



Bridge Memorandum #24: Drills- Tabletop vs. Full Dress Out

Masters,

One of the most important things we do on our vessels is conduct drills. It is the opportunity to experience and practice, in realistic scenarios, the skills needed to save the crew and vessel in an emergency. Drills allow us to detect damage and failures in emergency equipment, gear and procedures and address them before a crisis.

It is easy to overlook this when executing a project. There are times and circumstances when sea state and other conditions prevent a full dress out drill, but for the most part, full dress out drills should be conducted.

You may have noticed that on your drill sheets there is now a section at the bottom asking if the drill was a table top (TT) or full dress out (FD) drill. If the drill was a tabletop, an explanation is required.

Starting this week, we are going to start tracking the percentage of full dress out drills for each vessel. The Weekly Report has been modified to include this distinction. The goal is for more than 75% of the drills to be full dress out.

DRILLS: Drills are entered in the NS5 Quality and Compliance module (NOT Maintenance) as a drill. --The TDI standard drill sign in sheets are located on the TDI forms page. The Quarterly Drill tracking Sheet and instructions should be posted on the bridge for constant review, and update. In the final column, indicate whether the drill was a tabletop (TT) or full dress out including activating equipment (FD). **Goal is >75% FD.**

Drill type	Date 11-JAN-17	NS5 Drill #	TT/ FD	Drill type	Date 11-JAN-17	NS5 Drill #	TT/ FD

Regards,

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