

# Write to Fathom!

*Fathom* seeks not a few, but many contributors. Do you have a success story? Lessons learned from what should or could have been done to avoid a mishap? Share your experience with your fellow Sailors. When you pass the word via *Fathom*, your fleet shipmates can emulate your successes, or they can learn from your confessions and avoid equipment damage or injury.

You also get a free *Fathom* coffee cup and other “goodies” if we use your submission.

Since the magazine doesn't want to embarrass anyone or any command, we guarantee anonymity to those who ask not to be identified. On the other hand, Sailors should not shy away from sharing their successes with the fleet.

*Fathom* isn't just about reporting injuries or how to avoid them. The magazine also seeks stories dealing with damage control, firefighting, shiphandling, navigation, and PMS procedures. We're interested in features about daily or unique shipboard evolutions from which Sailors can learn better work habits leading to operational efficiency—it's how we sharpen the tip of the spear.

Submission criteria is simple: Write crisply and stick to the point—the magazine does not publish editorials or opinion pieces (that's not to say we don't welcome feedback via letters-to-the-editor). Make sure those mentioned in any submitted arti-

cle have had a chance to see what you're submitting, before sending the material. Make sure it has been seen and endorsed by the commanding officer. Write in simple terms—avoid “bureaucratese” and buzzwords or phrases. Also avoid abbreviations and acronyms when possible. Remember, not all *Fathom* readers are Sailors.

If possible (and appropriate), include images with your article. Digital images must be high-resolution: a minimum 300 dpi.

Remember that *Fathom* is a quarterly publication, so it might be a few months before your submission appears in print. How long before your story appears in the magazine depends on when we get your submission. You will receive acknowledgement that your material was received as soon as it arrives. You must therefore include a point of contact when you submit something, along with an e-mail address and a telephone number—both commercial and DSN if possible.

It is easiest for us if you submit your material via e-mail: Send both your copy and digital images as attachments. E-mail material to [fklinkenberger@safetycenter.navy.mil](mailto:fklinkenberger@safetycenter.navy.mil).

*Fathom* wants to hear from its readers, and wants material from them. Share with the fleet and tell your Navy shipmates what you're doing and how you're doing it! 🌐

