention and response;
- Monitoring and measurement for success and performance; and,
- Commitment to continual improvement.

In July 2007, Washington Marine Group began an unprecedented 5-year partnership with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada. WVG is the only marine transportation company in Canada (and second marine company globally) to have such a partnership. The ultimate goal of this partnership is ensuring the long-term conservation of Canada's oceans and the environment as a whole. The working partnership focuses on efforts regarding climate change, planning and protected area efforts on B.C.'s North Coast, air and water emissions and waste reduction.