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Eastern Shipbuilding Group Announces its 10th Anniversary ISO 9001 and 14001 Re-Certification Audit Conducted Virtually



On July 31, 2020, Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. (ESG) completed its ISO Re-certification Audit for both of Eastern’s shipbuilding facilities located in Panama City Florida. These ISO certifications are:

- ISO 9001: Quality Management System
- ISO 14001: Environmental Management System

This year marks the 10th consecutive year Eastern has been ISO 9001:2015 certified and audited by SAI Global, Inc. headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. This year's audit was very different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 re-certification was conducted as a 100% remote audit over ten business days by SAI Global Lead Auditor, Jim King. Eastern's ISO Manager, Joe Tucker and his team worked from each of Eastern's shipyard locations to assist Mr. King as he directed his audit. Using the latest in electronic technology, Mr. King was able to audit Eastern's various departments, processes, procedures, and recent facility upgrades. In 2010, Eastern committed to ISO, refining its processes and procedures to meet the requirements of an established international quality management system (QMS). ISO 9001 QMS and EMS 14001 has reinforced Eastern's mission to consistently offer our clients on budget and on-time deliveries. This commitment is driven by our customer's needs, emerging new markets, regulatory requirements, sophisticated designs, and advances in technology. In summary, Mr. King informed Eastern Shipbuilding that the ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 management system audit "was very successful" and recommended continued certification.

- Joe Tucker: ESG ISO Program Manager:
<http://www.easternshipbuilding.com/facilities/>
- Jim King: SAI Global Auditor:
<https://www.saiglobal.com/risk/solutions/audit-management>

About Eastern Shipbuilding Group:

Eastern's original shipyard was established in 1976 for the purpose of constructing commercial fishing vessels for the company's founder and CEO, Brian R. D'Isernia. As the owner of a fleet of commercial fishing vessels, Mr. D'Isernia ventured into the world of shipbuilding after learning firsthand the only way to get the type of vessels he wanted was to design the vessels, write the specifications, and build them himself. As he built and developed his own fleet of vessels, other professionals in the industry took notice and also began requesting their own custom-built vessels. Soon customers in areas including New England, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska were contacting



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Eastern with requests for customized fishing vessels. By 1980, 26 commercial fishing vessels had been constructed and delivered. Building on his passion for boats and the sea, Mr. D'Isernia decided to diversify Eastern's reputation from a 'Fishing Vessel' shipyard into a shipyard that could fulfill any type of custom vessel request, large or small. In 1981, Eastern's diversification began with the delivery of its first Offshore Supply Vessel. Today, Eastern's portfolio includes over 350 vessels and has become one of the most diversified vessel construction companies as a result of its state-of-the-art production line and fabrication process. Eastern has built everything from Offshore Supply Vessels to Tugs, Articulated Tugs/Barges, Inland Towboats, a SWATH Vessel, Passenger Vessels, Ro-Ro/Passenger Ferries, Inland Transport Vessels, Barges, Fireboats, Research Vessels, SUBSEA Construction Vessels, Dredges, High Speed Passenger Vessels, Fishing Vessels, and more. Eastern currently operates two shipyards in Bay County and one shipyard in Gulf County, FL.



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