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Singmarine Wins Contracts Worth $13 Million

Singmarine Industries, Ltd., through its wholly-owned subsidiary Singmarine Dockyard & Engineering, was awarded two contracts with a total value of $13 million to build three new vessels. One contract, worth $11.5 million, was from Keppel Smit Towage Pte. Ltd. for the construction of two harbor tugboats. The other contract is for the construction of an oil spill response vessel for Esso Singapore Ltd.

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Included in President Clinton's budget-cutting, tax-raising program is a new inland waterways fuel tax which would raise the existing tax of 17 cents per gallon to $1.19 per gallon by 1997. The increase in tax is scheduled to be phased in over four years, beginning in 1994 with a 10 cent/gallon hike, followed by increases of 15 cents in 1995, 20 cents in 1996 and 55 cents in 1997. The proposal would bring in an estimated $820 million over the four year period. This would bring in an estimated $820 million over the four year period.

"We have not paid fuel per year, you do the math," (We did, and it equals $59.5 million), Mr. Raskin said. "Obviously, it represents a large cost impact."

Currently, The American Waterways Operators (AWO) is preparing to fight the tax. The rationale for the tax is, reportedly, the Administration's belief that since the inland waterways system was built for commercial navigation benefits, they should pay all maintenance and operation costs. Because the increase is called a "user fee" and not a tax, the amount is classified as a savings and was not listed among the administration's $240 million in tax increases.

The AWO counters, claiming that the system was created for far more than navigation, but for multiple purposes such as flood control, irrigation, hydropower and municipal water supply. Those in the industry also claim the new tax will have more far reaching affects than just the barge industry. "With this added tax, our grain and coal exports will become non-competitive on the world market," Mr. Raskin claims. Mr. Buese concurs, saying the tax won't have the same ramifications on the carriers of petrochemical, chemical and refined products, as the competing modes of transport for these commodities are less price competitive. But he foresees serious ramifications for the carriers of agricultural products and coal.

Mr. Buese also predicts long term ramifications to the U.S.'s domestic economy. He reasons since such a large percentage of petrochemical and chemical shipments originate in the Gulf Coast region and travel upstream to manufacturers, the new tax will significantly impact the cost of raw materials delivered to the Midwest, which in turn will adversely affect consumer costs and ultimately, jobs.

AWO has already initiated a comprehensive strategy to battle the tax. Details of the program were recently delivered to AWO carrier and shipyard members. The AWO also communicated to three Cabinet Secretaries (Transportation, Treasury and Agriculture) the flaws in the increase and the potential consequences. AWO is currently forming a coalition of many other affected industries to add resources to its lobbying efforts.

"We see a tremendous inconsistency in the Administration," said Mr. Buese. "They are putting money into other modes of transportation (highways, rail), but taking money away from water transportation."

The White House has requested comments from the public on the proposed economic plan. It has set up a telephone number for remarks. Call (202) 456-1111 to voice your opinion.

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fuel efficient and largely invisible industry, go to all sectors of the American economy. The proposed tax would raise our vessels’ current fuel tax burden from .19 cents per gallon to $1.19 per gallon. The immediate impact of such a tax is not speculation, but pure fact. For example, an average towboat that uses 5,000 gallons of fuel per day, would see its fuel costs, which are about one-third of its operating cost, skyrocket by $5,000 per day! The cost of a typical 14-day trip carrying grain, corn or soybeans from Minneapolis to New Orleans would increase by $70,000! A lower Mississippi River towboat would see its fuel costs soar to over $200,000 per day, from half of that amount. Clearly for an industry already operating at very slim margins, or at below cost, the result would be catastrophic.

Trying to convince a grain carrier on the Mississippi, or a lumber carrier in the Pacific Northwest, or a coal transporter on the Ohio River that their government is being fair to them is an impossible task. Contrast this 525 percent increase with taxing 1.2 percent of the American people an additional 16 percent, and the inequity is starkly clear. It is the same old, sad story of user taxes; one small, invisible sector of the economy gets hammered. It is a form of taxation with little representation. The economic implications of this tax plan are not just reduced profits and increased costs for the waterways industry, but certain business failures, unemployment and spiraling transportation prices. The resultant transportation cost increase must of necessity be passed on by the users of the inland waterway transportation industry, the farmers whose grain we ship, the manufacturers whose raw materials and semi-processed goods we transport, producers of electricity, of home heating oil and of building materials. Factor in also that the majority of America’s grain exports are transported by water and that these increased costs will unquestionably make the nation less competitive in the international marketplace. All of these components make up an economic blow that will hit squarely at American consumers. A number of important tests should be scrupulously applied before any user tax is imposed. First, the user must be clearly defined, and the myriad indirect beneficiaries identified and weighed into the calculus: recreational benefits, agricultural, flood control, hydropower, municipal water supply and especially those who gain from economic development along the waterways. In this case, the waterway transportation industry is the sole target of this disproportionate user tax increase. Second, the proposed user tax should not result in some unacceptable harm. In this case, the harm is not merely unacceptable, but tragic. I assume this tax proposal is an error born of lack of understanding. The American Waterways Operators asks you to reconsider; give us the opportunity to convince you of the many facets of this, and of the widespread harm it would bring.

Respectfully, Joseph A. Farrell

Quality Shipyards Wins $5 Million In Contracts

Tidewater Inc., of New Orleans announced that its subsidiary, Quality Shipyards, Inc., of Houma, La., has signed contracts worth $5 million to build a maintenance barge and to refurbish three vessels.

The delivery date is July 1983 for Quality’s $2.3 million contract to build a single point mooring (SPM) maintenance barge for O.I.L., Ltd. of the U.K. The 115-foot deck barges will be equipped with a large “A” frame capable of lifting 60 metric tons. A second contract worth $1 million was awarded to the shipyard by the State of Louisiana to refurbish the Mississippi River ferry MV Westside. The repowering and refurbishment is scheduled for completion by year end. Also, Quality Biological Research Station chose Quality to perform $700,000 of modification and repair work on the research vessel M. Weatherbird II. The work includes the installation of a new aluminum pilot house.

Quality Shipyards has two facilities in Houma, La., one with the

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flooding drydocks specializing in vessel repairs and the other specializing in new construction and major conversions.

For additional information on the services of Quality Shipyards,

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Martin Marietta Gets $46.9 Million Contract From Navy

Martin Marietta Corp. announced that the U.S. Navy exercised a contract option valued at $46.9 million for production of 10 TB-29 advanced submarine thin-line towed sonar arrays, eight receivers and several test units. The towed arrays, to be produced by Martin Marietta Aero & Naval Systems at Glen Burnie, Md., will be delivered beginning in 1994. They will be installed on Los Angeles-class attack submarines, Trident ballistic missile submarines and the Navy's newest submarine class, the Seawolf.

Towed arrays are underwater systems used in detection, location and tracking of submarines and surface ships. Martin Marietta is the U.S. Navy's largest supplier of towed arrays for both surface ships and submarines.

Astilleros-Built Tankers Feature Kvaerner Eureka Cargo Handling System

Norwegian shipowner Knutsen OAS chose Kvaerner Eureka's specialist liquid cargo handling system for its two latest 140,000-dwt shuttle tankers, which are being built at the Puerto Real yard of Spain's Astilleros Espanoles.

The double-hulled Knutsen shuttle tankers will utilize a pump room design with four conventional cargo pumps of Kvaerner Eureka's C225B type, each rated at 3,000m³/h, provided for cargo handling duties. Meanwhile, two CI type pumps, each rated at 1,000m³/h, will handle stripping and crude oil washing duties, while two CAD400 type pumps, each rated at 2,500m³/h, will be provided for ballasting operations.

All pumps will be high voltage motor-driven, fitted with a priming and capacity regulating system.

The shipyard has commissioned Kvaerner Eureka to undertake the complete engineering of the cargo piping on the suction side, as well as installation. Kvaerner Eureka's contract also calls for the delivery and installation of complete sets of valves (350 units), actuators, hydraulic piping and the company's own valve control system.

The two latest Knutsen newbuilding shuttle tankers are due for delivery in 1994, when they will enter a long term Statoil charter for service in the North Sea, operating out of the Heidrun Field.

For more information on Kvaerner Eureka's cargo handling systems,

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Newport News To Build LNG Tankers Under IHI Pact

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) has agreed with the Japanese shipyard Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. (IHI) on the principal terms of a license that will allow the Newport News yard to build the world's most technologically-advanced liquefied natural gas (LNG) tankers.

The agreement will allow NNS to build LNG carriers using the containment system of IHI design.

"Newport News looks forward to a cooperative and productive relationship," said Tom Balfour, Newport News marketing vice president. NNS, a Tenneco subsidiary, is Virginia's largest private employer and the Western Hemisphere's largest privately-owned shipyard. When details of this agreement are finalized, NNS will be licensed to build all principal types of LNG containment ships. IHI, headquartered in Tokyo, is the licensor for the SPB-type LNG containment system and also builds a variety of ships. IHI currently has two LNG tankers under construction; one for Phillips Oil Corp. and one for Marathon Oil Co.

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Raytheon Division Receives $497,000 Contract

The Raytheon Co. announced its Submarine Signal Division received a $497,000 contract from the U.S. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command to evaluate and model a commercial operating system for application to a "mission critical" military system. Raytheon said that under the terms of the contract, the Submarine Signal Division will investigate the Next Generation computer Resource operating system, POSIX, for use with Raytheon's Submarine Combat Command and Control System Mark 2 (CCS Mk 2).

The contract calls for the evaluation and design of standard POSIX interfaces for a CCS Mk 2 hardware and software computer environment. The company expects an eight-month design phase to be followed by modeling and system engineering work, beginning with the date of the contract award.

Casino America Obtains Approval For Dockside Gaming In Mississippi

Casino America, Inc. announced it has obtained licensing approval from the State of Mississippi for its planned dockside gaming location in Vicksburg. In November, the company received site approval from the State of Mississippi for the Vicksburg location. The company anticipates that the facility will be open in June 1993. To be called the Isle of Capri Casino—Vicksburg, the facility will initially consist of a 210-foot riverboat and a two-story floating pavilion. The facility will have four total floors of gaming operations (three on the riverboat) and will contain more than 600 slot machines. Casino America, Inc. of Boca Raton, Fla., is engaged in the business of developing, owning and operating riverboat and dockside casinos.

Gary Newchurch Named Trinity General Manager

Gary L. Newchurch, a 28-year shipbuilding and ship repair veteran, has been named general manager of Trinity Marine-Beaumont, the largest of the twelve shipyards in the Trinity Marine Group. The announcement was made by Vincent Almerico, Jr., senior vice-president of operations, for the Gulfport, Miss.-based shipbuilding group. Prior to joining Trinity, Mr. Newchurch had been employed by McDermott, Inc., of New Orleans, since 1966 in a variety of positions in engineering and production management at several McDermott facilities. According to Mr. Almerico, "Gary Newchurch's experience fits well with our plans for Trinity Marine-Beaumont. We will soon have two drydocks in Beaumont. Gary's experience in building and repairing vessels for Crowley, Moran, Matson and others made him a tough competitor."

The Beaumont facility can build and repair vessels as large as 600 feet and can fabricate offshore rigs and platforms and associated components such as decks, production modules, jackets, etc. For more information about the Trinity Marine-Beaumont shipyard, please contact Vincent Almerico, Jr., at (409) 832-4200.

Leevac Signs Contract To Build Riverboat Casino

Leevac Shipyards, Inc., Jennings, La., has announced the signing of a contract with P.R.C. Louisiana, Inc. for the construction of a 850-foot by 65-foot riverboat casino. The vessel was designed by DeJong and Matson and others made him a tough competitor.

The vessel was designed by Rodney E. Lay & Associates, of Jacksonville, Fla. LEEVAC has also recently built and delivered three riverboat casinos, as well as building, converting and repairing supply boats, geophysical vessels, pushboats, and offshore and inland barges.

For further information on LEEVAC's services and facilities, please contact Gary L. Newchurch, general manager, at (409) 832-4200.
Royal Caribbean orders three new ships from Chantiers De L'Atlantique

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCCL) announced that it has signed contracts with Chantiers de l'Atlantique, in St. Nazaire, France, for the construction of up to three new cruise ships. The site ship-aluminium vessel, which measures 16 feet abreast and draws five feet, is the shipyard's first research boat for the Jackson Esuarian Laboratory.

According to the vessel's designer, Roger Long, the new boat is designed to operate anywhere in the Gulf of Maine. It will replace a much slower wooden boat that is limited to 20 miles offshore. Powered by twin Detroit Diesel 8V-92 turbocharged engines, each rated at 600 bhp, the vessel's 50-knot-plus top speed will ensure faster trips within 100 miles of the New England coast and allow the laboratory's staff to devote more time to underwater studies and less time simply riding the boat.

Because the vessel, like other research boats, will operate frequently at low speeds, the engine's performance will be controlled by the Diesel's DDEC computer system. In addition to constantly monitoring engines and transmission performance, the electronic operating system will enable the engines to idle longer at slow speeds and use less fuel. The DDEC system will improve the engine's fuel economy at all speeds, particularly at low speeds, Mr. Long noted.

The aluminum planing hull is strengthened for operating in icy waters. According to the designer, to be certified for carrying passengers and with four watertight compartments, the vessel exceeds Coast Guard safety requirements for a typical 50-footer.

Onboard accommodations include a small laboratory, pipe berth, bunks, galley and a large head with shower to support a captain, deckhand and eight research scientists.

The flat working deck is equipped with an oceanographic winch and steel A-frame that can handle up to 8,000 pounds under certain conditions.

For additional information about Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding, Circle 129 on Reader Service Card.

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Hillard Joins Platter Shipyard As Vice President

Henry T. "Hank" Hilliard, Jr. has been named to head the bareboat cleaning and sales departments for Platter Shipyard, Inc., of Houston, Texas. He was formerly president of Southwestern Barge Service Fleet, Inc. of Houston, where he began his career in 1971. He was named president in 1977, and held that position until he left in September 1992.

Mr. Hilliard serves on the board of American Waterways Operators, American Waterways Shipyard Conference and the Houston Propeller Club.

U.K. Insurers Shun U.S.-Flag Vessels

The incidence rate of personal injuries on U.S.-flag vessels has increased over the last five years, to a degree where liability underwriters have cut the number of U.S. fleets that they will insure.

Several Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs began reducing their U.S. memberships in 1990. P&I Clubs now maintain their U.S. portfolios at a "comfortable" level by only accepting U.S. clients with an acceptable claims history.

A study of claims submitted concluded that human error incidents outweighed equipment and machinery failure incidents by five to one. In addition, human error was to blame for 81 percent of major collisions.
Kinnear To Retire As Texaco CEO, DeCrane To Succeed

Texaco announced that James W. Kinnear retired as president and chief executive officer of Texaco on April 1, 1993, and that the board of directors has selected Alfred C. DeCrane, Jr., to assume the title of chief executive officer on that date.

Mr. DeCrane also will continue in the position of chairman of the board, a position he assumed in January 1987.

Mr. Kinnear will step down upon reaching the company’s normal retirement age of 65, after more than 38 years with the company and six years as president and CEO.

Meanwhile, speaking at the annual Institute of Petroleum Conference in London, Mr. DeCrane called on the international petroleum industry to intensify its cooperation with government and environmental groups in developing focused, scientifically sound and cost-effective approaches to solving environmental problems.

Mr. DeCrane urged the petroleum industry to support a multifaceted process for developing truly responsive international environmental policies. Among the steps he suggested were:

1. Working with other responsible parties to develop a comprehensive and impartial body of scientific research on global climate change.
2. Making the industry’s research and expertise available to assist in the design of responsive environmental policies.

In ensuring that credible studies of the economic and social impact of reduced energy consumption, of carbon taxes, of control initiatives are included in the policy development process.

4. Participating directly in the policy process that involves direct communication with industry association and governments in countries where the business has a presence.

5. Developing pro-active communication programs to convey the industry’s ongoing environmental commitment.

6. Providing technological assistance to developing countries through development contracts.

Mr. DeCrane did credit the industry with moving aggressively to address and respond to a host of environmental concerns such as air emissions, water pollution, smog and waste disposal. Today, oil companies in the U.S. alone spend approximately $1 billion a year on environmental research and development, and is also provided with the opportunity to participate in the industry’s ongoing environmental commitment.

Draft Discussion Version Of Gibbons Bill Tougher Than Original Bill

The 31-page Discussion Draft of the Gibbons Foreign Shipbuilding Subsidy Bill, which will soon be formally introduced, appears certain to be a stronger version than last year’s measure.

Under the Discussion Draft, steep penalties and sanctions are called for against countries and vessels flying the flag of a nation which continues to subsidize its shipbuilding/ship repair industry. The paper calls for establishment of a list of subsidizing countries which would be published in the Federal Register on at least a bi-annual basis. The country’s name would remain on the list until that country signs a trade agreement with the U.S. that provides for immediate elimination of shipbuilding/ship repair subsidies.

The draft bill also specifies that on the date of enactment, the Secretary of Transportation would initiate an initial probe into the practices of foreign entities which provide direct or indirect shipbuilding subsidies. The public will be given an opportunity to participate in the submission of comments, in response to publication in the Federal Register of a notice of Administrative procedures for investigations.

The Secretary of Transportation is also provided with the authority to limit the sailings of a vessel flying the flag of a shipbuilding/ship repair subsidizing nation to or from the U.S., or the amount of cargo carried by the vessels to not less than 10 percent of the number of sailings, or the amount of cargo carried by the vessel during the immediately preceding full calendar year.

The Draft Discussion also allows the Secretary to impose on a vessel a fee not less than $500,000 and not more than $1 million per voyage as well as other punitive measures.

Maritime Reporter/Engineering News
A contract to build a 50,000-gt luxury cruise liner has been signed between Japan’s N.Y.K. Line and Kvaerner Masa-Yards, Inc., a Helsinki, Finland, based shipyard company belonging to Norway's Kvaerner Group. A letter of intent for the vessel was signed in December 1992.

The vessel, to be named M/S Crystal Symphony, will be built at Kvaerner Masa-Yard's Turku New Shipyard, Finland, and is scheduled to be delivered in Spring 1995. She will be 777.9 feet long, have a 99-foot beam, and carry 960 passengers. According to Kvaerner Group’s president Diderik Schnitler, "the order will represent one of the first cruise ships built in Europe for delivery to Japan."

For more information about the shipyard services available from Kvaerner Masa-Yards, Circle 138 on Reader Service Card

Offshore Systems Appoints Peter Mantel Sales Manager

Offshore Systems International, Inc.'s vice president of marketing and sales, Manfred Reimann, announced that Peter Mantel has joined OSI as sales manager for the U.S. and Canada. OSI, the marketing and sales organization for Offshore Systems, Ltd., (OSL) of Vancouver, Canada, recently opened its new U.S. offices in Lynnwood, Wash., north of Seattle.

Mr. Mantel will dedicate his efforts to introducing OSL’s successful Electronic Chart/Precise Navigation System (ECPINS) to fleet operators and to build up a dealer organization. OSL is a leading supplier of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) and its ECPINS will comply with all IMO ECDIS standards. ECPINS technology has been tested in over forty shipboard installations. A graduate of the Dutch Nautical College "Willem Barentsz," Mr. Mantel has been on the helm of a variety of merchant vessels on world wide trade, with his last four years at sea spent as a Chief Mate. In 1988, he joined Radio Holland Group, USA, and worked in direct sales and dealer support. From 1991, Mr. Mantel was responsible for their Northwest operations. His seagoing background and "hands-on" marine electronics experience will be valuable assets to OSI and its customers.

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The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) celebrates its 25th anniversary of reflecting the offshore industry May 3-6 at the Astrodome Complex in Houston. The four-day conference and exhibition features a 49-session technical program which includes two keynote sessions, 11 special sessions and four OTC Topical Luncheons.

OTC serves as a forum for the exchange of technical information vital for exploration and development of ocean resources and protection of the offshore environment. Since its inception in 1969, OTC has served as a barometer of the industry's health and progress, said OTC Board Chairman Dennis Gregg. Some 4,200 people attended the first OTC, an event which occupied 38,500 square feet of floor space at Houston's Albert Thomas Convention Center. OTC experienced its zenith during the boom years of high oil prices, with 168,161 registrants, and 2,500 exhibiting companies occupying a total of 631,000 square feet in 1982.

OTC primarily serves offshore industry engineers, managers and scientists from around the world who participate in the four-day technical program.

More than one million registrants from more than 100 countries have attended combined technical programs and exhibitions of OTC since its inception, and more than 30,000 attendees are expected at this year's meeting. OTC registration decreased significantly during the mid-1980's at the same time that oil prices declined. Recently, OTC attendance has steadily increased. The 1992 OTC, in fact, posted the largest attendance in seven years, 34,828. Attendance numbers are just one indication that OTC mirrors the worldwide offshore industry.

Through its 24-year history, OTC registration has reflected the global scope of the offshore industry. Last year, registrants from 83 countries attended. One-third of the 1,257 exhibiting companies in 1992 were from 23 countries outside of the U.S. Total exhibit space exceeded 563,000 square feet.

To accommodate future growth and to provide access to purpose-built outdoor exhibition space, OTC will take on a new look for its Silver anniversary. OTC's main entrance will shift from the Astrodome to the new ExpoCenter on the southeast side of the Astrodome Complex. Expanding to the ExpoCenter will afford exhibitors an additional 60,000 net square feet of space with increased ceiling heights enabling exhibitors to bring larger equipment displays inside.

Additionally, the adjacent purpose-built outdoor exhibition space features in-ground utilities, reinforced pavement, and easy access to the indoor exhibition through the ExpoCenter's covered entrance.

"OTC is indeed the premier showcase and arena of dialogue for the offshore, but not just the offshore," Mr. Gregg said. "OTC also is addressing Arctic operations and its related technology. With Russia opening its oil and gas business to outsiders, interest in this area has skyrocketed. And as western companies become increasingly involved there, the emphasis on Arctic operations will be reflected in both OTC exhibits and technical sessions."

Accordingly, one of the two OTC General Sessions will address "What It's Like Doing Business in the C.I.S."

The Wednesday, May 5 afternoon panel session will include oil and gas industry officials from the Commonwealth of Independent States as well as executives from major operating companies and the service/supply sector.

The other keynote session, set for Tuesday, May 4 in the afternoon, will examine issues related to the real cost of policies that support the lowest possible energy prices. "At What Price Cheap Oil?" promises to present a variety of viewpoints. Panelists include a senior oil company executive, a government official, an energy industry analyst, and spokesmen from major environmental organizations.

"It is my impression that the industry is now concerned with the choice of the world's energy to develop what already has been found rather than on the more glamorous deepwater frontier," Mr. Gregg said.

The OTC technical program reflects this focus with sessions addressing resource economics, cost-reduction measures to facilitate economic hydrocarbon production, development of ocean technologies, platform damage and repair and simhole wells. Safety and environmental issues also are reflected throughout the program, with five sessions devoted entirely to safety and environmental considerations.

Four of the 11 OTC special sessions detail specific offshore projects. They include "The Deep Star Project" on Monday afternoon, " Exxon's Zinc Subsea Development" on Tuesday morning, "Troll Oil Development" on Wednesday morning, and "Snorre TLP Installation" on Wednesday afternoon.

Another program feature will debut at OTC '93. The Technical Keynote Address on Monday, May 3, in the afternoon, features a presentation by an individual who is preeminent in the field of offshore technology. Odd M. Faltinsen, professor of marine hydrodynamics at the Norwegian Inst. of Technology, will examine "Sea Loads on Floating Offshore Systems." Mr. Faltinsen is a renowned expert on wave induced motions and loads on ships and offshore structures.

Other activities include the industry exhibition and three days of special luncheon events. The OTC exhibition continues to be the offshore industry's leading international event. This year, nearly 1,300 companies from 23 countries outside the U.S. will attend the 13 special luncheon events.

The OTC Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, May 4, will feature the presentation of the OTC Distinguished Achievement Awards and...
OTC '93 will include a keynote address from a major international official. Four OTC Topical Luncheons, scheduled Monday and Wednesday, May 3 and 5, will offer opportunities for dialogue with international authorities on innovative technologies and newsmaking projects.

These special luncheons include: "Partnering: A Joint Perspective," held by Larry Broussard, project director with Brown & Root, Inc., on Monday, May 3 at noon. Also on Monday, "Impacts of Hurricane Andrew" will feature discussion from a panel on the short- and long-term physical and economic consequences of the hurricane which swept through the heart of the Gulf of Mexico's most concentrated offshore oil and gas producing areas last summer. On Wednesday, in "Expanding and Changing Role of the MMS in the Offshore Oil Industry," a top official from the U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS) will discuss the role the agency plays in overseeing exploration and production operations on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Finally, also on Wednesday, Terry B. Wood, technical support manager for Amoco Production Co.'s construction department, will present "Total Quality Management in the Offshore Industry." The popular OTC Topical Luncheons will take place at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel.

For more information on OTC, contact: Fred Herbst at (214) 952-9494; fax: (214) 952-9435.

OTC '93 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

Monday, May 3
9 a.m.-12 noon:
- Geophysical Technology
- General Instrumentation
- Risers I—Marine Riser Design & Analysis of Mooring System Hardware
- Subsea Production Systems
- Safety In Offshore Operations
- Platform Strength & Extreme Loading

2-5 p.m.:
- Ocean Drilling & Petroleum Geoscience
- Control Rooms & New Technology
- Risers II—Developments in Drilling & Production Riser Technology
- Hydromonics
- The DeepStar Project
- Exclusive Economic Zone Programs
- Platform Damage & Repair

Tuesday, May 4
9 a.m.-12 noon:
- Cables, Hoses & Umbilicals
- Pipelines, Materials & Fatigue
- API RP-2A, Background to the 20th Edition
- Offshore Safety I
- Exxon USA's Zinc Subsea Development
- Resource Economics
- Sequence Stratigraphy I

2-5 p.m.:
- Electrical Connectors & Subsea Maintenance
- Seafloor Surveying
- Offshore Production Systems
- Offshore Safety II
- General Session, At What Price Cheap Oil?
- (CAG) Central Area Transmission System & Central Graben Development
- Sequence Stratigraphy II

Wednesday, May 5
9 a.m.-12 noon:
- Offshore Pipeline Installation
- Analytical Considerations for Self-Elevating MODUS
- Developments in Materials Technology
- Troll Oil Development
- Design & Analysis of Floating Production Systems
- Recent Developments in Offshore Welding of Marine Pipelines
- Cost Reduction Measures to Facilitate Economic Hydrocarbon Production

2-5 p.m.:
- Innovative Pipeline Technology
- Environment
Maritrans To Reorganize Under Plan To Finance Fleet OPA 90 Compliance

The owner of the nation's largest independent fleet of ocean-going tank barges, Maritrans LP, of Philadelphia, has announced that it will attempt a financial reorganization in order to defray the cost of equipping itself with a fleet of double-hulled barges as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. The company plans to convert "units" in its master limited partnership to common stock.

Maritrans employs 660 people to transport petroleum products along the East and Gulf Coasts of the U.S. for large customers such as Chevron, Texaco, Mobile, British Petroleum and Sun Oil. Its fleet of 43 tank barges and 32 tugboats makes the company the largest oil barge operator in the country, not including the major oil companies.

The company’s recorded profit during 1992 was $3.4 million from a total revenue of $133.1 million.

Under OPA 90, all U.S.-flag single-hulled tankers and tank barges currently in use will be phased out of operation according to a mandated schedule, to be replaced by double-hulled vessels. The law requires that the existing Maritrans barge fleet be retired or retrofitted with double-hulls by the year 2005.

According to the company's managing general partner, it will cost Maritrans approximately $500 million to replicate its current barge capacity to OPA 90 requirements. The conversion to a standard stockholder-owned corporation will give the company much easier access to the financing needed for fleet replacement.

Wartsila Diesel Appoints Two New General Managers

Wartsila Diesel, Inc., of Chestertown, Md., has named Anders Kjellberg as the general manager, technical/field service, and Mike McLaughlin as general manager, logistics.

Mr. Anders was most recently in charge of marine service business for the Vasa, Finland-based factory. Prior to that he ran the service organization in Singapore for five years. Other positions held by Mr. Anders with Wartsila Diesel include being in charge of the Vasa 22 Service Group at Vasa.

In his new role, Mr. Anders will be responsible for field service business and technical service for all the branches in North America.

As the general manager of logistics, Mr. McLaughlin will be responsible for purchasing, material planning and service/part related computer systems. He will also be responsible for distribution of spare parts to the branches in North America and overall spare parts sales in North America. Mr. McLaughlin was formerly the general manager, diesel service, and has been with Wartsila’s diesel service group since January, 1991.

Hurricane Hugo brought 12 foot seas and 85 knot winds to Charleston, South Carolina, destroying ships, small boats and docks. At the U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, the ships moored at piers survived the storm, but their fender systems, made of timber or steel piles, suffered extensive damage, with replacement costs in the millions.

The exception was at Pier Zulu, where resilient foam-filled fender systems made by Seaward protected the ships as well as the piers. Seaward's fenders at Pier Zulu not only performed admirably, but were fully functional even after the devastating hurricane. Which is just what people expect from the world's largest manufacturer of foam filled and elastomeric marine fenders and flotation products. Seaward's outstanding product lines have a 20-year history of performing well between a dock and a hard place.
Sinotrans To Expand Fleet With Four New Box Ships

Hong Kong-based China National Foreign Trade Transport Corp., or Sinotrans, one of China's oldest transport firms, is currently planning to expand its fleet, which consists of some 90 bulk carriers, containerships and tramps with four new 2,500-TEU containerships. Two of the ships will be built in Germany this year with the assistance of unspecified German loans, and a letter-of-intent has been signed for two more vessels in South Korea, which will receive financial assistance from $300 million in Japanese loans.

Last year the European Commission (EC) declared that the 25 percent government credit that German yards were receiving to cover three boxships for flag-carrier China Ocean Shipping Company (Cosco) was market-distorting.

The EC ruled that the aid was a direct subsidy to the shipyards, rather than development assistance to China, and added that Cosco didn't need the financial assistance even if it were legal.

In addition to the 2.5-million-dwt aggregate capacity Sinotrans-owned fleet, the company also leases a number of other ships, of varying sizes and type, each year.

It handled a total of 60 million metric tons of cargo last year, second only to Cosco.

Leif Hoegh Close To Completing Tanker Unit Spin-off Into Subsidiary

In a move designed to insulate the parent company from liability claims in the U.S., the Norwegian shipping group Leif Hoegh & Company A/S is about to complete the spin-off of its tanker operations into a separate subsidiary called Bona Shipholding Ltd., a Bermuda-registered company.

Bona-Shipholding is now operating the Leif Hoegh fleet of oil/bulk/ore combination carriers are to be transferred to the new company.

As part of the changeover, two tanker-newbuilding contracts with Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Company have been transferred to Bona Shipholding.

The move was undertaken by Leif Hoegh, which operates car carriers and container/bulk ships as well as oil carriers, to distance shareholders from the risk of huge claims for damages resulting from tanker accidents in the U.S.

Quiet Cove Launches Aluminum Yacht For Solo Circumnavigation Trip

Quiet Cove Enterprises, a commercial boatbuilder in Anacortes, Wash., has completed and launched an aluminum yacht which combines advanced, high-performance design and workboat-type engineering, capable of surviving the worst sea conditions.

The 60-foot boat is designed to be sailed by one man, non-stop, around the world.

The aluminum skin is 5/32 inch thick, with frames at two-foot intervals and closely-spaced stringers. The keel carries 15,000 lbs of lead at a draft of 13.5 feet, imposing considerable strain on the hull.

It is supported by multiple floor frames and a ring-frame, which connect to topside and deck stiffeners supporting the 93-foot mast and rigging.

Three watertight bulkheads are
fitted, to provide flotation in the event of a collision or grounding.

Throughout the boat, great efforts have been taken to provide redundant systems.

The boat has twin, kick-up rudders, to avoid damage, a spare set of bearings on the centerline for use with an emergency tiller.

The requirement for an engine and drive that is easily removable for racing has led to a truly unique solution, a removable, underwater module carrying a 150-hp Cummins diesel and Traktor waterjet.

This is backed up by a portable, hydraulically-driven outboard motor, on the same circuit that drives a windlass, a small bowthrust, the water-ballast pumps and the steering system.

Hydraulics also drive a pumping system that can move 1,000 gallons of water ballast from one side of the hull to the other.

Power is provided by a take-off from the Apollo 6kW diesel genset.

Quiet Cove is a yard usually engaged in the building of aluminum seine skiffs, ferries and workboats.

For additional information about Quiet Cove Enterprises' products and services,

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ABS's RULES 2000 Program: Resources, Services To Enhance Ship Safety

In a unique technological effort known as RULES 2000, the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) has embarked on a broad-based program of developing greatly enhanced resources and services to aid in accomplishing more realistic design and evaluation of ship structures.

The objective of RULES 2000 is to improve ship safety through the use of advanced technology.

This is being achieved through the modernization of ABS Rules using state-of-the-art analytical techniques, development of advanced design resources for the marine industry and technical support services for customers.

Under RULES 2000, ABS has already produced several particularly noteworthy advancements.

One, first offered to the public in 1991, is the Dynamic Loading Approach (DLA), a "design-by-analysis" procedure for more accurate modeling of expected ship loads and dynamic stresses than with traditional methods.

DLA allows a more rational distribution of material in the hull structure and results in conservatively sized scantlings.

The DLA has received widespread acceptance and is being successfully applied in practice.

With the project's completion, ABS will have produced new scantling requirements for the "Steel Rules" accompanied by the necessary computer software.

April, 1993

Atlantic Boat Group Designing New Patrol Boat

Atlantic Boat Group, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., has announced the purchase of four Textron Lycoming TF40 gas turbine engines to be used to provide power in a new naval patrol boat currently under development. The vessel will also feature two 16V-149TF1 DDEC Detroit Diesel engines and Cincinnati Gear transmissions. The boat is being developed to conform to the changing needs of worldwide navies as they plan for the 21st century.

A primary consideration will be the resizing of naval forces and the need to command the seas and engage in missions in the complex operating environment of the earth's coastal regions.

According to W. Dennis Suit, who is president of Atlantic Boat Group, "The advanced craft will have an extensive range and multi-mission capabilities and will be more readily deployable to scenes of action anywhere in the world."

Preliminary design work is being performed by the naval architecture firm Sparkman & Stephens of New York and a prototype is expected to be ready for initial performance and evaluation within 18 months.

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The Clinton Administration has done the country a service by putting a serious proposal on the table for reducing the country’s budget deficits. And it has taken a practical approach for dealing with the problem by proposing new taxes along with spending cuts.

But the proposal would be better without an energy tax. Not just because the tax will affect the oil business.

And not because it will provide only limited deficit reduction. An energy tax is not a good idea because it will seriously harm the economy. Moreover, it will do little to cut energy use, air pollution or oil imports.

A better idea is a value added tax — a broad-based tax on consumption that taxes almost all goods and services at low rates, but which does far less harm to the economy.

Although the Clinton Administration has maintained strong support for its energy tax, substituting VAT for the energy tax would be a change for the better. It would also reinforce the Administration’s commitment to forthrightly address an important problem.

Too Much Harm to the Economy

An energy tax isn’t a good idea because it will hurt, not help, the economy.

The Administration says the tax will generate billions of dollars in new revenues, which will decrease the deficit, pushing down interest rates.

However, the harm produced by the tax will overshadow any good. Businesses use energy, so their costs will rise — more so for energy-intensive industries, such as lumber, copper, steel, agriculture, rubber, and, in particular, industries that heavily use petroleum products.

Higher business costs will lead to higher consumer prices — and less sales. The effect on economic growth will be negative, not positive.

In addition, the tax will fall only on American businesses, giving foreign competitors an advantage. This will further cut into sales and force U.S. companies to lay off workers.

Eventually, some U.S. manufacturers will shift production and jobs to other countries — something the President has said that no tax policy should ever encourage.

The loss of jobs will be substantial. Various studies, including those carried out by the U.S. Department of Energy, the University of Washington and private analytical groups, suggest that total job losses will run into the hundreds of thousands once the tax is fully phased in — perhaps as much as 700,000 lost jobs, with a reduction in goods and services produced of at least $35 billion.

The lost jobs, in turn, will mean a lot of less potential deficit reduction — about $10 billion less than the $32.6 billion in revenues that will be collected.

That’s because with hundreds of thousands of people out of work, at least temporarily, the government will receive less in income and payroll taxes.

Moreover, the Administration plans to spend another $3.8 billion of the revenue on food stamps and earned income credits to make the tax less regressive. Altogether, out of some $32.6 billion in energy taxes collected, only a little more than $18 billion will be available for deficit reduction.

Making Consumers Pay

Higher consumer prices will affect nearly all goods and services. People will pay more for energy to heat, cool and light their homes and to power their cars.

But, they will also pay more for refrigerators, cars, computers, food and other products, none of which can be made without energy.

As a result of the tax, the average family will spend several hundred more dollars per year for energy.

And with the tax rate for petroleum products more than double the rate for any other energy source, the tax will fall heavily on buyers of gasoline and some heating oil.

For instance, gasoline prices could rise by as much as 10 cents a gallon.

This increase will be on top of the five to 10 cents more per gallon that consumers already pay.

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KB Electronics designs and manufactures a complete line of fully hardened and ruggedized static power conversion equipment in the 1 to 10 KW power range for military and critical commercial applications.

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Little Help for Conservation

An energy tax won't help conservation, the environment, and oil imports much either. That's because people and businesses need energy and will not substantially cut the amount they use unless the price rises drastically.

In fact, based on the experience of the 1970s and early 1980s, it would take a tripling of energy prices to check growth in energy consumption.

Since the President's energy tax will hike prices by far less than that, it's unlikely that it will much affect consumption. And without cutting consumption, neither will it much improve the environment or reduce oil imports.

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American Marine Coatings Introduces Copper-Based Coating For Boat Bottoms

A new copper-based coating for protecting boat bottoms from blistering, corrosion, electrolysis, sea life growth and other hazards common to marine environments, has been developed by American Marine Coatings, Inc., of Seattle, Wash. In research and development for over six years, the new product called PermaShield™ is a copper, nickel, epoxy formula that is sprayed onto the bottom of the boat in a single coat to a thickness of 25 to 30 mils.

PermaShield contains no dangerous chemicals or compounds and according to the company, poses no threat to the environment. The product is warranted by American Marine Coatings for five years, and has a life expectancy of 10 years or longer. It retains its protective characteristics whether in or out of the water.

According to the company, PermaShield possesses a variety of protective characteristics, which in combination, make it virtually unique when compared to any other bottom coating: it is highly impervious to water penetration; it resists impact and abrasion far better than many other coatings; PermaShield has the ability to protect dissimilar metals from corrosion and electrolysis in salt water; and, says the company, because of its composition, the newly developed protective coating also has a tendency to inhibit sea life from attaching to it.

For more information about American Marine Coating’s new PermaShield coating, circle 117 on Reader Service Card.

Evac Marine Receives Sanitation System Order For P&O Newbuilding

Evac Marine Systems of Finland, one of the world’s leading suppliers of vacuum toilet systems to the marine industry, has further reinforced its position as a market leader by securing the order to supply the complete marine sanitation system to P&O Cruise’s new 67,000-gt superliner, Yard No. 636, at Meyer Werft in Papenburg, Germany.

Due for delivery in April 1995, this 853-foot passenger cruise liner will be equipped with a total of 1,350 Evac-80 B bulkhead-mounted toilets of the company’s latest silent-flush type. These units will serve the vessel’s 1,975 passengers and 920 crew.

Evac will also be responsible for the supply of four 10-cubic-meter stainless steel collection tanks, each fitted with four ejectors. Control of the system will be via programmable logic.

Evac’s systems (which meet ISO 9001 quality assurance standards) have been fitted to more than 3,200 vessels of all types and sizes, including many of the latest generation of passenger cruise liners and jumbo ferries.

For more information about Evac Marine’s product line, circle 135 on Reader Service Card.

Senator Nunn Vows To Defend DOD From Further Budget Cuts

Senator Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has said that he will oppose any attempts to make deeper cuts into the military’s budget, as the Clinton Administration looks for additional ways to cut the federal deficit.

President Clinton is calling for military cuts of $127 billion over five years, including about $11 billion for the fiscal year beginning October 1.

The senator said that if Congress rejects a Defense Department-wide pay freeze, which is expected to result in $18 billion in savings, the Administration has assured him that it will leave the budget intact and not seek cuts in personnel, weapons programs or other areas.

Senator Nunn also stressed that the budget should be protected even if there are changes in inflation or if the President’s proposed energy tax based on the heat content of a variety of fuel hits the Department of Defense hard.
New DOT Secretary Discusses Future With Marine Industry Executives

During a two-hour exchange with some 30 senior executives from maritime labor, shipbuilders and carriers, Department of Transportation Secretary Federico Peña indicated that the Clinton Administration intends to address maritime issues with the same urgency that it is applying to the U.S. airline industry, and will soon offer a legislative program to revitalize the U.S.-flag fleet. However, according to the Secretary, the White House does not plan to support the 15-year, $4 billion subsidy program called for by several maritime industry groups.

During the meeting, Secretary Peña demonstrated the Administration’s reservations about the liner company’s subsidy plan by questioning the length and cost of their proposal. In response, U.S.-liner executives reiterated threats to transfer their fleets to foreign-flag registries if the government did not introduce a new program by 1995.

While Secretary Peña does not support the anti-shipbuilding-subsidy Gibbs Bill, he expressed a strong interest in ensuring the future of the domestic shipbuilding industry through financial incentives and continued efforts to end foreign subsidies.

John Stocker, president of the Shipbuilders Council of America, together with four presidents of shipbuilding companies, presented the viewpoints and concerns of the U.S. shipbuilding industry to the Secretary. Referring to the “level playing field” theory, they explained that U.S. yards could be internationally competitive if foreign subsidies were eliminated.

Presenting the liner proposals to Secretary Peña was John M. Lillie of Oakland-based American President Lines, who described the higher capital and operating costs of U.S.-flag companies and the proposed 15-year subsidy program, with a renewal option for an additional 15 years.

At the conclusion of the conference, attending executives said that they were impressed with the Secretary’s obvious interest in maritime issues and received a strong impression that the Clinton Administration is very serious about making a revitalized U.S. maritime industry a national priority. One source remarked that unlike previous DOT chiefs, Secretary Peña seems equally committed to both U.S.-flag shipping and shipbuilding.

Of particular interest to the industry representatives was the Secretary’s intention to send a maritime legislative proposal to Capitol Hill by the middle of April or early May.

The proposal is to be drawn-up by an industry-government committee consisting of three DOT officials and two representatives each from the marine labor, shipbuilding and liner sectors of the industry.

Vessel and Facilities Response Plans Deadline

The February 18, 1993 deadline for tank vessels carrying oil in bulk as cargo in U.S. waters and most U.S. marine transportation facilities to file response plans has already passed, and the Coast Guard has begun to review the plans. To date, 672 plans covering 2,770 vessels had been submitted. The Coast Guard is forecasting that more than 4,000 individual vessel response plans, which will cover 5,000 vessels, will be submitted. Upon receipt, plans are date stamped and entered into a vessel response plan tracking system. Each plan is assigned an I.D. number to be used to track all future actions on the plan. Letters are being sent to owners acknowledging receipt of the plans, but not telling whether the plans meet the requirements of OPA ’90. Next, a preliminary review of the plans will determine overall compliance with the statutory requirements mandated by OPA ’90.

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Marco Signs Contracts To Build OSRVs For Clean Sound, Petrobel

Marco Pollution Control, of Seattle, has signed two contracts to build a 42-foot oil spill recovery vessel (OSRV) for Clean Sound Cooperative, of Edmonds, Wash., and a 36-foot OSRV for Petrobel, of Cairo, Egypt. Clean Sound is an organization of oil and oil transportation companies in Washington State dedicated to providing more effective regional control of oil spills.

The Coastal 42 will utilize Marco’s unique Filterbelt technology for oil and debris recovery from open water. Effective on all types of oils, even if mixed with debris, this system has proven to be highly effective in the clean-up of many major spills around the world. The Marco Filterbelt removes oil and debris from water in one step, as opposed to other systems that pump a large amount of water aboard for further separation. The Coastal 42’s system is designed to provide oil recovery rates in excess of 1,200 barrels per hour for persistent oils.

The new boat will have a beam of 15.9 feet, a 3.5-foot draft, and will carry a normal operating crew of two. The OSRV will be capable of speeds in excess of 15 knots and is scheduled for delivery in June 1993.

Petrobel is a joint venture company formed by the Egyptian General Petroleum Authority (EGPC) and ENI of Italy (a member of the AGIP group). The company has ordered a Marco Offshore 36, formerly known as the Class V oil recovery vessel (ORV). The Offshore 36 will also use Marco’s Filterbelt system and is to be stationed in the Red Sea/ Suez Canal area. There are currently 28 Offshore 36 ORVs in service today.

The versatile Offshore 36 is designed to operate as a self-contained autonomous unit in free skimming mode, or as part of a team of three vessels in enhanced or V-boom skimming mode. It can also be configured as a vessel of opportunity skimming system (VSS) unit, towed alongside a mother vessel using an outrigger. The vessel has a 12-foot beam and a draft of 5.2 feet. It carries a normal operating crew of two and has a top skimming speed of two knots. Propulsion of the Offshore 36 is provided by a 75 hp drive located in the forward part of the vessel, allowing the vessel to spin on its own axis. Although Marco’s Offshore 36 has proven itself over and over in a wide variety of spill conditions around the world, this is our first ORV in the Red Sea,” said D. W. Lerch, vice president of Marco’s Pollution Control Division. “We’re glad for the opportunity to demonstrate the Offshore 36’s effectiveness in this sensitive and heavily traveled part of the world. To receive more information about Marco Pollution Control, contact:

Textron Receives U.S. Senate Productivity Award

Senator John Breaux (D-LA) presented the U.S. Senate Productivity Award to New Orleans-based Textron Marine Systems. The award, a bronze medal, was received on behalf of the company by John J. Kelly, president of Textron Marine Systems. Senator Breaux congratulated Mr. Kelly on the efficiency of his work force and stated his belief that Textron employees have set a standard of dedication and quality performance that should be emulated by all. This prestigious award comes to Textron Marine Systems after careful study by the members of the U.S. Senate Productivity Board, composed of industry and educational leaders.

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Veteran Carrier Coral Sea Destined For Scrapyard

Despite efforts to save the fleet's historic workhorse, the Navy announced that a contract to sell the Coral Sea (CV 43) for scrap would be awarded in May of this year. The 52,000-ton aircraft carrier, which was commissioned in 1947 and saw outstanding service off Vietnam in the 1960s and later against Libya in 1986, now waits at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to be towed away by the scrap dealers.

The Coral Sea's scrapping contract was put out for bids by the Navy after a Puerto Rico-based group seeking to refurbish the carrier as a tourist attraction withdrew their bid.

Citing the cost of mooring and the lack of pier space for decommissioned vessels, the Navy could not wait any longer for the group to raise the necessary funds. The group is now concentrating on acquiring the carrier's sistership, the Midway (CV 41), decommissioned in April 1992.

After the contract is awarded, the successful bidder will have 30 days to tow the creaky, groaning carrier from its berth to a final resting place for dismantling.

MarAd OK's Lykes Request To Use Foreign Vessel For Over-Booked Cargo

The U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd) has approved a request by New Orleans-based Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, Inc., to waive the provisions of section 804(a) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, to permit loading up to 100 TEUs on the foreign-flag vessel Deppe America inbound from Livorno, Italy, to Miami on Trade Route 13. As a result of overbooking on the S.S. Margaret Lykes, which normally would transport the cargo, Lykes sought the waiver for special circumstances and good cause.

Section 804 precludes subsidized U.S.-flag operators or their affiliates from operating foreign-flag vessels which compete with essential U.S.-flag shipping services unless the Secretary of Transportation waives the provision of this section for specific period of time.

Farrell Lines, Inc., New York, which provides direct service from Livorno, does not object to this carriage and Sea-Land Service, Inc., of Edison, N.J., withdrew its objection.

Award Of Two Contracts To Grandweld Shiprepair Of Dubai, U.A.E.

Atos Group, Inc.'s, ship repair subsidiary Grandweld & Fabrication Services, which operates at the Al Jadaf ship docking yard in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, recently completed extensive steel renewal repair on the ex-MV Montego, the Quality Shipyard-built vessel now named Delta Star for Delta Marine Services. The vessel's sides, bottom, internals, decks, superstructure and the stern roller were completely cropped out and have been rebuilt. Steel renewal exceeded 175 tons and was completed in 60 days.

Grandweld's capabilities also include ABS life extension programs on offshore supply vessels (OSVs). According to the yard, the number of OSVs now operating out of the U.A.E. exceeds that operating in the Gulf of Mexico region.

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The VIP speaker at the symposium will be Rear Admiral Picotte, Commander Amphibious Group Two. Technical papers will be presented on the following categories and subjects: resistance; power; propulsion; specific platforms; hullform studies; human factors; communications; operations; performance; dynamics; maintenance; logistics; regulations; materials; fabrication; and safety.

Tours will also be available of several types of small boats and craft, including: LCU 2000; an LCAC; the USS Cyclone FC1, LCM 8; and a Russian Trantill I Class missile patrol boat.

For additional information about the event, contact: Registration - Tom Houlihan, (804) 640-7200; Exhibiting - Bob Council, (804) 287-8000; Advertisement - Donna Harmond, (804) 855-1922; and Reservations - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, (804) 491-9000.

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Ingalls launches first of three Israeli corvettes

Litton's Ingalls Shipbuilding division, of Pascagoula, Miss., launched the first of three SAAR 5 Class corvettes being built for Israel.

Ship's sponsor Lea Rabin, wife of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, broke a bottle of champagne across the new ship's bow and officially named her "Eilat." Other ceremony participants included: Alton J. Brann, president and CEO of Litton; Jerry St. Pe', president of Ingalls Shipbuilding and senior vice president of Litton; and the commander-in-chief of the Israeli Navy and the Israeli ambassador.

Ingalls began fabrication work on the Eilat on September 5, 1991. At 281 feet long, with a 36-foot beam, the SAAR 5 corvette possesses unprecedented capabilities in a warship of its size. Twin MTU 12V1163 TB66 diesel main engines power the 1,200-ton ship during most operations, with a General Electric LM2500 gas turbine engine (2,500-hp) available for stable high-speed operations over 33 knots.

The ship's integrated combat system uses optical and radar surveillance and weapons systems to counter air, surface and subsurface threats. Missiles on board include the new Israeli vertically-launched Barak anti-air, the long-range U.S. Harpoon and the short-range Israeli Gabriel anti-surface systems.

Eilat will also be equipped with torpedo launchers, a Phalanx Close-In Weapons System (CIWS), a helicopter with hanger, torpedo and electronic decoy systems and design features to reduce radar, infrared and noise signatures. Ingalls is building the corvettes using modular techniques pioneered and refined at the shipyard during two decades of assembly line construction of advanced U.S. Navy warships. This modular process is supported by an extensive Computer-Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) program. The Eliat corvette is reported to be the world's first surface combatant to be designed entirely using CAD. The CAD equipment also produces magnetic tapes which direct the operation of manufacturing equipment utilized to cut steel plates, cut and bend pipe and form sheetmetal assemblies.

Upon completion of post-launch outfitting, testing and crew training, Eilat will sail for her homeport in Haifa, Israel, early next year. For more information about Ingalls Shipbuilding, Circle 136 on Reader Service Card
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The functions of a Sperry Marine VMS integrated bridge can be described as sixfold: automatic data collection and information distribution; graphical data display; automatic data logging; voyage planning and monitoring; ship control and grounding avoidance.

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In some Sperry Marine installations this is done by bringing all
Coastal Corp., Raytheon Announce Joint Underwater Hazard Detection System

Raytheon Corp., of Lexington, Mass., and Coscol Marine Corp., a subsidiary of Houston, Texas-based The Coastal Corp., announced a jointly developed automated sonar detection system to help ships avoid underwater hazards that could damage a hull and lead to environmental harm.

The Automated Vessel Alert System (AVERT) uses state-of-the-art acoustic data processing in a forward-looking active sonar system to detect and define large underwater obstructions on a TV-like screen. The system is designed to provide an automatic alert to a vessel's bridge in time for it to take corrective action. The joint venture agreement is based on a two-phase program. In Phase I, Raytheon completed the system development and successfully conducted a proof-of-principle evaluation at sea of the system's equipment, processing functions and algorithms. Under terms of Phase II, the Raytheon team will build a production system for installation onboard a Coscol Marine Corp. managed tanker later this summer. Subsequently, the AVERT system will be marketed to owners of large vessels.

For more information about the AVERT system from Raytheon,
IMO Crew Quality Plan Would Have Rich Nations Chip In For Extra Training

If a new initiative from the London-based International Maritime Organization (IMO) to raise the quality of ship's crews is approved, the world's wealthy nations will probably have to contribute much more to the cost of training mariners. Seafarer training is being targeted by the IMO as one of the areas in most urgent need of attention.

According to insurers, human error is at least partly to blame for the majority of maritime accidents. While the majority of ship's crews now come from developing countries such as the Philippines and India, William O’Niel, IMO Secretary-General, believes that the wealthier nations have an obligation to pay towards training costs.

He would like to see an international fund established in which developed nations contribute funds that would be used to pay for training facilities in poorer countries. As the United Nations agency responsible for developing international marine safety standards, the IMO is striving to implement its own regulations before other countries follow the U.S. lead and establish legislation unilaterally. Mr. O’Niel is trying to accelerate the legal introduction of IMO conventions, hoping to reduce the time between agreement and implementation from the usual 18 months to one year.

With the ultimate objective being to bring mariner training procedures more into line with the aviation industry, Mr. O’Niel specifically wants training institutions and shipowners to make greater use of simulators and for qualified officers and crew to continue receiving training throughout their time at sea. The EC in Brussels recently pledged its continuing support for the IMO and also stressed the need for better training.
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Recent Tanker Disasters Cause European Owners To Ease OPA90 Opposition

The recent groundings and resulting oil spills from the tankers Braer, off the Shetland Islands, and Aegean Sea, near the approaches to Gibraltar, are forcing European tanker owners to back-off from their adamant opposition to the U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 due to increased political and environmental pressure from their own countries.

The International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (Intertanko) in particular has dropped its harsh rhetoric that had come to characterize European response to the U.S. legislation. Speaking at a recent meeting in the U.S., Intertanko's chairman, Andreas K.L. Ugland, stated: "The sea is our home and we must protect it...Intertanko fully accepts and supports the principle of effective international rules for improving the safety of the environment and supports the environmental philosophy of OPA 90." Mr. Ugland is also head of the Ugland Group, an association of shipowners based in Grimstad, Norway. The Braer and Aegean Sea tanker accidents in European waters, as well as the Maersk Navigator oil spill off of Indonesia, have generated local calls for much stricter regulations, including proposals for a double-hull law in Europe similar to that of the U.S.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the European Commission (EC) are both offering recommendations for enhanced maritime safety. The IMO has begun an initiative to improve seafarer qualification and training, while the EC has proposed legislation that would require its membership to fully support greater IMO authority, enforce more stringent classification society and ship design standards, enact tougher controls over ships stopping in European ports, modernize and standardize aids to navigation and ban tankers from environmentally sensitive areas.

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Marco To Design Oil Recovery Tug For Taiwan

Marco Shipyard has entered into an agreement with the United Ship Design and Development Center (USDDC) of Taipei, Taiwan, to design and develop a 108.3-foot Special Oil Recovery Tug (SORT). USDDC is the national ship design center for the Republic of China.

The new SORT is intended for offshore singlepoint mooring ship handling service, among many other missions. The twin-screw, Z-drive reverse tractor-style SORT will combine superior maneuverability with Marco's proven Filterbelt oil spill recovery technology. Equipped with two Filterbelt units, the tug is able to effectively recover spilled oil and store it in two 320-bbl capacity tanks without sacrificing the vessel's ship handling capabilities.

The first of these SORT vessels to be built in Taiwan under contract to USDDC is scheduled to be delivered to Chinese Petroleum Corporation of Taipei in June 1994.

"The vessel can go from being a tugboat to being rigged out as a skimming vessel in about 15 minutes. All the equipment is safely contained in the 'tween deck oil recovery machinery space ready for rapid deployment," said D. W. Lerch, vice president of Marco's pollution control division. "The decks are clear and safe for the vessel's primary duty as a ship handling tug." Twin knuckle boom cranes on the foredeck, utilized for fast and safe passing of the tug's hawser to the deck of the tow, are also used to deploy port and starboard oil booms that direct oil to the Filterbelt modules when in the skimming mode. In addition to oil spill recovery, the SORT is designed with firefighting capability in the form of main engine-driven pumps and two four-inch fire monitors at the house top.

For more information about the Marco-developed SORT vessel, Circle 100 on Reader Service Card.
O&K Maritime, HDW Nobiskrug Combine To Build New Hopper Suction Dredger

Together with HDW Nobiskrug, O&K Anlagen + Systeme GmbH received an order for the delivery of a hopper suction dredger. The two companies formed a consortium for building the dredger, which was ordered by joint owners MS "Seekies."

The dredger is intended for use in extracting sand and gravel, up to a maximum grain size of 200mm, from the Baltic, and transporting it to be treated and transformed into a high-quality concrete admixture. The dredger was designed to be economical, as well as flexible under varying loading and unloading conditions.

For loading, the dredger is equipped with a side suction pipe. In order to ensure high mixture concentration, the suction pipe is fitted with a pressure-water activated suction head and an underwater dredge pump. The underwater dredge pump is driven from the main diesel engine via a so-called electric wave.

The dredger can be unloaded with grabs and harbor cranes, or using a self-unloading system which is a new development. This system offers two possibilities for unloading: 1) The load is fluidized, drawn off with the main diesel-driven dredge pump, taken to the screening towers, drained in the screening towers, and transported on shore with a slewable conveyor belt; or, 2) The fluidized load is drawn off by the dredge pump and transported to wet disposal sites through a shore delivery pipe. It is also possible to retrofit the dredger with a system for dumping the load at sea.

Diagram of the hopper suction dredger being built jointly by HDW and O&K Anlagen + Systeme GmbH.

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Mining sand and gravel from the ocean floor presents a survival of the fittest challenge for man and machine, particularly in the North Sea where “hostile environment” takes on added meaning. The arduous weather conditions demand that on-board material handling equipment be designed for survival, as well as productivity. Strachan and Henshaw (S & H) of Bristol, England, designs and installs some of the world’s largest, highest-volume sand and gravel unloading conveyor systems. Productivity demands often dictate that belt conveyors must be capable of handling up to 2,700 tons per hour, with belt speeds up to 10 feet per second. On its largest unloader conveyor, S & H incorporates high capacity idler sets and returns made with Series 1,940 rollers, supplied by Interroll Holding AG, Antonino, Switzerland. Interroll Holding’s U.S. entity is Interroll Corp., Wilmington, N.C. The S & H boom conveyor installed on the Camdijk has a shallow frame design which provides weight savings. Interroll designed special suspended roller sets that easily integrate into the frame design and help contribute to the overall weight savings benefits. Large suction pumps deliver sand and gravel from the ocean floor into the ship’s hold. Excess water is siphoned off and deposited overboard. The ship unloading process begins with a massive rotary bucket wheel that scoops sand and gravel and loads it onto a steep elevator conveyor. The material is deposited onto a cross-deck belt conveyor, then onto the main belt conveyor that runs the length of the ship.

MCR Engineering Unveils New Product, Service Office

MCR Engineering has completed the installation of a twin propeller control system for the F/V Alaska Ranger owned by the Fishing Company of Alaska. The system is the result of a four-year design effort which simplified the operation and maintenance of the entire propulsion system. Currently, MCR is retrofitting the M/V Cape Edmont (MarAd operated) with a new three by 9,000-hp engine and propeller pitch control system. This is the fifth RoRo vessel of its class that has been upgraded with this propulsion system. MCR also announced a new product based on its “IRIS” line of marine controllers: a small engine monitoring and shutdown system combining analog and digital inputs and outputs. The first 12 of these systems will be delivered for generator engine protection in April ’93. In order to provide customers with more prompt and professional service, MCR Engineering has formed the MCR Services, Inc., headed by Tom Mack, which will offer local field service in Seattle, Houston, Cleveland and Boston.

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Bailey Refrigeration Helps Refit Cruise Ship

When the Amerikanis from Chandris/Fantasy Cruises needed a new refrigeration plant, Bailey Refrigeration designed and built the entire system, and installed it while the passenger ship was in drydock for normal maintenance.

The provision plant on the Amerikanis had machinery that was over 50 years old, according to Ben Bailey, president.

After analyzing the ship's needs, Bailey engineers recommended a screw compressor system that uses refrigerant R22.

This particular refrigerant was selected because of environmental considerations, as well as its availability.

According to Mr. Bailey, every effort was made to keep the system simple in order to enhance its serviceability. The main machinery package consisted of two horizontal open type mini-screw compressors, direct driven by 3,500 rpm electric motors discharging into two marine condensers. Both systems are available for pull down and only one system is required for normal operation. In order to eliminate lengthy downtime with the system changeover, the refrigeration package was designed and built at Bailey Refrigeration's Avenel, N.J., facility.

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Lips Propellers Receives ISO 9001 Certification

Lips B.V., a leading propeller manufacturer with its base in The Netherlands, has formally received ISO 9001 certification. The certificate of approval was handed over by J.R. Smit, chief executive for The Netherlands, to Dr. C. Pronk, managing director of Lips B.V.

The final assessment, which was carried out by Bureau Veritas Quality International is the culmination of an effort covering a two year period and, a confirmation that Lips' approach to deliver quality products is a sound one.

Lips B.V., managing director of Lips B.V.

In order to strengthen its offshore law enforcement activities, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., recently purchased 10 new 19-foot Guardian Class workboats from the Commercial Products division of Boston Whaler, Inc.

The new boats will be used in a variety of capacities, from routine patrol to search and rescue missions along the state's Gulf Coast areas.

Purchase of the ten new Guardians reflects the Department's growing responsibility to provide effective and efficient policing of Louisiana's marshy, uneven coast, which totals 7,721 miles of tidal shoreline.

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EDITORIAL: Is An Energy Tax Best?

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That reduces overall oil consumption from what it would have been by less than two percent — not enough to noticeably improve the environment. It also means that the expected level of oil import dependence in the year 2000 would be 55.1 percent of oil consumption, rather than 55.9 percent.

As a result, by the end of the decade, we will still increase oil imports by about three and one-half million barrels per day. Increasing domestic production is a far better way to reduce the growth in imports.

The VAT: A Better Tax

No one wants new taxes, but if the reality is that some kind of new taxes can’t be avoided, it makes sense to impose those that are as fair and have as few harmful consequences as possible.

By almost every measure a broad-based consumption tax, such as a value added tax (VAT), is better than an energy tax:

A VAT would be imposed on a wide range of goods and services not just energy, raising large amounts of revenue at very low rates. Consider this:

A VAT would not penalize industries or consumers who need to use a lot of energy.

A VAT is fairer to lower and middle income people because the tax need not apply to food, medical care and prescription drugs.

A VAT could easily be levied on imported goods and rebated on exports. Thus, U.S. companies would remain on an even footing with their foreign competitors.

A VAT would not distort business decisions by inducing firms to use less efficient operating or production techniques simply to use less energy.

A VAT would not single out or penalize particular businesses or regions of the country, and:

A VAT would reach consumption of the underground economy.

When the Administration’s economic package was presented, supporters warned that attacking individual part of it could jeopardize the entire plan — and that it should be passed essentially as is.

While the political considerations behind this judgment are real, the fact remains that a VAT is a better idea, which a number of U.S. Senators and Representatives have already endorsed.

The Administration has taken a bold step in placing its economic package on the table. It should take on more and replace its energy tax with a VAT.
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ASNE Day ’93, the American Society of Naval Engineers’ annual meeting and technical symposium, will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. on May 6 to 7. This year’s theme is “Performance versus Affordability—Challenge of the 90s.”

More than 3,000 attendees are expected to participate in the technical sessions, attend the social functions and visit the exhibits.

As an added feature, ASNE is planning to hold its first Job Fair in the Ambassador exhibit area, which will be open to the public. More than 130 exhibitors are expected to be on hand to display their products and services targeting the naval engineering community.

ASNE’s president, Jerome J. Fee, has arranged a plenary session for Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. that will address the challenges to the naval engineering profession brought on by budget decreases, mission changes, force restructuring and technological changes. Vice Admiral William A. Owens, USN, deputy chief of naval operations, will address “The Requirement.” He will be followed by Vice Admiral Michael P. Kallees, USN, commander, Military Sealift Command; Vice Admiral Kenneth C. Malley, USN, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA); Rear Admiral Peter A. Bunch, USCG, chief, office of engineering and development; and an industry representative who will address “The Response.”

Everyone interested in hearing of the impending changes in the profession should attend.

This year’s 22-paper technical program, which begins at 10:15 a.m. Thursday morning following the plenary session, will address a broad spectrum of subjects of interest to the modern naval engineer.

Each session will be moderated by a leader in the field, and, in addition to invited discussions, there will be ample time for a question and answer period.

ASNE’s purpose is to increase the dialogue between designers, operators and producers, so the naval engineering systems are affordable and effective.

The technical program will conclude Friday afternoon with three outstanding papers: Dr. Jack Levedahl will describe an innovative 21st Century Destroyer; Dr. Dean Rains and Kenneth Mitchell will compare Nuclear and Non-nuclear Attack Submarine Powerplants; and Kenneth Brower and Captain Jim Keough will present a Comparative Analysis of Fast Attack Craft. This is a technical session that most attendees are expected to attend.

The traditional Thursday luncheon will be held in honor of ASNE Day authors and moderators, and will feature the presentation of the “Jimmie” Hamilton and Solberg Awards.

The “Jimmie” Hamilton Award, which is for the best technical paper published in the 1992 Naval Engineers Journals, will be presented to Dr. Bilal M. Ayyub and Kwan Ling Lai of the University of Maryland for their paper, “Structural Reliability Assessment with Ambiguity and Vagueness Failure.”

The Solberg Award will be presented to Peter R. Bannister for his research and development accomplishments.

ASNE has invited Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense, to be its banquet speaker on May 7. The banquet, which is the closing function for ASNE Day, will feature presentations of the Gold Medal and Saunders Awards.

The Gold Medal will be presented to Dr. R. Norris Keeler and the Saunders Award to Larry J. Argiro.

Other awards that will be presented at other ASNE Day functions include the Frank G. Law Award for continuing service to ASNE and the Claud A. Jones Award for service to the fleet.

Captain Richard P. Dunbar, USN (Ret.), will be receiving the Frank G. Law Award and Thomas G. Conners will be presented the Claud A. Jones Award for his work with the Military Sealift Command during Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

The Exhibit Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at no charge. Non-registered visitors will be required to obtain a name badge at the exhibitor’s registration desk for entrance into the exhibit hall.

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**Tuesday, May 4**

12 noon Golf Tournament — Andrews Air Force Base

**Wednesday, May 5**

4:30 p.m. Joint Council/Sections Meeting — Hampton Room

**Thursday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. Plenary Session — Regency Ballroom

- **Keynote address** - "The Challenge," by Jerome J. Fee, ASNE president

- "The Requirement," Vice Admiral William A. Owens, USN, deputy chief of naval operations

- "The Response," Vice Admiral Michael P. Kalleres, USN, commander, Military Sealift Command

- Vice Admiral Kenneth C. Malley, USN, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

- Rear Admiral Peter A. Bunch, USCG, chief of engineering & development; Mr. Ellsworth L. Peterson, president, Peterson Builders, Inc.

**Session 1A** — Palladian Room

- 10:15 a.m. "Development of a Zonal Architecture Fire Main System For Combatant Ships," Mark E. Shiffler


**Session 1B** — Diplomat Room

- 10:15 a.m. "Information Technology Insertion: Key System Engineering Element for Affordable, Mission Flexible Ships," Ray Ward

- 11:00 a.m. "Combat System Engineering: A Return to Fundamentals," Andrew Mirttana and Michael S. Karp

**Session 2A** — Palladian Room

- 2:30 p.m. "Naval Surface Combatant Ship Designer’s Aid," Ed P. Andert, Jr.


- 4 p.m. "Ship Impact Studies," Philip J. Simms

**Session 2B** — Diplomat Room

- 2:30 p.m. "An Approach to Turn-Key Communications Suites for New Construction Ships," Roy J. Biondi, Barbara A. Keller and Donald Risty

- 3:15 p.m. "Navy High Energy Laser Weapon System," David Ferreira and Frederick C. Marcell

- 4 p.m. "Performance Testing of Shipboard Electronic Systems," George Harder and Robert Martin

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The shipyard will have a visual display of processes and programs in place at their facility, specifically in the production of DDG 51 Burke Class destroyers for the U.S. Navy. Bath Iron Works will be located at Booths 552 and 553.

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Shown here under construction at Hitachi Zosen Corp.'s Ariake Works, the Arosa, which is the first double-hull VLCC built in Japan, was recently delivered to its owner, Arosa Maritime. The 290,000-dwt, Greek-flag crude carrier, was designed to meet new MARPOL regulations. The tanker is equipped with many modern systems, such as an emergency inert gas supply system to ballast spaces and hydrocarbon gas detectors to prevent accidental explosion. The tanker can attain a service speed of 15 knots and has a Schottel Pump-Jet Propulsion System.

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Transicold Enter Agreement

Marlo Coil, Carrier High Ridge, Mo., and Carrier Corporation, through its Carrier Transicold Division, Syracuse, N.Y., have entered into a manufacturing and technical assistance agreement.

Marlo Coil will manufacture Carrier’s Navy Hi-Shock Air Conditioning and Ships Stores Plants. Carrier’s Navy Hi-Shock Air Conditioning and nonmagnetic condensing units and is currently producing nine 80-ton Hi-shock AC plants of the Carrier design. An R-22 refrigeration plant for the LHD-5 vessel being built by Ingalls Shipbuilding has also been awarded to Marlo.

U.S. Navy parts and compressors continue to be available direct from Carrier Transicold. Marlo has manufactured U.S. Navy Standard “Low Side” heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment for over 50 years. Now, as a Carrier licensee, Marlo has the capability to design and manufacture complete air conditioning and refrigeration systems to U.S. Navy specifications.

For additional information on the Marlo Coil products and services to the maritime industry, call 404-381-9000 or fax 404-381-8382 for more information or a no-obligation meeting.

Two Luxury Cruise Ferries To Serve Orlando And Miami

Richard A. Gugel, president and CEO of New Jersey-based Atlantic Cash Express, Inc. has announced plans to operate two Seacoaster, oceangoing passenger/vehicle cruise ferries along the eastern seaboard domestic trade route between ports in Florida and the northeastern U.S. beginning early 1994.

Each vessel will accommodate 912 or more passengers and eight cars, traveling at speeds of 62 to 65 knots. One of the vessels will have its homeport in New York City, where it will travel four hours to Boston and then return to New York. The vessel will then cruise to Cape Canaveral, Fla., in just 12 hours.

Mr. Gugel’s ferries are designed for both comfort and speed. Each sister ship is a three-hulled catamaran with the technology of a surface effect ship. The ferries will measure 328 feet by 90.2 feet. The vessel will have three decks which will include a wet bar, restaurant and night club.

Additionally, each vessel will be equipped with international and domestic phone and fax service, and personal computers for use by its passengers. For more information contact Richard A. Gugel, Atlantic Cash Express, Inc., 470 Piaget Ave., Ste. K-2, Clifton, N.J. 07011; Tel (201) 478-0009.
Offshore Exhibition Set For Russia In September

NEVA '93 Shipping and Offshore Exhibition, scheduled to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, September 14-18, is already gaining fast-growing support. Proposed maritime changes in Russia could bring the show that much more to the forefront.

Reportedly the Ministry of Merchant Marine (Morflot) will soon propose to the Russian government a plan to build 500 ships, of undetermined size or type at press time, by the year 2000. The plan is also said to involve the conversion of some military shipbuilding yards to construct commercial vessels.

NEVA '93 had already registered impressive growth based on the commercial opportunities in Russia and the Republics now available to the international maritime industries. Additionally, the national export and fairs organizations of Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy and Norway will have national pavilions at the show, while groups of leading maritime companies from France, Greece, Holland, Poland and the U.K. are expected to attend.

For information on NEVA '93, Circle 18 on Reader Service Card

Circle Seal's Valves For Controlling Low Flow

Tiny fingertip metering valves from Circle Seal Controls reportedly provide uncompromising reliability for ultra-low flow metering. Designed to be indestructible, the MV92 series valve features 316 stainless steel construction; permanently lubricated threads, located outside the fluid stream, for trouble-free operation; and packing below the threads to prevent contamination.

For more information on Circle Seal's MV92 series valve line, Circle 19 on Reader Service Card

MagneTek Offers Multiple-Use Marine Transformers

MagneTek of Gardena, Calif., has developed a new line of transformers designed specifically for marine applications. The new units have been "ruggedized," according to the manufacturer, for the environmental, noise and reliability demands of all types of commercial and pleasure ships, offshore oil rigs, dockside applications and other harsh environment settings.

The new transformers are dry-type copper-wound design. For single-phase requirements, they range from 1- to 125-KVA, and for three-phase applications, from 15- to 500-KVA. All units are "off-the-shelf" and available in standard voltages.

For more information on MagneTek's new generators, Circle 21 on Reader Service Card

Dataware Offers PC For Use In Adverse Environments

Dataware Electronics, Inc. released the Optima, the company's newest industrially-hardened computer system. The Optima, reportedly, is an integrated, high-performance, compact system which combines a high-speed PC, high-resolution monitor, hard drive, floppy drive, multi-function keypad and more. The PC system is specifically designed for harsh conditioning, and was built with oceanographic, marine, manufacturing and process industries in mind.

For information from Dataware, Circle 22 on Reader Service Card

Marine Transport Lines Orders Haz-Mat's Spill Kit

Haz-Mat Technologies, which has already supplied several companies with OPA '90 spill kits, has received an order from Marine Transport Lines. These spill kits come with a combination of "Rubberizer" absorbents, disposal drums, and equipment, including protective clothing, respirators, non-sparking shovel and more.

For additional information on Haz-Mat's products and services, Circle 23 on Reader Service Card

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Hepworth Offers Variety Of Vision Clarity Products

Hepworth Marine International are designers and manufacturers of a wide range of ship bridge window wipers, including electric, air and hydraulic systems for use in zone one areas. The company has been given a certificate of approval by ABS for its heavy duty straight ships bridge window wipers.

Also, the company announced a new heavy duty marine window wiper, powered by a hydraulic drive unit which will drive arms and blades up to one-meter in length. The new wipers are available as Pentoagraph or Pendulum. As a compliment to its wiper products, Hepworth offers the BECO range of air-driven turbine fluorescent and Mercury Vapor lighting equipment. Finally, Hepworth periscopes, designed for vessels where clear forward vision was obstructed by the addition of a whaleback or deck shelter, for example, are becoming more popular for vessels of all sizes, Hepworth reports.

For additional information on Hepworth and its entire product line, Circle 24 on Reader Service Card

Master Marine Delivers 37-Foot Dredge Tender

Master Marine Inc., of Brownsville, Texas, delivered a 37-foot by 12-foot by 4.5-foot dredge tender to L.W. Matteson Inc., of Burlington, Iowa. The boat is powered by a pair of John Deere model 609FT engines through Twin Disk MG506 gears. The engines develop 163 brake hp each, turning 2.26-inch stainless steel shafts and 28-inch by 22-inch four blade propellers. By locating the propellers in tunnels, the vessel was able to meet the requirement that it operate in less than 33 inches of water. The engines are keel cooled and have dry exhausts.

The rudders are controlled by a full follow-up, lever-operated steering system. The operator positions the steering lever to the angle he wants the rudders to be, and the rudders move to that angle. The boat has two main rudders and four flanking rudders, controlled by two separate levers.

A 2,000-gallon cargo tank can transport fuel to the dredge and other equipment. The tank was designed as a separate, drop-in unit, and can be removed for unrestricted access to the tank and hull for cleaning, painting and major repairs. The cabin is removable for transportation by highway, or for unrestricted access to the engines with a crane.

For more information on the building services of Master Marine, Circle 25 on Reader Service Card

Hydro Intl. Builds All-Welded Aluminum Vessels

Hydro International, Inc., established in 1992, occupies a modern manufacturing boat facility located in Mobile, Ala., suited for the custom design and construction of aluminum vessels. The company offers its customers 15 years of design and construction experience on vessels from 16 to 120 feet. It also boasts an extensive background in commercial work vessels, pleasure yachts, sport fishing boats and high-speed offshore racing craft. Hydro Intl. incorporates Advanced Hull Development and Stability Analysis Programs, Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD), inventory control and other features to perform a quality, cost-efficient job. The company recently delivered this 28-foot diesel utility vessel.

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Maritime Reporter/Engineering News
AWES Celebrates 118th Committee Meeting

The Association of Western European Shipyards (AWES) celebrated its 118th standing committee meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, under the chairmanship of Antonio Duarte Silva, chairman of Estaleiros Navais de Viana do Castelo.

The AWES meeting considered the outlook for shipbuilding requirements in future years where an upturn in global activity is predicted for the second half of the 1990s, based largely on the replacement of older ships.

The average yearly newbuilding requirements is forecast to increase from some 11 million cubic-gross tons (cgt) per year on average in the 1991 to 1995 period to 15 million cgt in the 1996 to 2000 period. With the existing shipbuilding capacity and the productivity increases expected, there will be no lack of shipbuilding capacity.

The Western European shipbuilders expressed their satisfaction at the initiatives of the European Commission (EC), supported by the European Parliament and European Council of Ministers, to develop a Maritime Industries Forum during the year 1992, in order to have an integrated and more competitive European maritime industry.

AWES praised the EC Council for having taken a significant stand, and hopes that the council recommendations will rapidly be developed into concrete measures enforced by the member states.

American Welding Society Updates Specification For Underwater Welding

The American Welding Society has updated its "Specification for Underwater Welding." The document defines the requirements for welding structures or components under the surface of the water in wet and dry environments.

Sections one through six constitute the general requirements for underwater welding. Sections seven through ten contain special requirements that apply to four individual classes of underwater welds: Class A, comparable to above-water welding; Class B, for less critical applications; Class C, where load bearing is not a primary consideration; and Class D, for the requirement of another designated code or specification.

The publication, an American National Standard, contains extensive revisions in its technical content, reflecting the most current information on the subject. The 105-page document may be purchased by contacting the AWS Order Department, American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, Fla. 33135. Tel: (800) 334-9353 (continental U.S.) or (808) 445-0705. The price is $44 for non-members and $33 for AWS members.

Dougherty Marine Unveils New Line Of Fishing Craft

Combining 40 years of design experience engineering, Robert Dougherty has launched a new boat company and an innovative line of quality in- and offshore fishing boats. Mr. Dougherty headed Boston Whaler's engineering efforts from its earliest days as the Fisher Pierce Company in Rockland, Mass., until 1989.

Mr. Dougherty has started his own company, Dougherty Marine, Inc., Edgewater, Fla., and his new Marlin line features a no-corners-cut approach to tooling and design. His son has also joined the company as vice president. The company will be introducing its 18-foot center console Marlin 180 and twin console Marlin 180 Sport at various shows. Hull design for a 17-foot boat is complete, and Mr. Dougherty says future models will range from 21 to 29 feet.

For complete information on Dougherty Marine,

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Bill Napier Named President Of Balehi Marine

Bill Napier has been named president of Balehi Marine, Inc. He is replacing David Levy, the founder of Balehi Marine, who has retired.

Mr. Napier joined McDermott International in 1976 and held various positions in their marine construction operations. In 1989, he transferred to Bailey Controls Company where he was director of marine sales.

Balehi Marine, Inc. was founded in 1975 and specializes in the construction and repair of marine vessels and barges. Balehi is also active in fabricating steel products for non-traditional shipyard activities.
Consolidated Fluid Power Specializes In Hydraulic System Flushing

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For more information on Consolidated Fluid Power's services,
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Halton's Fire Damper Helps Prevent Ventilation Fires

Halton has developed a fire damper, which can be used in the ductwork of a ship's galley.

Halton has developed a new type of marine fire damper to improve the fire safety of ships. It can be used in the ductwork of the galley and other spaces to prevent the fire spreading through the ventilation ducts. The fire damper has passed the official fire test of the State Technical Research Center fire laboratories. The fire damper has Det Norske Veritas, Lloyd's and Bureau Veritas certificates of approval (the DOT certificate is pending). Special attention has been paid to the airtightness of the FDB since, in the event of fire, smoke fumes escaping through the ventilation ducts are dangerous. With a new type of seal (patent pending), the leakage of smoke fumes is curtailed.

For more information on the new Halton fire damper,
Circle 29 on Reader Service Card

Kockums Computer Systems Updates SteerBear, Autokon Programs

SteerBear version 8.0 from Kockums Computer Systems offers the user several new features and advantages. For example, with the new 8.0 version, in addition to the interactive creation of components, it is now possible to create them in batch via a text file using a design language. The design language can be created manually by a user or by a customer-written program. For example, the results of an analysis program could be used to create specialized components such as flexible mounts for equipment. The efficiency of pipe modeling has been improved, and the use of pipe specifications has been extended so that it's possible to use the specification for component selection in the pipe modeling phase as well as the diagram design phase. Improvements incorporated into the Autokon System version 23.00 include a general improvement in enhanced database system for the structural part. Now the database system is, on average, 20 percent faster than before. Other improvements include: a new functionality in AUTODEF, to enable the user to define standard brackets without making a surface for the part first and cutouts are now generated in stiffeners by other penetrating stiffeners and plate seams.

For more on Kockums Computer's systems enhancements,
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Frank W. Murphy Debuts New Product Literature

ST-Series alarm panels from Tulsa, Okla.-based Frank W. Murphy Manufacturing, now have...
improved faceplates. Each ST-Series alarm panel monitors from five to 16 points, and are used to monitor engine and gear function, fuel tank levels, holding tank levels, bilge levels, generator functions and more. Also, the Murphy Marine Equipment Catalog, which is also available in Spanish, is a full-color, 12-page catalog entitled "Monitoring and Protection for Marine Engines and Equipment," and includes photographs, drawings and descriptions of more than 60 products.

For information on the entire line from Frank W. Murphy,

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Argonautics Completes Transport Feasibility Study

Argonautics Marine Engineering has completed a feasibility study on the deployable water-front facility (DWF) modules for the Carderock Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (CDNSWC). The study identified the capabilities of presently existing commercial heavy lift barges and vessel with respect to transporting DWF modules. Aspects such as load-out procedures, stability during ballasting, cribbing and seafastening arrangements, etc., were addressed.

For more information about Argonautics Marine Engineering,

Circle 31 on Reader Service Card

Robbins Starts In-House Heat Treatment, Passivation

Robbins Manufacturing Co., Inc. (RMC) has installed new, atmospheric furnaces for the heat treat-
mant of its stainless steel and non-
router bolts, screws and special cold-
formed parts. This recent develop-
ment is a major part of RMC's continuous effort to enhance quality and service while maintaining com-
plete traceability.

In addition, RMC has installed a fully-automated passivation and coating line which allows its stain-
less and non-ferrous products to be processed to high quality specifications. The new passivation equip-
ment complements RMC's policies of providing total capability for the recouping, and recycling, of all solutions.

For more information on Robbins Manufacturing's developments,

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Amps Expands Repair Capabilities To Woodward Governor's Equipment

Automated Marine Propulsion Systems, Inc. (AMPS), of LaPorte, Texas, has expanded its repair ca-
piabilities to include the servicing of Woodward Governor's equipment. AMPS has purchased test stands from Woodward and now has the ability to fully repair and activate both Woodward mechanical and elec-
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Miller Adds Two Models To XMT Rack Product Line

Built for use in shipyards, construction sites and rental yards, the Miller XMT® Rack product line has been expanded to include a second eight pak and new four pak model. While the original XMT eight pak was designed for operation on 230 VAC or 460 VAC power, the new eight pak rack operates on 460 VAC or 575 VAC primary power. The new four pak rack is designed for 230 VAC or 460 VAC primary power operation.

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For free literature on these new additions to the Miller XMT line,

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Latest Navy Oiler

Christened USNS Yukon
By Avondale Industries

T-AO 202, the 13th of 16 fleet oilers New Orleans-based Avondale Industries is building for the U.S. Navy, was christened the USNS Yukon in launching ceremonies at the company’s westbank Shipyards Division today.

The new ship takes its name from Alaska’s Yukon River, the third-longest river in North America measuring nearly 2,000 miles long, and is the second Navy ship to be named Yukon.

T-AO 202 and her sister ships of the T-AO 187 Class being built at Avondale are 667.5 feet long, 97.5 feet wide and have a maximum draft of 36 feet. Their primary mission is to transport fuel oils from shore depots to ships and support forces underway. The ships also carry limited fleet freight, cargo, water, mail and personnel.

Several of the Avondale-built T-AO ships have performed with the 42,000-ton T-AO ships are capable of service speeds of 20 knots. The twin-screw propeller design provides the vessel with improved directional stability, ease of control and mission reliability under combat conditions. The T-AO fleet oilers and other ships under construction at Avondale are built using state-of-the-art modular construction techniques, which include pre-fabrication and pre-outfitting of the individual modules in designated outfitting zones throughout the shipyard.

The pre-outfitted modules are then moved to the erection site and assembled into complete ships. As a result of these modern construction techniques, the ships are approximately 80 percent complete at the time of their launchings, and T-AO 202 is the most complete ships to date at time of launching at Avondale.

Avondale Industries, Inc., is one of the leading marine fabricators in the U.S., active in the construction, repair and conversion of oceangoing vessels. In addition, the company manufactures boats and landing craft, air cushion (LCAC) vehicles and builds and repairs the leading marine fabricators in the U.S., active in the construction, repair and conversion of oceangoing vessels.

Gladding-Hearn's new fireboat for New York City has a twin-screw, shallow-draft vessel, which has a 16-foot beam and a four-foot draft, is powered by a pair of Detroit Diesel 8V-92TA engines, each rated for 850 bhp at 2,300 rpm. The vessel’s draft to about 18 inches.

The deep-V planing hull top at 28 knots, more than two knots faster than called for by city fire officials. According to officials at the shipyard, the vessel’s straightforward design makes it simple to operate, and the boat is equipped with a readily-available, off-the-shelf parts.

Its fire system consists of two separate self-priming centrifugal pumps, each powered by a 400 hp Detroit 6V-53T engine. Each pump delivers more than 2,500 gpm at 150 psi to four monitors located on the foredeck, midships and stern. A 250 gpm foam system, supplied by Chubb National Foam, also supplies the forward monitor and three, four-inch hose outlets.

The vessel’s propulsion system, which, instead of conventional propellers, would reduce the vessel’s draft to about 18 inches. Gladding-Hearn catamaran fireboats are also available for firefighters who require extra wide platforms.

For more information about the services available from Avondale Industries, contact General Gray and Mrs. Jerry Huggard, presidents and CEO, Avondale Industries. The New York City Contract Specifications have been delivered to the city and are being reviewed by city fire officials.

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Two Singapore Yards Join Forces to Repair Crude Tanker Maersk Navigator

Two Singapore-listed yards are joining forces to repair the crude oil supertanker Maersk Navigator which was damaged in a mishap in the Straits of Malacca in January. The 20-million-Singapore-dollar ($12.1 million) contract will be carried out jointly by Hitachi Zosen Singapore, Ltd., a subsidiary of Japan's Hitachi Zosen Corp., and Jurong Shipyard, Ltd. This is the first time that the two yards have worked together on securing a major repair job. The 225,312-dwt Danish supertanker was severely damaged in a collision on January 21 with a smaller tanker, the Sanko Harbor. According to Hitachi Zosen, the job involves substantial steel renewal of two of the Maersk Navigator's tanks and a complete renewal of its accommodation superstructure. The vessel arrived at Hitachi Zosen's yard last month and the whole project is scheduled to take about five months to complete. After Hitachi completes repairs to the tanker's hull and tanks, the Sanko Harbor will then be moved to Jurong Shipyard for installation of the accommodation superstructure under part of the repair contract. The Sanko Harbor is now in Jurong's yard for repairs contracted for approximately $3.6 million.

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Elliot Bay To Design
Propulsion Improvements
For Alaska Highway Ferry

The Alaska Marine Highway system has given Elliot Bay Design Group, of Seattle, the task of designing general improvements in the propulsion and auxiliary machinery systems of the ferry Tustumena, to compensate for past size and capacity increases.

Originally built in 1964 with a length of 246 feet, the Tustumena grew by 50 feet during a 1972 lengthening. More recently, additional superstructure was added in 1990. All of this added considerable weight and windage, but no change was ever made in the vessel’s engines or bowthruster. That has had a real impact on operations in the confined water of Alaska’s south central coast. Elliot Bay is studying how best to improve the ferry’s capabilities. Options include reworking the ferry’s existing Fairbanks-Morse 38-1/8D engines to boost them from 1,600 hp to 2,000 hp, or selecting a replacement engine. Either way, the following improvements will be part of the new propulsion package: controllable-pitch propellers; a new bowthruster system; new Caterpillar-powered generator sets; an enclosed engine room control station; and a new gyro for the ship’s stabilizer fin system.

For more information about Elliot Bay Design Group,

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Hornblower Executive
Elected IMTA President

P. Michael Watson, president and co-owner of San Francisco-based Hornblower Dining Yachts, was elected president of the International Marine Transit Association (IMTA). Mr. Watson and co-owner Terry MacRae, the Passenger Vessel Association’s 1993 vice president, bought Hornblower in 1980 with two small yachts. The company has grown to 24 yachts operating in six California cities, and employs 780. Hornblower also owns Invader Cruises in San Diego and Monte Carlo Cruises in San Francisco.

IMTA represents more than 200 operators, including public and private companies worldwide. It provides an international exchange for operators, naval architects, manufacturers, suppliers, shipyards, government agencies, support services, marine engineering and planning consultants, and specialists in maritime training.

The association seeks to encourage industry cooperation and advancement, and acts as an adviser to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Two Appointments At
Halifax Shipyards

Andrew McArther, president and CEO, Halifax-Dartmouth Industries Ltd., announced the appointments of Paul Hopkins as the director of new construction and D.R. "Dusty" Miller as project manager for the Maritime Coastal Defense Vessel Program.

In this newly created position, Mr. Hopkins will be responsible for the production engineering, fabrication, outfitting and trials for the 12 Maritime Coastal Defense vessels to be built at H-DIL’s Halifax Shipyards. Mr. Miller brings more than 37 years of experience in shipyards, federal government, research and consulting. Mr. Miller will be responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the MCDV program. H-DIL has been awarded the contract to build 12 Canadian Navy vessels, the first for delivery in 1995.

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The 1991 profitability of a cross-section of leading U.S. oil companies was at its third lowest level in the past 23 years, a study released by the American Petroleum Institute reveals.

According to the study, which is entitled "Financial Trends of Leading U.S. Oil Companies 1968-1991," the rate of return (income as a percentage of stockholder equity) of the leading 20 companies was 9.7 percent.

The only times the rates were lower since 1968 were in 1986 and 1987, when rates were 3.7 percent and 6.2 percent, respectively.

The only other time the rate was lower than 10 percent during the period was in 1972, when it was 9.9 percent.

Net income of the 20 companies in 1991 was $13.2 billion. This was the lowest level since 1987, when net income amounted to $7.9 billion. Conversely, the highest net income achieved by the 20 companies during the stated period was $25.8 billion, which was recorded by the survey in 1980.

In 1991, the capital expenditures of the 20 companies amounted to $36.8 billion, $23.6 billion more than in 1990.

New Contracts For Containership, VLCC

Daewoo Shipbuilding & Heavy Machinery Ltd. has kicked off 1993 with a number of new orders.

The first order of the year for a Korean shipbuilding firm was worth $150 million, and was a contract for the Indian state-run Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) for construction of an SHW Process Platform Complex 100 kilometers northwest of Bombay.

The project is related to the $400-million SHU Process Platform Complex contract the company received from ONGC early last year, and is to be completed by December 1994.

Daewoo has also concluded a $450-million contract with Iran for construction of five new VLCCs.

A formal announcement has yet to be made and details are forthcoming.

Finally, Daewoo Shipbuilding announced it will build two 4,000-teu containerships worth $170 million for American President Line.

An order for six additional containerships could be received on an optional basis from APL in the future.

In 1993, Daewoo is scheduled to complete nine VLCCs, bringing the total VLCC tonnage and vessels built in the U.S. to 1,138,327 DWT.

Daewoo has already spent $300 million on two new 40,000-ton vessels, bringing the total VLCC tonnage and vessels built in the U.S. to 1,138,327 DWT.

The capital expenditure program for 1993 includes $300 million for two new 40,000-ton vessels, bringing the total VLCC tonnage and vessels built in the U.S. to 1,138,327 DWT.

American Eagle Marine, Inc., located on the Harvey Canal in New Orleans, can now offer immediate delivery of the derrick barge Gregory L, a full 100-ton lift capacity, 360 degree rotating pedestal crane mounted on a 180-foot by 60-foot-by-11-foot barge, and has entered the wellhead cleanup and platform removal market.

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The company presently employs a staff of 28 to operate the entirety of American Eagle's equipment inventory and provide support to its activities.

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In addition to its active salvage business, American Eagle is a prime vendor to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has recently worked for Total-Minato, AWI-Mallard and has bids in place for the removal of eight platforms and numerous wellheads later this spring and summer.

For additional information on the products and services of American Eagle Marine, contact API at: Publications and Distribution Section, 1220 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; tel: (202) 682-9378, fax: (202) 682-8537.

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The Birth Of The National Shipbuilding Research Program

The mission of the National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) is to assist the U.S. shipbuilding and repair industry in achieving and maintaining global competitiveness with respect to quality, time, cost and customer satisfaction. The NSRP started in 1970 as a result of amendments to the 1936 Merchant Marine Act. More specifically, the Secretary of Commerce was charged to “collaborate with...shippers in developing plans for the economic construction of vessels.” The Ship Production Committee of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) has been chosen by the Maritime Administration to provide the strategic direction to the NSRP. The NSRP is a unique cost-shared government and industry program with research ideas generated by both sectors. The ideas then go through a refinement process and are worked into a project proposal. The proposal is then evaluated and a determination is made as to whether it is vital enough to the shipbuilding and repair industry to be funded. Once a proposal is funded, a competitive proposal process selects the best researcher for the job. The resulting research is then made available to the entire shipbuilding and repair industry.

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APL Appeals To MarAd To Lift Prohibition

The Maritime Administration has received a request from American President Lines, Ltd., (APL) to delete the prohibition of carrying military cargo on foreign-flag vessels under three waivers of section 804 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended.

Currently, APL performs three subsidized container shipping services. Its Transpacific Trade Route (TR) service covers the range of former TR 29 to/from California-Oregon-Washington, up to 188 annual sailings. Former TR 29 includes ports in the Far East on the continent of Asia from Asian Russia to Thailand, inclusive, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines.

APL's two extension services add authority to serve ports of South Asia and the Persian Gulf/Red Sea on up to 28 sailings to/from California and up to 80 sailings to/from Oregon/Washington. APL's current contract permits any part of the service by transfer or relay of cargo between subsidized vessels at any foreign port on the authorized service.

APL's application states that the Cargo Preference Act of 1904 requires defense cargoes to go on U.S.-flag vessels when available. However, the company says that when there is no U.S.-flag service, there is no valid reason to bar it from carrying defense cargoes using a combination of U.S.-flag line haul vessels and foreign-flag vessels.

The company performs its TR 2 transpacific service primarily with line-haul vessels making direct calls at most major foreign TR 2 ports.

APL's extension services are currently performed by a feeder network that includes four subsidized U.S.-flag APL vessels providing service on a relay basis to Singapore, Colombo, and Fujayrah via Kaohsiung. The company also operates charter foreign-flag feeders in and to extension areas in the range Indonesia-Red Sea under authority of one section 804 waiver. It also operates foreign-flag feeders under two additional waivers to Thailand and China in the TR 2 foreign area.

Section 804 precludes subsidized U.S.-flag operators or their affiliates from operating foreign-flag vessels which compete with essential U.S.-flag shipping services unless the Secretary of Transportation waives the provisions of this section for a specific period of time.

MSRC Obtains Interim USCG Response Organization Classification

The Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC) has obtained interim U.S. Coast Guard Classifications of Level E for all marine environments including: river/canal; inland/nearshore; and offshore/open ocean. A final classification will be granted by the Coast Guard as soon as information supplied by MSRC during the application process has been verified through a site visit.

There are five classifications given to an Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) in each of the three marine environments.

An E classification signifies the highest response capability that can be given in any environment. It is based upon the amount of boom, oil recovery equipment and recovered oil storage capability of the OSRO.

MSRC expects to be identified as contracted resources in many vessel and facility response plans of the members of the Marine Preservation Association to be in place by August 18, 1993, as mandated by OPA 90.

The Coast Guard will publicize organizations and their final classifications periodically in an as-yet-undecided publication.

General Ship Repair Completes Repairs Ahead Of Schedule, Under Bid Price

The four corrugated cargo bulkheads of the self-unloading bulk gypsum carrier, M.V. Georgia-S, were completely replaced by the General Ship Repair Corp. in Baltimore.

The work on the self-unloading gypsum carrier, M.V. Georgia-S, involved the complete replacement of the vessel's four corrugated cargo bulkheads by General Ship Repair Corp. after an intensive bidding process and shipyard surveys by Skaraup Shipping Corp., operators of the ship for Georgia Pacific Corp.

To expedite the repairs, General Ship Repair Corp. engineers traveled several times to Brunswick, Ga., the vessel's regular unloading terminal, to verify specifications and to make templates to prefabricate the new steel corrugated panels and have them ready for installation when the ship arrived in Baltimore.

The engineers also designed custom staging, modularly-constructed for rapid setup for the repair work. Working closely with Skaraup Shipping, General Ship Repair Corp. designed standard-sized panels, the most economical to prefabricate and the most durable to install, resulting in the least amount of scrap metal. Using this process, the final quote was reduced and the complicated project was made a bit easier.

The repair work on the Georgia-S was done at Baltimore's Clinton Street Pier, owned and operated by Rulert Marine Terminals. The deteriorated bulkhead panels were systematically removed and a strict installation schedule was simultaneously carried out. All work was completed in accordance with the Lloyd's Register of Shipping regulations. The 50-tons of new steel were sandblasted to a near-white finish and painted with two coats of anti-abrasive epoxy.

The total replacement and finishing of the new cargo bulkheads was completed ahead of schedule and below the original bid price, according to the yard.

General Ship Repair Corp. is a family-owned and operated company which offers a full range of services, from new ship construction to repairs and conversations to engine work. The yard offers a 950-ton capacity floating drydock plus four wetberth facilities.

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Maritime Reporter/Engineering News
Recent Tanker Spills Convince Underwriters To Sell Owners Reinsurance

The recent “Aegean Sea” and “Braer” tanker disasters have seemed to indicate to marine underwriters that these types of incidents are unlikely to result in the massive damage claims originally anticipated, making it possible for shipowner protection and indemnity (P&O) clubs to buy reinsurance for the coming year.

According to an industry source, the two disasters have convinced underwriters that the majority of risks are insurable.

Only in the U.S., where the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 imposes large punitive damages, would claims be likely to exceed the maximum $700 million in oil-spill liability coverage available in the marine market.

Another important factor is that many countries, not including the U.S., are signatories to international conventions that limit shipowner liability in the event of an oil spill, except in gross negligence cases.

The worst case involving the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund, established in 1978, was the “Haven” tanker accident off of Italy in 1981 in which some 1,350 claims for compensation totaling $1 billion have been submitted to the Italian courts so far.

Most claims, however, are for much smaller amounts.

The total amount of compensation paid out by the fund over the past 14 years is less than $100 million for 62 incidents, which is an amount more than half of which occurred in Japan.

Liability insurance for 95 percent of the world’s merchant fleet is provided by 17 P&O clubs. The clubs presently offer unlimited liability coverage for all risks except oil pollution, which has a ceiling of $500 million.

A further $200 million of coverage is available in the commercial markets.

A limit on non-oil pollution risks is expected to be introduced by the P&O clubs after February 1994.

Texas Drydock Delivers Offshore Drill Barge To ENSCO Drilling

Don Covington, president and CEO of Orange, Texas-based Texas Drydock, Inc. (TDI) announced the delivery of the first of two hulls to be constructed for ENSCO Drilling Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Service Company, Inc. (ENSCO).

Designated the ENSCO VII, the cantilevered, floating drill barge was formally christened at ceremonies held at Texas Drydock and the Brown Center in Orange.

Principal speakers for the event were: Mr. Covington; Carl Thorne, chairman and CEO of ENSCO; and Rich Wilson, senior vice president and COO of ENSCO.

Myra Hendricks, wife of Warren Hyndricks, president of ENSCO Drilling (Caribbean), was the event’s sponsor.

The vessel is capable of working to a drilling depth of 15,000 feet at a water depth of 125 feet, and will accommodate a crew of 16 people.

The drilling rig departed for Venezuela where it will begin work in Lake Maracaibo for Lagoven, a subsidiary of PDVSA, the national oil company.

ENSCO has entered into five-year contracts with Lagoven for four new barge drilling rigs.

The ENSCO VI is the first of two offshore drilling rigs being constructed for ENSCO by Texas Drydock.

The second, the ENSCO IX, is scheduled for delivery on the first of April.

Founded in 1986, Texas Drydock, Inc., has four waterfront facilities in the Port Arthur-Orange-Sabine area where it is also involved in the repair and turnkey modification of offshore rigs, drydocking and repair of ocean-going barges and fabrication of offshore production facilities.

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The Radio Technical Commission For Maritime Services

Annual Assembly Set For San Diego, May 3-6

The Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), the Washington, D.C.-based non-profit advisory organization, is preparing for its annual assembly, scheduled to be held at the Princess Hotel in San Diego from May 3-6.

Established in 1947, the RTCM event provides a unique forum for evaluation and analysis of maritime telecommunications issues where the affected user community can make responsive recommendations useful to government and industry planners, both on the national and international level. Major assembly sessions included in the 1993 program will address:

- The new Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- Maritime Weather and Navigational Warning Services
- The Federal Radionavigation Planning Process
- Vessel Traffic Services for Improved Harbor Safety.
- Electronic Chart Display System Standards
- Roundtable Workshop on Government Legislation, Rulemaking and Services
- Satellite Services from Inmarsat and AMSC
- Proposed Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) Mobile Satellite Systems
- Meetings of RTCM Special Committees Dealing with Equipment and Systems Standards.

The RTCM has a broad membership encompassing the whole spectrum of vessel operations, maritime equipment manufacturers, providers of maritime services and Federal Government agencies.

The Annual Assembly provides a mechanism for expressing views, recommending changes in policy, proposing improvements in present systems, and proposing establishment of new systems.

Identification of user needs is particularly valuable to manufacturers, service organizations and government planning authorities.

The schedule of seminars (which is delivered in its entirety following this article) is filled with information-packed seminars presented by some of the foremost authorities and suppliers in the field.

For example, Robert C. Johnson of Racal Marine Electronics Ltd., England, is scheduled to discuss "Bridge Integrity Systems Result in Safer Navigation," and a group of four speakers from Scandinavian countries, including Tore Oprien of Norwegian Telecom and Bendt Wardenberg of Telecom Denmark, are to speak on "Implementation and Use of the Digital Selective Calling System in the Nordic Countries."

Both of these sessions are scheduled for SESSION III, on Monday, May 3, at 3:20 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 4, SESSION V starts at 10:30 a.m. is moderated by Captain James L. Fear, USCG (Ret.), of INMARSAT, and features the following topics and speakers: "Mobile Link - COMSAT's New Digital Voice Service," Chris L. Leber, COMSAT, "INMARSAT-B: Advanced Capabilities for Demanding Requirements," Gerald A. Gutman, ViaSat Technology, and "An Update On AMSC's Domestic Mobile Satellite Service," Lynn Anne Miller, Mobile Satellite Corp.

On Wednesday, May 5, Frank Cassidy of Datamarine International is scheduled to speak during SESSION XIII, at 3:20 p.m., on "An RTCM Standard for Electronic Chart Systems (ECS) - Category 3, Supplementing the Paper Chart."

Because of its length, it is impossible to provide full details on every topic and speaker. For more information, contact Katy Ackland, RTCM Assembly Publicity Chairperson, tel: (202) 863-6097; fax: (202) 488-3814; or write to her in care of COMSAT Mobile Communications, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

RCTM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, May 3
8 a.m. — Registration Desk Open
8:15 a.m. — Annual Business Meeting
8:15 a.m. — Opening Address, Rear Admiral M.E. Gilbert, USCG
10:15 a.m. — Annual Business Meeting
10:15 a.m. — Registration Desk Open
10:30-11:40 a.m. — SESSION I: Mod-
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3-4:30 p.m. — SESSION VII: Moderator, [Name], International Maritime Organization (IMO) Working Group on Promotion of Maritime Safety Information.
1) The World Meteorological Organization Plans for Promotion of Weather Forecasts and Warnings to Shipping through the SafetyNET System to meet the Requirements of the global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMSS).
2) Promulgation of Navigational Warnings Under the GMSS.
3) Saving Lives with Safety Systems.

Wednesday, May 5

9-10:30 a.m. — SESSION VIII: Moderator, [Name], USCG, U.S. DOT.
2) Centralization of Radionavigation and Operations.
3) Marine DGPS Requirements and Expected Coverage.
4) Matters of Combined Use of the GLONASS/GPS Systems.

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10:50 a.m.-12 p.m. — SESSION IX: Radionavigation Roundtable Workshop. Moderators: Heywood Shirer, U.S. DOT, Research and Special Programs Administration; Captain Leo J. Black, USCG; Captain John F. Weeseman, USCG; Dave Olsen, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration; and Major W. Fauten, USAF, U.S. Space Command.

Session will cover: policy changes in the 1992 U.S. Federal Radionavigation Plan (FRP); impact of the 1992 FRP changes on users and manufacturers; do your radionavigation requirements match the U.S. government’s policy?; what is Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and how will it affect marine users of radionavigation?; and more.

12 p.m. — Lunch

* NOTE: During this time, some sessions meet simultaneously.

2-4:30 p.m. — SESSION X: Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Technical Committee 80 (TC80) Working Group 4A on GPS Receiver Standards (Continued on Thursday).

— SESSION XI: Meeting of RTCM Special Committee 113 on Standards for the Search and Rescue Transponder (SART).

2-3 p.m. — SESSION XII: Moderator: Captain Michael Mierzwa, USCG

2) Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Voice Radio Communications.
3) Advances in Information Technology for Vessel Traffic Services.

3:20-4:30 p.m. — SESSION XIII: Moderator, Oyvind Stene, Norwegian Mapping Authority.

1) Status of the ECDIS Provisions and Availability and of a Worldwide Electronic Database.
2) The U.S. ECDIS Test Program.
3) An RTCM Standard for Electronic Chart Systems (ECS) - Category 3, Supplementing the Paper Chart

Thursday, May 6

* NOTE: During this time, some sessions meet simultaneously.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. — Shipboard Electronic Chart Demonstrations. All assembly Meeting Registrants are invited to attend scheduled tours of shipboard electronic chart demonstrations sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard. Equipment will include both an IMO compliant ECDIS and an ECS/RTCM Category 3 System.

9 a.m.-12 p.m. — SESSION XIV: Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Technical Committee 80 (TC80) Working Group 4A on GPS Receiver Standards (Meeting continued from Wednesday).

9 a.m.-12 p.m. — SESSION XV: Radionavigation Roundtable Workshop: Government Legislation, Rulemaking and Services. Moderators: George R. Dillon, U.S. FCC; Joseph D. Hersey and Robert L. Markle, U.S. Coast Guard; and Robert W. Jacobson, Jr., U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Weather Service. Topics and questions planned for discussion include: Reorganization at the FCC; Rechanneling the VHF Maritime Band; Do current maritime rules hamper growth and technological innovation?; Is there a need to reduce regulatory burdens and improve spectrum efficiency in the maritime services?; and, How should dissemination of maritime safety information (MSI) be improved?

12-1:30 p.m. — Lunch

1:30-5:30 p.m. — Meeting of RTCM Special Committee 101 on Digital Selective Calling (Meeting continues on Friday).

1:30-5:30 p.m. — Meeting of RTCM Special Committee 104 on Differential Navstar/GPS Service (Meeting continues on Friday).

1:30-5:30 p.m. — Meeting of RTCM Special Committee 110 on Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs).

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According to Ronald J. Mario, Comsat Mobile Communications president, the company sought relief from the restrictions because the system was costly and inefficient to manage and limited Comsat's ability to bring the maritime community state-of-the-art communications services.

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Maritime Reporter/Engineering News
The Westinghouse Marine Division, in Sunnyvale, Calif., and Sulzer Escher Wyss, based in Ravensburg, Germany, have reached an agreement for Westinghouse to market and manufacture large, high-horsepower controllable pitch (CP) propellers in the U.S. The agreement also includes Jorgensen Forge, of Seattle, Wash., an active Sulzer Escher Wyss licensee. Westinghouse intends to manufacture these propellers for the U.S. Navy's Strategic Sealift program, as well as other Navy ships, Westinghouse officials announced. Westinghouse/Escher Wyss CP propellers will be capable of propelling ships up to 50,000 hp per propeller shaft. Escher Wyss CP propellers are U.S. Navy-qualified up to this horsepower level. Approximately 25 percent of the world’s fleet and virtually all major naval vessels are driven by CP propellers. Controllable pitch propellers are also widely used for moving fishing vessels. The propellers are capable of responding to varying operating conditions by altering the blade pitch hydraulically, and accurately maintaining the pitch set, providing for more efficient operation and excellent maneuverability. A CP propeller allows for the most efficient engine operation at both full and partial loads.

This agreement provides a source for American-made CP propellers and positions Westinghouse as a U.S. source for complete marine diesel propulsion systems, including Westinghouse/Sulzer diesel engines, reduction gears, line shafting and CP propellers. Westinghouse has a long-standing reputation as a world-class designer and manufacturer of complete ship propulsion systems. Jorgensen Forge is also included in the agreement as a source of forging and machining of shafts, shaftline components and other equipment, as well as support for CP propellers. Westinghouse is also pursuing low- and medium-speed diesel marine propulsion engine opportunities in the sealift program and for U.S. commercial ships, under a separate agreement with New Sulzer Diesel of Switzerland.

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MARITIME POLICY Should Be The Foundation Of Economic Reform

By Congressman Owen Pickett

A s President Clinton begins the formidable task of building an economic program that will bolster activity, create jobs and restore prosperity in our nation, nowhere is his leadership more urgently needed than in the task of strengthening our domestic maritime industries.

Fifty years ago, at the end of World War II, there were more than 5,000 of these vessels in the U.S. merchant fleet, and more than 100,000 people manning them. The report documents similar decreases in other areas. For example:

- There are only three commercial ships on order or under construction in U.S. shipyards, and amazingly, this is better than we were doing throughout much of the 1980's.
- There are 3,200 fewer oceangoing shipboard jobs than there were one year ago. Fewer Americans work as longshoremen, and shipyard jobs are rapidly vanishing.

We cannot allow our nation's maritime industries to continue on their present course.

As every war and conflict in modern history has demonstrated, a strong sealift capability is essential to meeting the force deployment requirements of a major contingency.

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The few remaining men and women who work in the U.S. shipyards, who man U.S.-flagged vessels, and who are engaged in waterborne commerce, know that America can successfully compete in the maritime trades, if the artificial impediments to free and fair competition are eliminated.

Congressman Owen Pickett

Our nation must get serious about negotiating an end to the large government subsidies that our foreign competitors make to their shipyards.

Even without any new legislation, the Clinton Administration can achieve much by vigorously enforcing laws that are already on the books which are designed to promote and sustain a strong maritime industry for our nation.

One such law is Section 27 of the Jones Act, which requires that all vessels engaged in coastwise trade be built, rebuilt and repaired in American shipyards.

As America's shipbuilding and ship repair industry knows all too well, this law has not been enforced as Congress had intended. Judicial and administrative interpretations have hollowed out Section 27 to the point where there is virtually no limitation on the rebuilding and repair of Jones Act vessels that may take place abroad. The American interest has not been protected and a legislative remedy is clearly needed. I proposed legislation in the 102nd Congress to restore the original intent of Section 27 of the Jones Act but it was not acted upon favorably. As President Clinton and Transportation Secretary Peni work to develop a new and more aggressive national maritime policy, they would do well to close the loopholes in existing law as a part of their new program.

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National Response Corp. Signs New Customers

The National Response Corporation (NRC), of Calverton, N.Y., announced that fifteen terminals and utility companies had signed up with the company for oil spill response coverage. The fifteen petroleum terminal operators and utility companies are all terminal operators and utility companies that were part of the National Response Corp. (NESRA) which is an affiliate of the Independent Fuel Terminals Operators Association (IFTOA). NESRA members include: AFMC; Boston Edison; Central Maine Power; Colonial Oil Industry, Inc.; Eastern Utilities; Esco Terminal; Getty Petroleum; Global Petroleum; New England Power; Northeast Petroleum; PanOcean Southern; Savannah Electric & Power; Sprague; Tosco Corporation; and Webber. These terminals and utilities as a group handle an estimated 100 million barrels of oil product per year.

NRC’s president, Mark Miller, called the signing of the NESRA group a “significant” expansion for NRC in an important market segment. He commented, “We have been so successful with independent shipowners that people tend to think of us as a one-dimensional company focusing on market niches. This signing (of the NESRA group) demonstrates that NRC is a major contractor to all market segments.”

Mr. Miller estimated that NRC currently has signed over 150 companies representing over 190 barges and over 1,000 tankers with a cumulative deadweight of over 85 million tons. Major clients include Hellestom Shipping, Bergesen AS, Bona Shipping AS, Ceres Hellenic Shipping, and Wah Kwong.

NRC is a national marine spill response organization offering oil companies, refineries, terminals, power facilities and vessel owners and operators assistance in meeting the response resource requirements of OPA 90 and various state oil spill laws through a practical, cost effective approach emphasizing the utilization of existing resources.

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DS Industrial Introduces New Paddlewheel Propulsion System

The paddlewheel has been around for hundreds of years. DS Industrial & Marine Co., Inver Grove Heights, Minn., reports that the reason why paddlewheels are not more efficient is because the paddles entering the water on one side of the wheel are pushing down on the water and the paddles on the other side of the wheel are lifting the water, and if the rpm is too high it will carry water around the wheel. The only paddles that propel the vessel are the bottom ones that are vertical.

DS Industrial & Marine’s design is simple. The paddles have bearings at the mid point on both ends, the top half is hollow or buoyant, and the bottom half is filled with concrete or weight so it is heavy.

When the paddles are out of the water the weight holds them vertical, so that as the wheel turns the paddles will enter the water vertically. The edge of each paddle is rounded or pointed so it enters the water easily. Once in the water, the combination of weight on the bottom and buoyancy on top of each paddle will help to maintain the paddles in a vertical position. Also the area on the paddles above and below the horizontal axis is the same, so the paddles will remain vertical as it pushes water. As the paddles leave the water it is vertical so as not to carry water with it.

The company claims that this paddlewheel is 50 to 100 percent more efficient than the present state-of-the-art paddlewheel. The wheel can be made in a smaller diameter, which saves space, and can be steerable. It can also be operated in shallow water, and because of its smaller size can be adjusted vertically for different loading conditions of the vessel. This new paddlewheel has a similar appearance to conventional paddlewheels.

If you would like more information on this invention, contact: Don Seiford at (612) 450-6284, fax: (612) 457-2153, or write: DS Industrial & Marine Co., Inc., 5686 Annette Ave. E., Inver Grove Heights, Minn. 55077.
Sovereign Yacht Launches Technologically Advanced Sailing Yacht 'Venturosa'

Bruce Reagan of Seattle-based Sovereign Yacht announced that the company had launched the 109.5-foot sailing yacht Venturosa. According to the builder, this marked a major step towards the completion of one of the world's most technologically advanced yachts built to specification standards seldom attempted. The yacht's European owner selected Sovereign after an intensive worldwide search for a builder who could satisfy his design specifications and concepts for one of the world's ultimate sailing yachts. The Venturosa is scheduled to be delivered this month.

The 142.7-ton yacht is ketch rigged and has a total sail area of 3,118 square feet. In addition to her sails, she is also equipped with two Deutz D234 V8 engines, developing 299 hp at 2,100 rpm each. To assist in maneuvering the boat, a retractable, 16-hp bow thruster and stern thruster are fitted. Under power, the Venturosa has a range of 1,500 nautical miles. Her wheelhouse is equipped with Radio Holland electronics and a Furuno CH-14 retractable fathometer. Built with multiple-redundancy in mind, the yacht is equipped with four separate steering systems, two Northern Lights M3414D, 60-kW main generators and one Northern Lights MS34, 20-kW night generator, and a bilge pump system which can operate hydraulically or off of AC or DC current. According to Sparkman & Stephens, the naval architects for the Venturosa, "Based upon our inspections at the shipyard (Sovereign Yacht), we feel that the Venturosa is the highest quality sailing yacht ever built."

For more information from Sovereign Yacht, Circle 127 on Reader Service Card

U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Tennessee Container Tax, Trade War Threatened

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that upholds the State of Tennessee's right to levy a 5.5-per cent sales tax on domestically-owned containers leased for use in international transport could lead to foreign retaliation against U.S. trade. The Supreme Court concluded that Congressional legislation governing the importation of containers only prohibited the imposition of Federal customs duties, not state regulations or taxation.

The court also determined that Tennessee's tax did not violate any international conventions. Eleven countries vigorously opposed the state tax, arguing that it was prohibited by the Customs Conventions on Containers of 1966 and 1972, both of which were signed by the U.S.

The terms of the container conventions require signatories to allow the temporary admission of cargo containers for up to three months without imposing import duties or taxes.

The U.K., Germany, Japan, France, Italy, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden sent the U.S. State Department a diplomatic note protesting the Tennessee container tax. Fearing that the tax would now spread to several other U.S. states, Britain stated that it and other countries were likely to retaliate against the tax.

I tel Containers International Corp. of California, was assessed by Tennessee's revenue department in December 1986 to be liable for $382,465 in sales tax, penalties and interest from I tel's lease of containers delivered in the state from January 1983 to November 1986. The company fought the assessment on the grounds that the tax was unconstitutional and in violation of international conventions.

RNLI Chooses Orkot "TLM Marine" For New Lifeboats

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), which was founded in England in 1824 and whose lifeboats have saved more than 120,000 lives, chose Orkot "TLM Marine" as the material for rudder bearings on its two new classes of lifeboats. The two new designs, christened "Severn" and "Trent," are 86- and 46-foot boats respectively. They mark the beginning of a new era of lifeboats, as these vessels are able to withstand the worst sea conditions and are capable of 25 knots. There are plans to build 90 of the new boats, the first is scheduled to enter service in the summer of 1984.

"TLM Marine" is a special grade of fiber-reinforced composite, specifically developed by Orkot Ltd. of Rotherham for marine applications. Incorporating a solid lubricant, its outstanding wear resistance and low swell in water have made it a popular choice for bearings in a variety of vessels around the world.

"We had been experimenting with other non-metallic materials," said Jim Johnson, RNLI's chief draftsman, "but we had difficulty obtaining the machining tolerances we needed. The response from Orkot's technical people was very good...."

For more information on the products and services of Orkot, Circle 119 on Reader Service Card

Sovereign Yacht employees and families stand before the sailing yacht Venturosa prior to her launching.
President Drives Jeamar Winches Transformation To Keep Ahead Of Competition On Quality, Price

Southwest Marine Completes Repair Work On Two Cruise Ships Ahead Of Schedule

San Diego, Calif.-based Southwest Marine, Inc., recently re-delivered the cruise ships Fair Princess, belonging to Princess Cruise, and Norwegian Cruise Line's Southward to their owners ahead of schedule.

The Fair Princess, a member of Princess Cruise's "Love Boat" fleet, has been delivered ahead of schedule after a three week drydocking/refurbishment period at Southwest Marine's (SWM) San Pedro yard.

The work package for the 606-foot cruise ship was valued in excess of $2.5 million and included: sea chest, hull and tank renewals; retubing of two main condensers; installation of two new Omni-pure systems, designed for treating blackwater. Approximately 225 workers per day were assigned to the project.

While the ship was undergoing repairs, the crew was served meals onboard San Diego Harbor Excursion's bay cruiser, Monterey, also docked at SWM.

SWM's San Pedro yard recently completed a work package on Norwegian Cruise Line's Southward, which included: sandblasting and painting the hull; changing of the hull plates; removal and overhaul of the port and starboard tail shafts; and the overhaul of the starboard stabilizer. The vessel was re-delivered to Norwegian Cruise Line's Southward to their own dock at Southern California.

According to Herb Engel, SWM's president and COO, "Time is money to the commercial vessel owners who come to us for their repair work. It is our goal to provide the highest quality work delivered on time to our customers.

Southwest Marine's corporate headquarters are located in San Diego, and the company has a repair yard in San Pedro, an affiliate yard in San Francisco, San Francisco Drydock, Inc. and a yard in American Samoa. For more information about the services available from Southwest Marine, Inc.,

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Jeamar Winches, a leading manufacturer of specialty winch products for marine applications, is undergoing a careful transformation with the leadership of its president Ben Aston. At the center of the company's transformation are four key initiatives: to raise revenue; an upgraded computer system to more tightly integrate all facets of its operation; conformity to the highest recognized engineering standards; and a fundamental repositioning of Jeamar in the marketplace.

"Businesses today are facing unprecedented change," Mr. Aston said. "The marketplace is demanding improvements in quality, reliability, function and price. Yet at the same time, complexity, competition, cost pressures and risk are increasing."

"If we can help our customers by providing innovative and cost-effectivesolutions, we will continue to prosper. But to achieve this, our operation will have to remain fast, flexible and streamlined," he added.

The company, with facilities in Buffalo, N.Y. and Toronto, Canada, manufactures a full-range of heavy-duty power winches, ranging in line pull capacities from 400- to 50,000-pounds.

Among its specialty winches are a variety of capstans and wire-rope, drum-type winches, employed in both ship and shore installations.

Jeamar's subsidiary company, Jeamar Sheaves and Blocks, manufactures a line of steel sheaves and directional blocks specifically for heavy industry and commercial marine applications.

While Jeamar's primary market is still the U.S., it has been shipping products in increasing volumes to places such as Singapore, Taiwan, Portugal, Norway, Columbia, and Venezuela. In addition to expanding its markets, the company has similarly adjusted its focus.

"Today, the marketplace is looking for more from its suppliers. The customer wants added value and we have responded by becoming more of a solutions company," said Mr. Aston.

Recently Jeamar worked with a large Canadian client in the design of a ferrying system on the Ottawa River between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The application called for a system to raise and lower 40,000-pound ferry ramps over a distance of 12 feet at two of each docking points.

The catch...the ramps were designed to be remotely operated by the captain via radio transmitter aboard the ferry.

Working with the contractors, Jeamar engineers met all load and safety specifications and provided a least one surprise. As the result of an innovative winch design, Jeamer reduced the size of the winch and the structure required to mount it, a significant cost saving to the customer.

While most of Jeamar's work is on new installations, the company is often called in to solve a problem, such as the work it recently completed in New Orleans at a large grain-transit facility.

A 8,000-pound ceramic-lined nozzle was suspended above the hold of bulk carrier when it suddenly broke loose.

The nozzle, which had been distributing the grain, ended up puncturing the hull of the vessel.

To avoid a repeat, Jeamar's solution was a series of winches designed specifically for the application.

The company installed four heavy winches, each incorporating a triple braking system—an electro-magnet disc brake, a very high-ratio gear train to produce a self-locking effect and an electro-hydraulic caliper brake.

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MSC Seeks Military Rates Filed in FMC's ATFI

Citing a need to enforce competition in defense-related shipping contracts, the Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC) has asked the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) to require shipping lines to file military freight rates with its automated tariff filing and information system (ATFI).

In January, the FMC decided that as long as a hard copy of the military rate was filed with the commission, military rates would be exempt from the ATFI.

Carriers are opposed to the MSC's request on the grounds that special freight requirements imposed by the Department of Defense (DOD) set military rates apart from commercial rates, making them difficult to translate into the electronic format required by the FMC.

MSC believes that integrating military rates into the ATFI system is required by tariff-filing provisions in U.S. shipping laws and would assist the DOD in enforcing cargo preference laws. The command also feels that it can ensure competition by being able to use computers to quickly compare commercial and military rates. MSC stated in its comments to the FMC, that “The implementation of the ATFI system presents MSC with new opportunities to ensure that rates for the transportation of military cargo fully comply with the law, are fair and reasonable and fully comparable to commercial shipping rates.”

New Rigid-Hull Aluminum Inflatable From Almar

Almar Marine Construction Inc., (Almar) of Tacoma, Wash., has extended its line of aluminum patrol and workboats to include rigid inflatables.

With this new line, titled the “R.A.I.V. (rigid aluminum inflatable vessel),” the company intends to offer the inflatable boat market the same expertise and efficiency that has delivered over 4,000 Almar built craft, up to 32 feet long, in the last 15 years.

Unlike competing fiberglass RIBs, Almar’s RAVs can be easily equipped to fulfill a wide variety of roles, from SCUBA support to oil boom deployment,” says vice president Mike Sandeman.

The RAV’s hull is readily adaptable to carry up to 300-hp outboard or inboard gas or diesel engines and inboard or outboard jetdrives. A fully instrumented console will be standard, with the option to add anything from radar to police sirens. In the larger models the console may be fully enclosed for crew comfort.

The prototype has already undergone preliminary testing by Coast Guard personnel and has reportedly been enthusiastically received. It features a 24 degree vee hull, which gives an exceptionally soft, dry ride with high speed potential in rough water. During development the prototype was successfully run at 50 mph without its tube assembly, to test the boats ultimate safety.

The RAVs safety is further enhanced by its inflatable collar which is divided into five, independent compartments and constructed from 33 ounce polyurethane, ballistic cloth to provide extreme resistance to abrasion, puncture and ultra violet light.

The welded 1/4-inch aluminum, fully-sealed hull contains foam flotation for absolute unsinkability and is self-bailing. A large fuel tank beneath the floor is standard. Almar is offering the RAV in sizes from 18 to 35 feet. The builders foresee many commercial uses, including rescue, military, ecotourism and police work.

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Peterson Builders Initiates Metrification Project

Peterson Builders, Inc., of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., has announced that it has initiated a project to determine the best approach to introduce metric practices throughout the U.S. shipbuilding industry.

The project is sponsored by the National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP), and is intended to enhance the industry's competitiveness through a rational approach to the challenges and opportunities of metrification.

The project will identify the forces making a conversion to metric necessary or desirable, identify impediments to the conversion process and propose pragmatic recommendations for dealing with the major issues at both the individual shipyard and industry levels.

Project director, Darrold Folz, stated that input from all sectors of the industry will be sought with emphasis on those organizations which have had first hand experience with metric shipbuilding contract designs, materials and components.

Assisting in the project will be Tom Soik of Soik Associates, Sturgeon Bay, and Bob Toth of R.B. Toth Associates, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Folz urged those interested in the project to contact him at (414) 743-5574, Ext. 202.

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Mr. Rabe said Charleston was a natural choice, chosen as its worldwide headquarters based on its access to the Eastern seaboard.

Cummins Marine also operates a marinization manufacturing center in Charleston. The operation enables Cummins Marine to assemble and test customer-specific marine propulsion packages.

Cummins Marine will also continue its commitment to boat builders, advising them on the proper selection and installation of the company's engines. Base engines for marine applications are assembled all over the world in Cummins manufacturing facilities, and specifically, in locations such as Rocky Mount, N.C. (B and C series); Seymour, Ind. (K19 and Y903 engines); Columbus, Ind. (NT); Darlingon, England (B and C series); and Daventry, England (KV).

Seaward Receives Contract For SWATH Fenders

The Military Sealift Command (MSC), Washington, D.C., has awarded a contract to Seaward International, Inc., to provide two specialized fender systems for use with T-AGOS SWATH (Small Water Area Twin Hull) vessels. Delivery will be to strategic activities in Norfolk, Va., Bremerton, Wash., and San Diego, Calif. The two fender systems include 10-foot diameter by 20-foot-long Sea Cushion fender, and a modified version of the Sea Guard fender redesigned to provide 12 feet of standoff while increasing handling ease.

For more information on Seaward,
More Tankers Receiving Fourth Special Surveys In 1993 Than Last Year

A review of the tanker market conducted by Stockholm Chartering has found that twice as many tankers are due for their fourth special survey this year, compared with 1992.

The majority of the shipping on board vessels that are approaching their fourth surveys is 20 years old or more.

According to the chartering company, charterers should only charter large tankers over 20 years old or more.

Stockholm Chartering also stated that instead of owners and their insurance companies bearing the brunt of responsibility for marine accidents, the charterers of substandard tankers should also share the burden.

While not a year of major economic recovery, the world shipbuilding orderbook has seen orders placed for 26 suezmaxes and 53 aframaxes. Charterers should also share the burden.

Although there is presently an oversupply of tanker tonnage on the market, Stockholm Chartering reported that 55 percent of the world's tanker fleet of 16,000 dwt and over were built in 1976 or earlier, with 28 percent built in 1974 or earlier, and 11 percent during 1972 and earlier.

Weeks Marine Acquires All Dredging Assets Of American Dredging

Richard N. Weeks, president of Weeks Marine, Inc., a Cranford, N.J.-based marine services company, announced that "Weeks has purchased all the dredging assets of American Dredging Company." This acquisition follows recent expansion by Weeks in marine construction and transportation.

"The equipment purchased from American with this expansion and enhance our non-dredging and marine activities, including marine salvage, construction, towing, stevedoring and harbor services," Mr. Weeks stated. "The different activities will be able to support each other more completely, providing better service to our present and future customers," he continued.

Weeks Marine has owned and operated a limited number of dredges over the past 25 years and had recently become a major beach renourishment contractor through a partnership with Bean Horizon Corporation in the construction and operation of a large ocean service dredge.

Weeks Marine Dredging Division will continue operations at the newly acquired facility in Camden, N.J., at Weeks' existing facilities at the Port of New York/New Jersey. The Dredging Division will provide the same services that both American and Weeks have provided in the past.

For more information about the services provided by Weeks Marine,

Carriers Plan Rate Hike Between U.S./South Europe

Following their shake-up of shipping rates between the U.S. and Northern Europe, sources indicate that container ship lines are planning a 10-percent hike in freight rates this spring on U.S. trade with Italy, southern France, Portugal and Spain.

The nine dominant carriers in the market have also decided to simplify tariffs, separate ocean and inland rates, cut excess capacity and enforce pricing discipline in the U.S. to South Europe trade.

The South Europe-U.S.A. (Seusa) Freight Conference based in Genoa, Italy, plan to impose a general rate increase of $160 per 20-foot container (TEU) and $200 a 40-foot container (FEU) as of April 1. It is expected that over half-a-dozen independent lines will follow suit with smaller increases or make the most of the situation with cargo-grabbing discounts.

Shippers can expect to pay about $200 or more on a typical $2,000 bill for moving a single FEU between the U.S. East Coast and the western Mediterranean.

According to conference and shipping line officials, these across-the-board increases are only the preliminary steps in a comprehensive program to change the pricing of carrier services to and from Southern Europe.

OMSA To Participate In National Shipbuilding Initiative

The Offshore Marine Service Association (OMSA), has been asked by Dr. Roy D. Gaul, president of Blue Sea Corporation, to participate in advancing the concept called the "The National Shipbuilding Initiative."

The National Shipbuilding Initiative, as outlined in an article by James R. McCaul in the February 1993 issue of Maritime Reporter, includes the adoption of production practices and technologies to enable U.S. shipyards to capture 10 percent of the international commercial shipbuilding market. The plan also calls for Federal funding for a myriad of conversion programs designed to help transform defense companies to commercial production.

The National Shipbuilding Initiative specifically calls for:

1) An integrated CADCAM (computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing) system. This system would build a library of design specifications and standards, which would provide significant assistance to the shipyards in their efforts to design and build commercial ships.

2) A National Maritime Center, which would likely manage the CADCAM system and other assets that would be jointly shared by the shipyards. The center would be used to provide information about bid opportunities, vendors, prices and products.

The initial projected price tag on implementing the plans is up to $2 billion through the year 1999. Despite the high price, officials in favor of the plan claim it is necessary for a successful conversion, estimating that the shipyards need to build approximately 30 to 50 ships each year to make up for the Navy downturn.

The number one problem facing the industry and the plan is selling it to Congress and the new Administration. While both are considered more sympathetic to industrial base concerns than were the past administration, there are many other industries competing for conversion dollars.

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Meyer Werft Delivers 59,914-gt Ferry 'Silja Europa'

Meyer Werft, of Papenburg, Germany, has delivered the 662-foot long car/passenger ferry Silja Europa to a Finnish subsidiary of the Papenburger Fahrschiffsreederei GmbH & Co. The vessel was christened by Elke Sweieter, wife of the minister of finance of Lower Saxony, Hinrich Sweieter. The owners chartered the ship on a long-term basis to Silja Line. The 59,914-gt Silja Europa will cruise under the Finnish flag on the route between Helsinki, Finland, and Stockholm, Sweden. She has a beam of 105 feet and a maximum draft of 22.3 feet. Main propulsion consists of four, non-reversible, four-stroke MAN B&W 6158/64 engines, each with an output of 7,950 kW at 428 rpm. For emergency operation a 90 percent MCR the ship can obtain a speed of 21.5 knots. Each pair of engines transmit their power via a Renk-Tacke gearbox to a propeller shaft. The engines are connected to the gearbox by flexible Vulkan-Rato couplings. The output is transmitted to the four-blade, variable pitch bronze fittings for the shipbuilding fire hazardous areas and systems on Navy ships and restricted the use of brazed fittings.

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Kvichak Marine Delivers Boom Skiff To Alyeska Pipeline Service

Kvichak Marine Industries of Seattle recently delivered another boom skiff to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. This 20-foot boat, used to handle oil spill containment booms, is the seventh for Alyeska and the 16th overall designed and built by Kvichak.

It will join Alyeska’s escort/rescue fleet stationed at Valdez, Alaska.

The all-aluminum skiff has a beam of 10 feet and a 3.5-foot draft. Power is supplied by a 250-hp Cummins 6BT diesel, driving a 35-inch, four-blade, stainless-steel propeller. Alyeska’s new boat features a cutty cabin with control console, Hynautic hydraulic steering, Morse controls, 110-volt electrical system, bumpers and full-perimeter D-rubber and an engine block heat system.

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Stanley G. Flagg Helps In Development Of Lighter, Less Costly Fittings

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Kvichak’s 20-foot boom skiff.
U.S.-Run Liberian Registry To Acquire Gibraltar Ship Registry

The Liberian ship registry, the world's largest, is close to completing a deal to take over operations of the Gibraltar maritime flag. Together with a similar arrangement made with the Marshall Islands in 1990, the Gibraltar deal will serve as an insurance policy for the registry’s survival despite events in civil-war ravaged Liberia.

The Liberian ship registry is currently operated by Liberian Services, Inc., Reston, Va., an affiliate of International Registries, Inc., based in New York, under a concession from the Liberian Government. International Registrations sources report that talks with the Gibraltar Government are essentially complete, with a formal announcement expected soon.

Placing Gibraltar’s ship registry under the knowledgeable management of International Registrations provides a boost to flag-of-convenience at a time when tightening international marine regulations are drawing attention to the loose legal regime in international shipping. It also has important consequences for U.S. oil companies and their maritime subsidiaries, which register large parts of their oceangoing tanker fleets under foreign registries to avoid the increased taxes and labor costs of U.S.-flag registry.

Shipowners are attracted to Gibraltar because of its status as a British crown colony, which presumably gives it full membership rights in the European Community (EC). As a result, Gibraltar stands to benefit from the new shipping structure being developed by the Brussels-based EC government, particularly in regard to a unified European cabotage system regulating who can carry cargo within the EC.

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Tidewater To Sell Container Shipping Interests

Tidewater Inc. and S.E.L. Maduro (Florida), Inc., announced they have reached an agreement in principle for Maduro to acquire Tidewater's 70 percent interest in the assets and liabilities of Marine Transportation Services Sea-Barge Group, Inc. The purchase price was not given.

Sea-Barge is a joint venture between Tidewater and Maduro. Upon completion of the acquisition, Maduro will continue to operate the business through a newly-formed subsidiary, Sea-Barge, Inc. Sea-Barge provides containerized liner service, using tugs and barges, from the U.S. East Coast to Puerto Rico and other Caribbean basin ports and from the U.S. Gulf Coast to Panama. Sea-Barge will continue to provide the same service, fulfilling its customer's needs for containerized marine transportation and project cargo movement.

According to Tidewater chairman, president and chief executive John P. Laborde, "The disposition of Tidewater's interest in the container shipping group allows us to sharpen our focus on our core marine and compression businesses. We look forward to continuing to provide marine equipment to Sea-Barge."

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European Commission Unveils Safety Program For Marine Safety

A special program designed to drive substandard ships and incompetent crews from the territorial waters of the 12-member European Community was recently proposed by the European Commission (EC) in Brussels.

While it does not incorporate a radical solution recommended by France to ban all substandard oil tankers from community ports, the plan does call for the EC to enforce current maritime safety rules more strictly and would impose more stringent standards on classification societies and tougher ship design standards.

Because of the controversy surrounding the rigid and expensive requirements of the U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990, it had been expected that the EC would propose a relatively moderate policy of reinforcing current International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards.

The EC's proposals are bound to have a major impact on international shipping as more than half of the world's sea trade passes through the English Channel and the North Sea. After the groundings and resulting major oil spills from the tankers Braer, off the Shetland Islands, and the Agia Zoni, near Gibraltar, the EC came under heavy political pressure to improve marine safety in European Community waters.
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Alabama Shipyard Wins Contract To Build Barge

Alabama Shipyard, Inc., of Mobile, Ala., has signed a contract with Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., Inc., of Iuka, Miss., to build a 267-foot by 69-foot by 18-foot ASRM Motor Set Barge. Delivery of the vessel is scheduled for September 1994.

The vessel is designed to carry the advanced solid rocket motors for the Space Shuttle Program to and from Lockheed’s Yellow Creek Mississippi Plant and the Florida east coast. The space shuttle external tank can also be supported by the barge.

Alabama Shipyard, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atlantic Marine Holding Company, Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla.

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Mannesmann Delivers Second Pair Of Cranes

Following its delivery of two mobile harbor cranes to Canada’s Port of Toronto, Mannesmann Demag Gottwald GmbH, a leading manufacturer of mobile harbor cranes based in Dusseldorf, Germany, has commissioned two further cranes, type HMK 280 E, in St. Johns, Newfoundland. The multi-purpose machines are being used by the Oceanex company in St. Johns for loading and unloading containerships. The diesel-electric powered mobile harbor cranes are specially designed for the cold climates of North America and feature 100-ton hoisting gear.

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The Soviet global submarine threat has declined dramatically, and is no longer the primary threat to the United States. Instead, the focus is on a still evolving threat of regional conflict in shallow water.

The Navy has not yet developed the performance requirements for an undersea surveillance system to counter the shallow water threat. The Navy's Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System (SURTASS) was built to counter the Soviet submarine threat in deep water, but the Navy now plans to use it against the regional—shallow water—submarine threat. Navy officials said that preliminary test results show SURTASS has potential for shallow water detection; however, the Navy has not yet demonstrated shallow water capability through developmental and operational tests. At the same time, the Navy and other Department of Defense (DOD) organizations are exploring alternative ways to detect submarines in shallow water.

Currently, the Navy has 19 SURTASS ships—18 monohull and one twin hull Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull (SWATH). The Navy expects to replace its 18 monohull SURTASS ships with nine twin hull SWATH ships by 1998. SURTASS program officials believe they need the new SWATH ships to develop tactics, define Low Frequency Active (LFA) sensor capabilities and limitations in shallow water, and develop environmental data bases for regions of potential conflict. The Navy already uses a modified monohull ship to test LFA capabilities, and it will have four small SWATH ships with a capability to receive LFA signals by 1993, and one large SWATH ship with active LFA capabilities by 1994.

Between fiscal years 1992 and 1998, the Navy plans to spend about $1.2 billion on its SURTASS upgrades to procure new SURTASS SWATH surveillance ships.

Before the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Navy's primary antisubmarine warfare target was the open ocean, deep water Soviet nuclear attack submarine. Diesel submarines in coastal, shallow water areas were largely disregarded as threats. To detect and track Soviet nuclear submarines in the open ocean basins and at long ranges, the Navy deployed its integrated undersea surveillance systems—the fixed Sound Surveillance System and the mobile SURTASS. The Navy also designed a short range, fixed surveillance system, the Fixed Acoustic Detection System, and an active acoustic detection system, Low Frequency Active, to be used in conjunction with SURTASS, to counter the threat from quiet Soviet nuclear submarines.

SURTASS surveillance ships, equipped with a 6,000-foot towed sensor array, augment the fixed Sound Surveillance System by collecting acoustic data in areas where there is no fixed system coverage. The data SURTASS collects are initially analyzed onboard the ship, then relayed by satellite to shore processing facilities for display, further analysis, integration with other surveillance data, and dissemination to operational users. Figure 1 shows the SURTASS SWATH ship.

Until 1990, the Navy regarded the shallow water regional threat as a low priority. The former Soviet Union was the primary submarine threat to the United States. This deep, open ocean threat drove the Navy's development of a surveillance capability to counter antisubmarine warfare. The Navy is now in the process of defining and developing the threat from submarines that could be used in regional conflicts.

Although the actual events of a potential conflict remain uncertain, the Navy anticipates that antisubmarine engagements are likely to occur in shallow water—an acoustically difficult environment that has not been analyzed as extensively as deep water. The Navy is currently modeling scenarios for regional conflicts and conducting war gaming, sea tests, and fleet exercised to better define how to counter the shallow water threat.

SURTASS' acoustic sensors are designed primarily to operate in deep, open ocean against the Soviet threat. The Navy plans to equip the larger SWATH ships with active sensors—LFA—to enhance deep water submarine detection and localization capability and to provide shallow water detection. The small SWATH ships will be equipped with a capability to receive LFA signals. Although the Navy is planning to use SURTASS to detect submarines in shallow water coastal regions, it has not completed the operational testing needed to demonstrate SURTASS sensor proficiency in shallow water operations. Shallow water has unique characteristics that make acoustic detection difficult, and shallow water environmental data have not been quantified.

Shallow water is generally defined as between 600 and 1,000 feet deep; it includes the continental shelf and mid-latitudes. In addition to other factors such as the topography of the ocean floor and the temperature of the water, the Navy plans to develop new long wave signaling and acoustic sensors' ability to receive them.

Deep water promotes sound wave propagation (spreading out) enabling acoustical sensors—like SURTASS sensors—to detect enemy submarines; however, according to Navy officials, shallow water limits sound propagation. Further, the temperature, depth, and undersea terrain, as well as noise from commercial ships and other, interference with SURTASS sensors' ability to detect enemy submarines in shallow water.

The Navy believes that, with the addition of active LFA sensors that emit strong acoustic pulses, SURTASS will provide near-term shallow water detection of submarine targets. However, for SURTASS to detect submarines in shallow water, the Navy requires not only LFA sensors on a SWATH ship but also another ship, aircraft, or other platform to receive the echoes from the LFA pulses.

Because of its focus until 1990 on the deep, open ocean threat, the Navy gathered and quantified large amounts of data on the deep water acoustic environment but did little to develop threat data on shallow water acoustics.

The Navy's existing analytical models, which are designed for deep water, are not effective for shallow water testing of LFA performance. Navy officials are in the process of collecting data on the shallow water environment but have not yet collected or quantified sufficient data to develop new analytical models.

Deeper understanding of the submarine threat, the Navy is continuing to build new SWATH ships.

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Cruise + Ferry '93 Expands In Focus And Size, To Feature 65 Speakers

Scheduled for May 11-13, 1993 in London, England, the Cruise + Ferry '93 conference has been increased to cover several new areas which could have significant effect on the owners, designers and builders of passenger ships. Scheduled are 65 speakers, from Norway, Japan, Finland, Italy, Cyprus, Spain, Germany, Australia, Denmark, U.S. and Sweden, who will give their views in 14 separate sessions, which include: markets and marketing; safety and quality; fast ferries; passenger comfort; interior/exterior design; management; computerized operations; shipboard revenue and passenger spending; ship design; survivability/seakeeping/maneuverability; fire prevention; destination development; environmental considerations; and communications for increased profit.

On the opening day, delegates will hear of the potential of new market segments in both cruise and ferry operations, and these presentations will be debated by an invited panel of shipowners.

For additional information on attending Cruise + Ferry '93, see its listing under "MAY" on this page.

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Nor-Shipping '93: June 8-11, Oslo, Norway
Ship Display Exhibition Center. Contact: Norwegian Trade Fair Foundation, P.O. Box 130 Skoyen, N-0213, Oslo, Norway; tel: +47 22 43 9100; fax: +47 22 43 1914.

7th Terminal Operations Conference & Exhibition: June 16-18, Genoa, Italy
Contact: Raffaello Colombo. Congress Center. Contact: Sarah Derham, CS Conferences & Exhibitions, McMullan House, 54 Cheam Common Road, Worsley Park, Surry KT4 8RJ, U.K.; tel: +44 81 330 3911; fax: +44 81 330 5112.

International Submarine Races: June 16-27, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Contact: International Submarine Races, 1515 W. Commercial Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33309; tel: (305) 351-4175; fax: (305) 351-4176.

Contact: Carol Hardee; tel: (703) 836-6727.

Forest Products Transpo '93: May 9-11, Portland, Ore.
Contact: Sheldon Meyer, Journal of Commerce Conference Program director; tel: (212) 837-7145; Mark Stone, Maclean Hunter, Inc.; tel: (303) 696-6100.

Cruise & Ferry '93: May 11-13, London
Contact: Rhian Butson, conference organizer, The Institute of Marine Engineers, The Memorial Building, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN; tel: +071 481 8493; fax: +071 488 1854.

SEPTEMBER

SNAME Centennial Annual Meeting and International Maritime Exposition: September 14-19, New York
New York Hilton Hotel. Contact: The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, 601 Fawcett Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306; tel: (201) 798-4800; fax: (201) 798-4975.

Offshore Europe '93: September 7-10, Scotland
Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Center. Contact: Offshore Europe Partnership, Rowe House, 5/59 Fife Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 1TA; tel: +44 81 549 5831; fax: +44 81 541 5657/974 8077.

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National Waterways Conference: September 22-24, Memphis, Tenn.

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The VTS simulator is a state-of-the-art design, built around Comsat’s new VTS product, using Sun Microsystems workstations, which are configured in an Ethernet network.

MSR was established by the Municipality of Rotterdam and MarineSafety International to develop a world-class maritime research and training center in the Port of Rotterdam, the world’s busiest port and gateway to Europe.

MSR also operates maritime simulator centers at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. and at Newport, R.I., site of the U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officers School.

The VTS simulator will be delivered in the fall of 1993, when MSR is scheduled to begin training. The simulator will include 11 modern workstations.

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NOAA And MML Agree On Joint Operation Of Tampa Navigation System

NOAA’s National Ocean Service (NOS) and the Mote Marine Laboratory (MML) of Sarasota, Fla., entered a cooperative agreement for the ongoing management, operation and maintenance of the Tampa Bay Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS). Funding to support the first 12 months of the agreement is being provided by a consortium of Tampa Bay area interest and environmental groups.

NOS designed and installed the Tampa Bay PORTS in response to user concerns about safe navigation, hazardous material and oil spill prevention and response, search and rescue, and environmental management. PORTS is a data acquisition and information dissemination technology developed over a seven-year period by NOS. The Tampa Bay PORTS improves the margin of safety for moving petroleum products and highly hazardous liquid sulfur and hydrous ammonia in tankers and barges.

The PORTS technology allows ships, berthed or underway, to access real-time water level, current and meteorological data via touch-tone or cellular telephone for use in planning or modifying vessel movement in Tampa Bay.

The Tampa Bay PORTS is reportedly the first system of its kind anywhere in the world.

Marco Shipyard Completes Modifications To F/T Defender

Marco Shipyard, Seattle, Wash., designed and completed the third phase of extensive modifications to the 150-foot “Defender.” This latest phase, completed within 13 weeks, included fabrication and installation of a new shelter deck with raised bulwarks and the replacement of the existing stern gantry with a new, larger gantry.

The transformation of the Defender began in October 1991, when Marco Shipyard embarked on a 12-week program to convert the vessel from a RSW tender to a RSW trawler.

The vessel was repowered, new fishing equipment was installed and two aft RSW holds were added.

The second modification phase took place in March 1992, when the vessel returned to the shipyard for installation of new reduction gears and shaft generators.

In addition to the installation of the shelter deck, 30-ton gantry and net platform, the shipyard moved the travel winches and installed a 155-ton keel for stability.

A new RSW system was also installed.

For complete information on Marco Shipyard’s conversion services, Circle 20 on Reader Service Card.

German Government Plans Sale Of East German Warships To Indonesia

As part of its program to dispose of the former-East German Navy, which was integrated with its western counterpart after reunification, the German Government is selling 39 naval vessels to Indonesia.

As part of the navy deal, the Indonesians will additionally purchase three diesel submarines currently under construction in German shipyards.

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version, SURTASS ships that were designed for the Soviet submarine threat.

The nine SWATH ships are designed to be more seaworthy and, therefore, more capable of tracking Soviet submarines in the open ocean in winter, a threat that has declined dramatically and is no longer the primary threat to the United States.

The Department of Defense pointed out that, in view of the dramatic change in the Soviet submarine threat, it has reduced the planned procurement of SURTASS ships from 39 to nine. Navy officials noted, however, that, upon satisfactory completion of ship design and initial LFA systems testing, they support future planned procurement of SURTASS ships to meet other anti-submarine requirements for deep water.

The other requirements support- ing future SURTASS ship procurement include the requirement to (1) respond to defense planning guidance that calls for keeping sea lanes of communication open, (2) maintain a watch over the significant number of Russian and third world submarines that remain at sea, and (3) be prepared to deal with future uncertainties should the current state of affairs - Russian goodwill and intentions - change dramatically.

The Navy originally planned to keep its 18 monohull ships and procure an additional 21 SWATH ships to give it a total of 39 ships for conducting undersea surveillance against submarines. With the reduced submarine threat and because of budgetary constraints, the Navy now plans to maintain a fleet of nine active ships for conducting undersea surveillance. According to Navy officials, annual operating costs are about $4.5 million per ship for monohull ships compared to an estimated $4.7 million for small SWATH ships and $5.3 million for large SWATH ships. The planned procurement of nine new SWATH ships is estimated to cost about $1.2 billion. To date, the Navy has contracted for five new SWATH ships - $487 million - and plans to spend $674 million more to build four larger ships through 1998.

Another $47 million will be spent to upgrade the small SWATH ships with a capability to process and exploit target submarines’ echoes from sound signals transmitted from LFA - the small SWATH ships will have the receive capability, but not the LFA active capability.

Table 2 shows the current procurement and delivery schedules for SWATH ships, as well as their costs, according to the fiscal year 1993 President’s budget submission.

The Navy has already built one small (3,400-ton) SWATH ship and is building three additional small and one large (5,300-ton) SWATH ships, and according to the President’s fiscal year 1993 budget, it plans to build four more large SWATH ships.

The five large SWATH ships will accommodate equipment needed to generate power for the active LFA sensors. The first of the nine SWATH ships (T-AGOS 19) has been delivered to the Navy and is undergoing operational testing. Navy officials have said that the ship has experienced minor problems and that sea testing has not been completed.

The Navy’s Operational Test and Evaluation Force expected to report on the results of the testing in January 1993. The three other small SWATH ships are being built and are planned for delivery some time in 1993. The fifth ship (T-AGOS 20) - first of the larger SWATH ships - is under construction, with an expected delivery date of 1994. The contract for the ship contains options for the four remaining large SWATH ships.

Navy program officials said they need more SWATH ships in the near term to develop effective tactics, define the capabilities and limitations of LFA in shallow water, and create environmental data bases for regions of potential conflict.

Officials believe that SURTASS - with passive and active capabilities - will meet future system requirements for regional conflict. They said that SURTASS procurement should continue, despite the fact that performance requirements have not been developed.
10 Shipowners Added To Marine Preservation Group

The Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Marine Preservation Association (MPA) has added 10 more independent shipowners to its group, bringing the membership to 64 companies.

The new members are: Argo-naut AB, of Stockholm, Sweden; Cencor Towing Company, of Houma, La.; 1CB Shipping AB, of Stockholm, Jargen Jahre Shipping AS, of Sandefjord, Norway; Krupp Lonrho GmbH, of Hamburg, Germany; Lepta Shipping Company, of Tokyo; Stamford, Conn.-based Mormac Marine Transport, Inc.; Onda Shipping Company, of Fuzhou, China; Tankship Transport Ltd., of Islamorada, Fla.; and Tortugas Shipping Company, of Miami Lakes, Fla.

The MPA membership represents more than 350 tank vessels operating in U.S. waters.

House Committee Reviews Lessons Of Valdez

On the fourth anniversary of the oil spill that drastically altered U.S. marine safety legislation and the oil spill that drastically altered the operating in U.S. waters.

The Maritime Administration (MarAd) has received an application from Canal Barge Company, Inc., of New Orleans, for a Title XI guarantee to aid in financing four tank barges for transportation of asphalt or petroleum fuels.

The barges are being built by Jeffboat, Inc., of Jeffersonville, Ind. Vessel deliveries are scheduled for March and April 1993.

If approved, the Title XI guarantee will cover $4,067,100 of the estimated actual cost of $5,242,800.

A request from the Houston-based Western Company of North America for permission to sell the 3,846-gt drilling rig Western Triton III was approved by MarAd. The purchaser is Empresarios Industriales de Mexico, S.A., Mexico.

The rig will be registered in Mexico and used in offshore drilling in the Bay of Campeche for the Mexican State oil company.

Oceanology International, To Be Held March 8-11, 1994, In Brighton, U.K.

Oceanology International '94 (OI '94), the world's largest ocean science and marine technology exhibition and conference. The event is scheduled to be held March 8-11, 1994, in Brighton, U.K.

With its "Global Ocean" theme and dedicated to looking seriously at scientific, environmental and technological aspects, OI '94 expects to have over 500 exhibitors.

The Society for Underwater Technology (SUT) will, once again, sponsor the four-day event and The Maritime Directorate have become official OI supporters.

OI '92 attracted more than 80 conference papers and over 5,400 registrants from 51 countries.

For full information on OI '94, contact Spearhead Exhibitions Ltd., Rowe House, 55/59 Fife Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 ITA. Tel: 081-0549 5831. Fax: 081-541 5657/541 5016/547 2907.
Charter Market Rebounds

First, Day rates for offshore supply vessels in the Gulf of Mexico have recorded a dramatic improvement over the charter rates in early 1992, a trend many hope continues through 1993.

Operators are reporting that few offshore supply vessels are available, and oil companies are reporting difficulty in obtaining a boat, particularly those with capacities for bulk and liquid mud.

The market for workboats will, as always, be driven by the spending levels for domestic projects budgeted by major and independent oil and gas companies.

Current projections indicate that budgets are higher for 1993, but levels for domestic projects budgeted for 1992 are expected to increase to $3,500 or higher when the new regulations are in effect.

New Offshore Supply Vessels Exempt From Tank Vessel Requirements

Section 5209 of the Coast Guard Authorization Bill clarified the definition of "tank vessel" such that Offshore Supply Vessels are not required to comply with the provisions of OPA '90 as they pertain to tank vessels.

Offshore Supply Vessels are no longer required to provide spill response plans to the Coast Guard, nor are they subject to double hull construction requirements, or other tank vessel requirements. However, individual states may require OSV operators to submit spill response plans, or comply with other requirements, mandated by state law.

Stability Design and Operational Regulations Start Date Postponed

Following questions and strong positions presented regarding the cost and applicability of Stability Design and Operational Regulations to offshore supply vessels and passenger vessels at the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) meeting, a decision was made to delay the effective date of the new regulations, which were scheduled to come in force on December 12, 1992.

It has been estimated by industry sources that the regulations would add $15,000 of cost per vessel to fully comply with regulations.

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Under the new agreement, owners will face $25 million in liability before the reinsurers are required to cover their losses, compared to $15 million under the present deductible.

According to sources, P&I club executives are relieved that they will continue to be paying last year’s price of $350 million for the same maximum reinsur- ance limits of slightly over $1 billion.

There had been speculation that pollution-liability coverage would be discontinued or severely limited because of the recent publicity surrounding the Braer and Maersk Navigator tanker oil spills.

The purpose of the P&I clubs is to pool the resources of their shipowning members in order to provide marine liability coverage. The clubs then buy reinsurance as a group to assist them in funding shipowner claims. The reinsurers help the P&I clubs to pay a maximum of $700 million per incident for pollution damage caused by oil spills.

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MarAd Buys Tanker From Falcon Carriers
For International Resale

The U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd) recently purchased the tanker Falcon Countess for $1.4 million at a judiciary auction in Singapore with the intention of selling the vessel on the international ship market. The auction was the result of a judicial arrest of the 25-year-old vessel initiated by MarAd itself when its owner declared bankruptcy in 1992.

The U.S. Government was deeply involved in the financing of the seven U.S.-flag ships, four tankers and three dry bulk carriers, that were idled as a result of the folding of Falcon Carriers.

MarAd has already purchased the three dry bulk ships—the Pride of Texas, Spirit of Texas and Star of Texas—and is offering them for sale to U.S. citizens or U.S. companies who will agree to maintain them under the U.S. flag. By selling the ships, MarAd hopes to recover some of the $45 million it paid to cover the bad debt on the vessels.

The agency intends to eventually purchase and sell all four Falcon tankers, but has no immediate plans to formally foreclose on the three remaining tank vessels.

American Pacific’s Halotron I
Gets Good Evaluation From U.S. Navy

Las Vegas-based American Pacific Corp. announced that the U.S. Navy released a report based on tests comparing the company’s Halotron I fire suppression product and halon 1211.

Halotron I is intended as a replacement for the ozone-depleting halon 1211, used extensively in firefighting systems by the military and commercially around the world.

The Navy’s conclusion reportedly confirmed that Halotron I is a viable alternative to halon 1211 in certain streaming applications.

Conducted at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C., the evaluation consisted of a series of events intended to simulate aircraft-related fires commonly encountered by flight line and firefighting personnel, on which halon 1211 is routinely employed. The purpose of the evaluation was to compare the effectiveness of Halotron I to that of halon 1211.

The comparison was based upon the average volume of material used and time to extinguish each fire. The report stated that while the tests show halon 1211 to be more effective fire suppressant, Halotron I is “suitable for combating aircraft fires.”

The report further pointed out that the type and number of existing firefighting systems vary, and that Halotron I “would remain unchanged with the use of Halotron I.”

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Maritime Reporter/Engineering News
Offshore Exploration Encouraged Through Regulatory Changes

The Department of the Interior announced cuts in royalty payments to the government and other regulatory changes geared to encourage companies to explore and develop offshore reserves, which are currently considered uneconomical or too risky.

The Offshore Marine Service Association of New Orleans announced that it welcomes any incentives which will serve to increase activity and, in particular, spur developments of new or advanced marine transportation technology which would be required by deep water initiatives.

Ocean Motions Completes Navy Contract

Ocean Motions Company (OMC), Barrington, R.I., one of the leading cargo loading software manufacturers in the U.S., has completed delivery of the last of five shipsets on the AO-177 jumbo vessel. Approximately 483 ships and operations offices now use Ocean Motions' ship loading/trim and stability programs. Many have realtime inputs, including tank level (Saab Tank Radar and Gems) flowmeters, draft gauges and deck load cells.

Instantaneous hull condition data is provided in graphical and tabular screens via a unique selection menu. OMC's software makes full use of fast color graphics in desk and lap top computers. Other OMC products include ultrasonic trim, list, draft, wave height, wave length, wave period sensors, transceivers and PC software.

For full information on OMC and its products, Circle 11 on Reader Service Card

Circle Seal Controls Moves To Corona, Calif.

Circle Seal Controls has moved to a new facility in Corona, Calif. Located on a 5.5-acre site in a new industrial park, the 100,000-square-foot building has been specifically designed to meet the company's requirements. The assembly area has been increased by about one-third.

Founded in Pasadena in 1947, Circle Seal Controls manufactures an extensive line of check, relief, shutoff, solenoid, and motor-operated valves and pressure regulators and has been located in Anaheim since 1965.

The new location for the company is 2291 Wardow Circle, Corona, Calif. 91720. Tel: (909) 270-6200. Fax: (909) 270-3300. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3800, Corona, Calif. 91718-3800.

April, 1993

Neptune Orient To Begin Shuttle-Tanker Service Off U.S. Gulf Coast

A new venture using four ships to shuttle crude oil from VLCCs offshore to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast will soon begin under the direction of Neptune Orient Lines, of Singapore.

According to industry sources, Neptune Orient has purchased a 50 percent interest in Houston-based Nordic American Shipping, a company that has been in the lightering business for about three years.

The company, whose name will be changed to U.S. Marine & Offshore Services, Inc., will act as agent for four tankers owned by Neptune Orient. Three of the ships are brand new, double-hulled vessels capable of carrying 22,000 tons of oil each, while the fourth tanker was built in 1987 and has a 104,000-ton cargo capacity and double-sides, making it fully compliant with current OPA 90 provisions.

The new company will be headed by Steven Ambrose, manager of the chartering department in Neptune Orient's New York office.

For additional information on Neptune Orient and its tanker service off of the U.S. Gulf coast, Circle 142 on Reader Service Card
The name Westamarin is familiar to those involved in shipping, as well as amongst thousands of passengers in Norway and several other countries.

For more than 30 years the company has delivered fast passenger craft, most of which have been catamarans carrying the trademark Westamarin, a name which in Norway has become synonymous with this type of craft.

Westamarin West A/S in Mandal is a leading yard in the production of fast passenger catamarans. Since 1986 the yard has been a company within the Swede Ship Group and is 100 percent owned by Swede Ship Invest AB.

In 1971, as the first yard worldwide, Westamarin A/S introduced the high speed passenger catamaran. The development and construction of the W-86, M/S Fjordglytt represented in 1971 the first vessel of this type ever produced.

The development of the vessel was made possible by making use of the yard’s 10 years experience in producing different types of high-speed vessels.

Westamarin A/S has constructed and delivered more than 60 vessels, the majority of which have been passenger catamarans.

However, the yard also has experience building SES catamarans and single-hull vessels for military and civil uses.

Nearly 20 years after the introduction of the passenger catamaran, Westamarin made yet another world premier with its Foilcat 2900, which was developed, designed and built by Westamarin West A/S in Mandal, and was the first high speed craft of the Foil Cat type to be delivered.

The 96-foot Foilcat 2900 passenger catamaran, which has a 27-foot breadth and a six-foot draft, is outfitted with 100 percent submerged foil profiles.

In operation, the foils will lift the catamaran hull out of the water and an advanced computer controlled “Flight Control System” (FCS), in combination with movable flaps on the foils, keep the Foilcat 2900 stable. Low sea resistance on the hulls and foil system result in a service speed of 45 knots (Maximum speed is approximately 50 knots), significantly reducing travelling time when compared to conventional catamarans.

Classed Det norske Veritas *1A1 R 90 Light Craft Passenger Catamaran, EO, the Foilcat 2900’s hull is constructed of seawater resistant aluminium, and its foils are stainless steel.

The vessel, has a capacity for 160 passengers, is powered by a pair of MTU 16V396 TE 74L engines (2,000 kW at 2,000 rpm), which drive Ulstein propellers.

The Foilcat 2900 also features Stanford generators, and a ventilation systems delivered by A/S Norsk Viftefabrik.

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