

Helm Purchasing Manager™



As a purchasing agent for a marine transportation company you have a unique set of challenges unseen in other industries. You have an onshore warehouse, but each vessel in your fleet is another floating warehouse with its own inventory and lists of purchase requests. You need to be able to consolidate requests from multiple vessels into bulk orders while still keeping track of individual vessel inventory, including engine part inventory, which can differ from vessel to vessel. What's more, you need an accurate database that can track inventory costs, so you can negotiate variable costs and manage your annual budget.

Helm Purchasing Manager™ was developed as a centralized system to organize all purchasing and inventory activity in one place. It allows you to reduce costs by automatically calculating minimum inventory levels and economic order quantities based on usage and lead-time requirements.

You can track historical purchasing by part, by vendor, by vessel, and display preferred vendors to purchasing staff, so you can control spending, anticipate costs and forecast accurately. Helm Purchasing Manager™ will also track ETAs on all purchase orders as well as provide a documented paper trail to assist with any audits. And when integrated with Helm Maintenance Manager™ and Helm Onboard™ you can receive requests from crew on vessels and from maintenance staff automatically just like an email inbox.

If you're looking to make your purchasing & inventory department more efficient, Helm is a system you can really put stock in.

BENEFITS:

- Streamline purchasing process with a system designed for marine industry's unique requirements
- Significantly reduce data entry by receiving requests directly from vessels
- Reduce inventory costs by automatically calculating minimum inventory levels and economic order quantities based on usage and lead-time requirements
- Increase efficiency by ordering parts ahead of scheduled preventative maintenance dates
- Control spending with Purchase Order (PO) spending limits by user and email based approvals

FEATURES:

Purchasing Features:

- Track requests for entire fleet and by individual vessel
- Consolidate multiple vessel requests onto one PO for bulk purchase discounts
- Receive multiple shipments on one PO and keep track of back orders
- Fill vessel requests from warehouse inventory
- Automatically receive requests for groceries, parts, and miscellaneous items directly from vessels through Helm Onboard™
- Automatically receive parts requests from Helm Maintenance Manager™ for upcoming preventative maintenance tasks or projects
- Track historical purchases by part, by vendor, vessel, work orders, and projects
- Track parts that have been received on shore and need to be sent out to vessels
- Automatically export POs or shipments to any accounts payable application

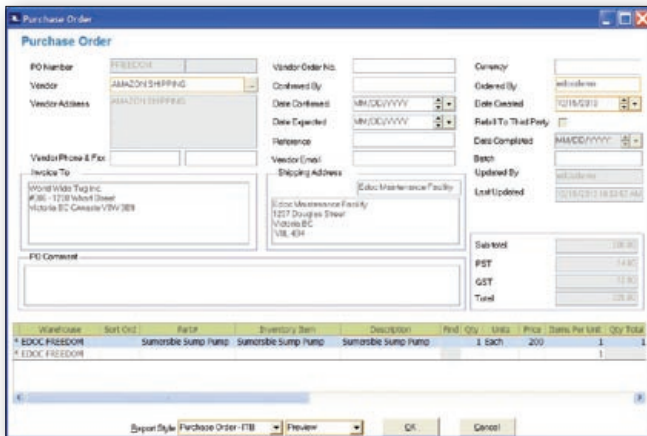
- Anticipate crew changes with Helm Personnel Manager™ so parts can be sent to vessels
- Provide shipping instructions to vendors to meet the vessel in any port
- Set up individual spending limits and approval processes. Give approvals via smart phone
- Show preferred vendors for parts and previous prices

Inventory Features:

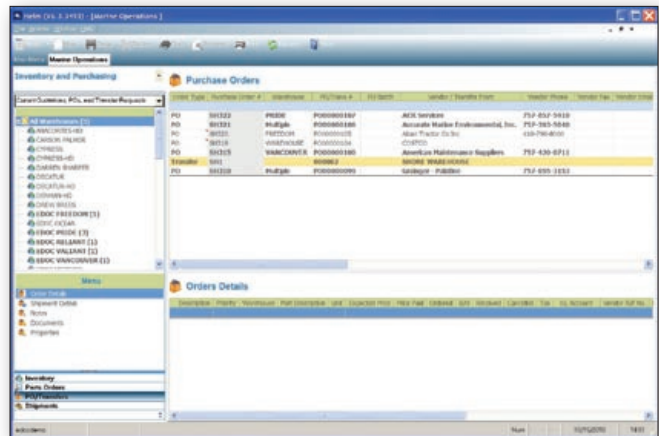
- Track inventory in multiple warehouses and optionally treat each vessel as a warehouse
- Transfer parts between warehouses and between vessels
- Keep full FIFO or LIFO transaction logs for every part in inventory
- Differentiate between tracked inventory parts and consumables
- Rapidly search parts by OEM number or other cross reference numbers
- Cross reference parts and kits to specific engines in the fleet
- Easily analyze inventory levels, consumption rates, and valuations through ad hoc reporting
- Automatically decrease inventory through consumption in Helm Maintenance Manager™

MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Designed for desktop environment with a Microsoft SQL server database back-end
- Windows XP or Windows 7 OS
- MS SQL Server 2008 R2 (if run in a Terminal or Citrix environment. Helm will also run in Server 2003 & 2008 64bit environment)



On the Purchase Order form items from inventory and onboard vessels can be easily added onto purchase orders, and received into the warehouse.



All purchase orders can be viewed on a grid filtered by warehouse, or by current, historical or cancelled POs.



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