Click here to return to Session Directory

DYNAMIC POSITIONING CONFERENCE

October 12-13, 1999

VESSEL EXPERIENCE SESSION

First Year of DP Operating Experience

Bob Donley, ***R.M. Donley & Associates***

Barry Harding, ***Harding Resources, Inc.***

Click here to return to Session Directory

First Year of DP Operating Experience

In recent years the offshore drilling industry has seen the construction and commissioning of several new DP vessels for deepwater service. The motivation behind this panel session was to share “real” operating experiences, good and bad. It was hoped to assist others in improving the reliability of their operations and equipment, thereby leading to better performance by the industry.

Each representative was asked to address a few standard questions. When all speakers had responded, the panel was opened for questions from the conference audience.

Panel Session Questions:

1. What was the DP unit "basis of design" (DP system, thruster(s) and power plant)
2. What were the design performance expectations.
3. How did these expectations compare to sea trial results.
4. Give brief operating experience.

Speakers on the panel were

Rec Stanbery	*Sedco Forex*	707 DP upgrade
Jitendra Prasad	*Noble*	Paul Wolff
Riddle Steddum	*Transocean Offshore*	Discoverer Enterprise
Gurbachan Virk	*Global Marine Drilling*	Explorer
Lew Weingarth	*Global Marine Drilling*	Explorer