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Shipbuilders have honestly done almost nothing to initiate a contribution to striving for zero – the emphasis has been on getting the work done to comply with regulations. The zero challenge is a very tough and long-term challenge.

More port state control data would allow shipyards to make analysis from their own perspective, which would enable them to suggest systematic approaches or solutions. But just finding a culprit and telling him not to do it again is not going to cure the problem. We need to ensure that a proper system is adopted which takes human behaviour and response into consideration.

We have to work together. There needs to be mutual cooperation where each party clearly defines what its responsibilities are, and commits itself to them. If the weakest link leaves, there is no winner.

We need to know what responsibilities the shipping industry will undertake. Maintenance and repair is one of the most important factors for safer shipping. They should be present at the next Poseidon Challenge.

COMMITMENTS:

- Maintain links with shipping industry.
- Assist in better defining the classification societies' role.
- To promote industrial efforts to engage in improved communication with shipowners with a view to analysing defects in service, and to reflect this in the future in improved performance.