



Fishing Vessel Stability Training Program

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers has published a Fishing Vessel Stability Training Program that introduces the basic concepts of a fishing vessel's stability to fishing vessel crews, vessel owners, and other interested parties in the commercial fishing community.

The program includes a lecture with slides, video clips, script, and notes, a 55-page booklet *A Guide to Fishing Vessel Stability*, and plans and photographs for a model to accompany the lecture. The primary stability concepts explored are:

- What is stability?
- How does stability work?
- How do Naval Architects determine a fishing vessel's stability to develop safe operating guidance?
- What is the difference between initial and overall stability?
- What is the hidden danger in using a fishing vessel's "feel," which is its initial stability, to gauge if there is adequate overall stability?
- What are the effects of common fishing vessel operations on its stability?
- What can fishing vessel crews do to maintain adequate stability?

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