

# Towing Vessel NCOE



**Marine Board Presentation  
14 May 2019**



# Sub M Timeline

- 2004 CG and Maritime Trans Act
- 2009 Bridging Program
- 2011 NPRM
- 2016 Final Rule
- 2017 First TPO Approvals
- 2018 Compliance



# Sub M Highlights

## CG:

- 9 Approved TPOs
- 14 Policy letters / Work Inst(s) issued
- Internal / External Outreach
- Training
- TugSafe / TugSafe App / TugSafe Central

## Industry:

- 200+ SMS Certificates issued
- 3200+ vessels under SMS (estimate)
- 552 vessels certificated / 434 in COI queue
- Daily interaction with CG



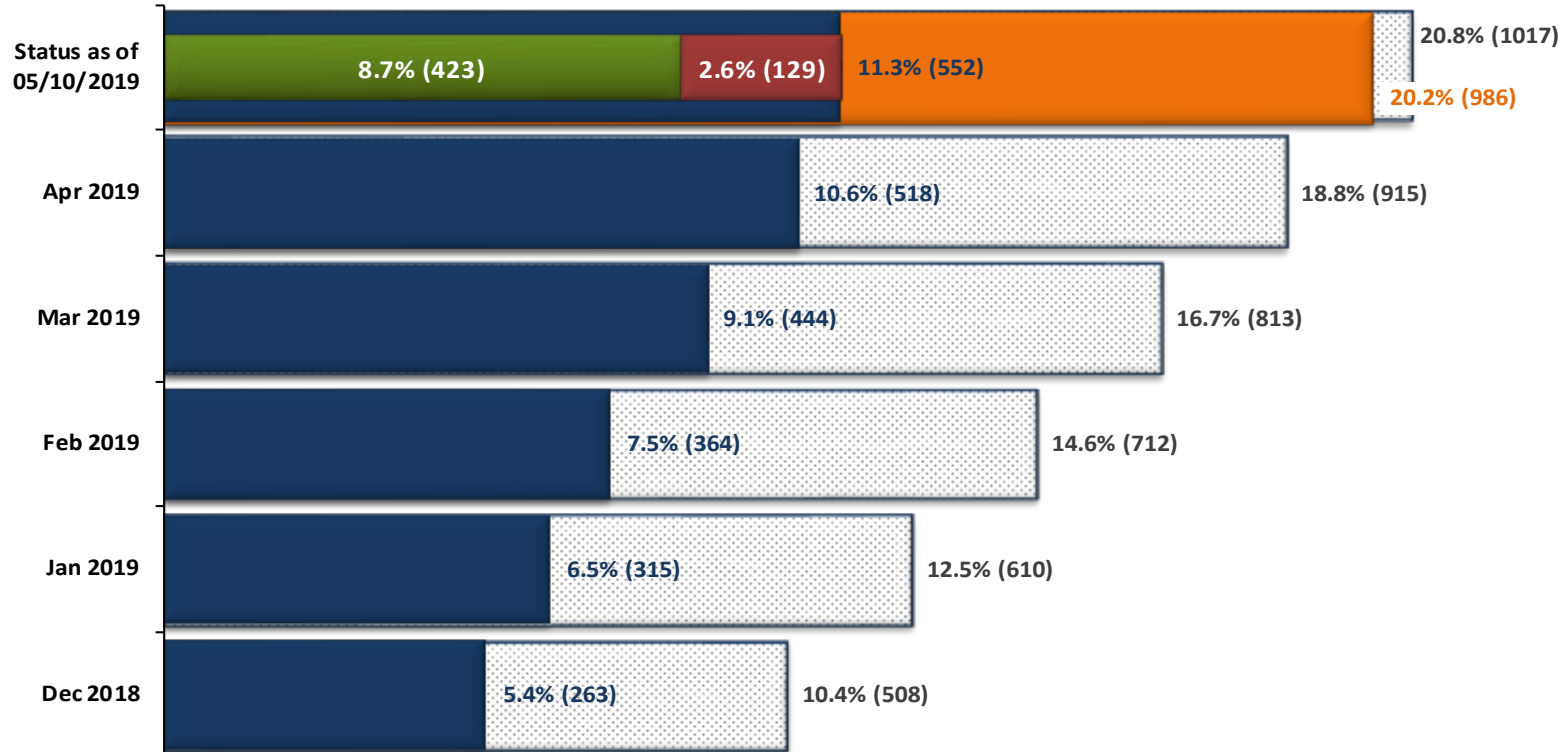
# Sub M Highlights

## Current Status of 4 Year Phase-In and Monthly Accomplishments

5675 Towing Vessels. 552 COIs Issued. COIs In-Process: 434 (215 draft/awaiting review)

TSMS/CG Option Ratio of Issued COIs: 76.6%/23.4%

07/2019 (End of 1st Phase-In Year) goal: 25% (1220 COIs)\*



\* Note: This number accounts for single vessels (795) to be completed in year 2.

■ % Complete (COIs) ■ Total % In-Process and Complete (COIs) ■ Goal % (COIs) ■ % TSMS Option (COIs) ■ % CG Option (COIs)



# Sub M – How are we doing?

- Successes
  - Bridging Program
  - Communications
  - TPOs
  - Safer Vessels
- Ongoing Efforts...
  - Building / sustaining relationships
  - COI Issuance



# TVNCOE List Server

- Email notifications:
  - Web site updates
- Information of interest to CG, industry, and TPOs
- Free service/easy signup

Stay Informed!

A screenshot of the United States Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) website. The page features a header with the Coast Guard logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with links like "TVNCOE HOME", "ABOUT US", "EVENTS", "INSPECTED TOWING VESSELS", "UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSELS", and "VESSEL COMPLIANCE (CG-CVC-1)". The main content area includes a Venn diagram titled "THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATIONS" showing the overlap between TPO, USCG, and Vessel Owner. Below this is a "What We Can Do For You" section with a bulleted list of services, and a "What's New" section with recent updates. A red arrow points from the "Get Updates" button on the sidebar to a larger "Get Updates" button at the bottom of the slide.

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**THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATIONS**  
46 CFR Subchapter M

**What We Can Do For You**

- Gather, organize and provide statistical information.
- Foster dialog between the Coast Guard and industry.
- Research towing vessel issues.
- Help ensure high level of consistency through training and policy guidance.
- Train towing vessel examiners.
- Provide onsite assistance.

**What's New**

The Coast Guard has issued a new policy letter that discusses the certificate of inspection (COI) phase-in period for existing towing vessels using the TSMS option under Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subchapter M.

The Coast Guard has issued a new Marine Safety Alert that addresses fuel spray fire prevention, risks and consequences onboard commercial vessels.

The Coast Guard has issued a new policy letter that discusses the use of existing safety management systems to obtain an initial certificate of inspection under 46 CFR Subchapter M.

The Coast Guard has approved six (6) Third-Party Organizations in accordance with 46 CFR 139.115 to carry out functions related to ensuring that towing vessels comply with provisions of 46 CFR Subchapter M. A list of currently approved TPOs can be found on the Third Party Organization webpage maintained on this website.

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