



Prioritizing Safety When Facing New Challenges

The Quonset Point workforce continues to grow at a rapid pace. In fact, this year we have added more than 1200 new shipbuilders! . Whether you are working on the COLUMBIA Class, the DoD's number one priority for our national defense, or the new VPM program, critical new capability also needed by the Navy, you are working on products and modules that have never before been built.

So what does that have to do with safety? It's an exciting time to be a shipbuilder working on two simultaneous lead ship programs. Shipbuilding and industrial work areas present inherent risks to our people. Whether you are walking to or from a module, up and down the stairs, operating rotating equipment, fitting, welding, shooting studs, pulling cable, painting, loading lead, it's all challenging, and at times hazardous work. When you add in the unknown of building, inspecting or testing something that no one has ever built before, it creates risk that we need to manage....WITH YOUR HELP.

Questions you should ask yourself: Is today the day I will get hurt or let one of our new hires get hurt? How will I access this new, tough to reach area? Will I ask for the staging I need, or work around what I think I can get? Will I try to lift this new, heavy and awkward part, or will I stop to ask for help so that I don't place myself or others in jeopardy. Our experienced shipbuilders need to help our newer shipbuilders recognize these hazards so that we can all work in an environment that is as safe as possible.

Your behavior on a daily and hourly basis must be deliberate when it comes to operating safely. I'm proud to say that through your involvement in the ASIG meetings, Employee Safety Council, and daily involvement with your leadership teams to identify and solve hazards we are seeing a reduction in the number of new hires being injured. Our people are our most important resource and our new hires are our collective prized possession as they represent our future.

SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY BEGINS WITH TEAMWORK



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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Making a Lasting Impact

Over 19,000 employee ideas have been implemented in the last year alone. You and your coworkers have come up with many ways to improve safety, make jobs easier, and do them more smartly, and they are being acted on.

Every week dozens of these improvements are put in place. While some will fade away as even better process improvements surpass them, others are fading away just because they were not locked in, and that is something we need to fix.

Consider the case of the suction lifter. Three years ago a mechanic and their supervisor got some of these to make moving their bulky material around easier. Now the mechanic and supervisor both have different jobs, and a new mechanic and supervisor who had never heard about it, separately came up with the same idea, got some, and showed them at a demo. That's when it was discovered this had previously been implemented, but knowledge of it faded away over time, because it wasn't locked in.



How do we keep these good ideas from fading away? Grab a team of employees and review some changes that have already been implemented. Then ask some questions.

- Was the improvement good enough that it should stick around?
- How can we ensure everyone in our group knows about it? Some groups post new tools acquired in the past month right at the tool crib door to let more people know. Others will add these new tools to their weekly stand down briefs or musters.
- How can we ensure it doesn't fade out over time due to lack of knowledge? Some groups incorporate the changes into the trainings and refreshers. Some add them to templates or even replace the tools/equipment they used to use before. You can also easily add a note in a work order, checklist, or directive to include the new way.

Finding these types of improvements is particularly easy for newer hires, they can contribute great easy suggestions for how it would have been easy to make sure they knew about these things.

Ultimately, not only will focusing on how to make sure things stick will make sure you and your teammates get long term benefits from them, they also will help ensure every employee can identify two things they can do to help improve the way we do things.

2023 Seasonal Flu Vaccine Schedule for Quonset Point

Date	Time	Location	Shift
Mon, 10/2/23	11:30AM	B60 Hallway Outside Cafeteria	1
Mon, 10/2/23	3:00-4:00PM	B60 Hallway Outside Cafeteria	2
Wed, 10/4/23	3:00-4:00PM	B2019 Muster Room or Outside	1/2
Thurs, 10/5/23	12:00PM	9A/9B Outside picnic tables (inside if raining)	1
Thurs, 10/5/23	3:30PM	9A/9B Outside picnic tables (inside if raining)	2
Wed, 10/11/23	11:00PM OR 6:00AM	Dispensary	3
Thurs, 10/12/23	12:00PM	Outside 2003 Cafeteria (inside if raining)	1
Thurs, 10/12/23	3:30PM	Outside 2003 Cafeteria (inside if raining)	2
Wed, 10/18/23	12:00PM	Bay 4 West Outside Picnic Tables (inside if raining)	1
Wed, 10/18/23	3:00PM	Bay 4 West Outside Picnic Tables (inside if raining)	2
Thurs, 10/19/23	6:30AM-11:30PM	Dispensary - Make up day	All

Please note: This is NOT the Covid 19 vaccine/booster, only the seasonal flu vaccine!

Please contact the QP Dispensary with any questions: 401/268-2244

Electric Boat's Digital Shipyard

E-TIRs and E-Ripouts Coming to the Shipyard in 2023

The landscape of our Shipyard is changing, and employees on the deckplate are at the forefront of this change!

More and more shipyard employees are now working from tablets. This change support Electric Boat's Digital Enterprise Vision, which drives the digital transformation within our shipyard. Tablets are just one example; shipyard employees will continue to receive updated tools and processes equipping them for the digital transformation.

One such application will enable Electronic Test Inspection Reports (E-TIR) and Electronic Ripouts (E-Ripouts). Coming to our shipyard in late 2023, employees will begin using E-TIRs and E-Ripouts to request/generate work and close out TIRs and Ripouts all from your laptop, tablet or desktop!

- Access E-TIRs in Desktop/Electronic Work Package (EWP) just like today
- Close out Unsats using the same process as today
- Access E-Ripouts from a new web application, which will be found on HOMEPORT

Keep a look out for more information as we prepare you for go-live. The project team and your management are working together to identify the personnel who require training.

User support for go-live will include:

- **Instructor Led Classroom Training:** Interactive training tools using the new applications and videos
- **Supplemental Training/Support Material:** User guides, videos and interactive demos via the [Build Authority and Deckplate Assistance Resource Page](#)
- **Deckplate and Real Time Support (DARTS):** Deckplate representatives supporting the devices, network, and the training rollout to ensure you are successful with the digital transformation

If you have questions about the upcoming E-TIR / E-Ripout rollout or have general questions regarding Electric Boat's digital transformation at our shipyard, please contact the Deckplate Assistance and Real Time Support (DARTS) Team at EBDarts@gdeb.com or visit the [Build Authority and Deckplate Assistance Resource Page](#) for more information.

EBQP Breast Cancer Awareness Shirts Ordering Time Extended!

The Quonset Point FMO team is raising money as they do every year to support Breast Cancer Research. All proceeds from sales will support this effort. The current deadline for ordering is **Tuesday, September 29th.**

This year, the online store includes short sleeve T-shirts, long sleeve T-shirts, Carhartt mid-weight hooded sweatshirts, heavy blend hooded sweatshirts, and full-zip hooded sweatshirts. To order yours, please visit

<https://ebbc2023.itemorder.com/>. Please note, there will be no shipping to Electric Boat, please use your home address or select pickup at Impact in Cumberland, RI. Support a great cause and order yours today!





- We Build Freedom Hoodies Back In Stock!! Get Them Before They Are Gone!
 - Seawolf Merchandise Back In Stock And Flying Off Our shelves!!!!
 - North Dakota and California Apparel In Store NOW!!!!
 - Now in NIKE GDEB Embroidered Golf Shirts!!! Pick one up Today!!
- Hours of Operation**
7:30 am to 4:00 pm



QP Weekly Safety Briefing

09/17/2023 – 09/23/2023



Are you using the proper PPE for the Job?

Week 39

GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat

EBP-02852: EB has established health and safety as the company's number one priority.

QP Shuttle Service Reminder

Don't forget, the QP Shuttle Service provided by DATCO is running from 5:30am to 12:30am daily and providing transportation from G2/Lowe's, AMP facility, and the Blue Lot to the other areas of the EB Campus. Current shuttle stops are as follows:

- **Front of G2/Lowe's Building**
- **Corner of Mainsail and Roger Williams at the AMP Building**
- **Blue Lot at B960**
- **9A Turnstile at Conway Ave.**
- **Orange Lot**
- **Gate 2**

Offsite parking is available at G2/Lowe's (roughly 300 spots available), AMP (roughly 120). And the Blue Lot (roughly 100). It is recommended to utilize the shuttle and offsite parking when the lots at the facility are full or construction is being done to avoid parking violations/towing.