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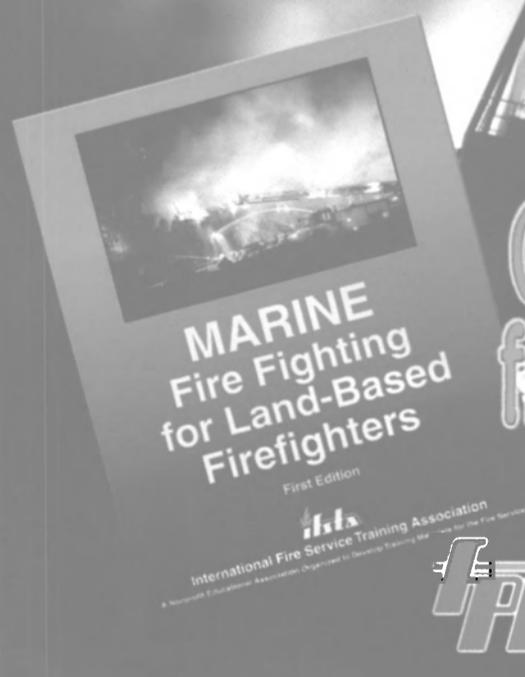
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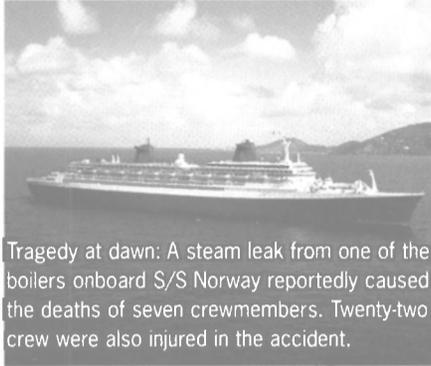
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Tragedy at dawn: A steam leak from one of the boilers onboard S/S Norway reportedly caused the deaths of seven crewmembers. Twenty-two crew were also injured in the accident.

On the morning of Sunday, May 25, 2003, passengers onboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines' (NCL) vessel, S/S Norway awoke to a loud boom, as the vessel returned from seven-day Caribbean cruise to its homeport in Miami, Fla. The noise, which came from the vessel's engine room, is believed to be caused by a steam leak from one of the 41-year-old ship's boilers. The explosion, has, at press time, claimed the lives of seven crewmembers, the most recent being **Ramon Villarais**, 39, who was employed as an engine room stoker. According to a statement issued by NCL on May 28, 2003, the following six additional crewmembers perished in the tragedy: **Ramil Bernal**, 28, engine room stoker; **Ricardo Rosal**, 49, third engineer; **Candido Valenzuela**, 50, engine room stoker; **Rene Villanueva**, 28, oiler, engine department; **Mari John Bautista**, 29, First Asst. Refrigeration Engineer; and **Winston Lewis**, 53, second steward, Hotel Department.

According to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, 22 crewmembers were injured, but passengers were disembarked safely following security measures.

The vessel, which was formerly known as the SS France, was constructed in 1961, and has built its own following. NCL purchased the venerable ship in 1977 for \$18M and refurbished it for \$120M. The vessel underwent routine maintenance and a refit at Lloyd Werft Shipyard in Bremerhaven, Germany. The job, which was completed in 1999 included work on the affected boiler.

While, according to a statement, NCL has expressed its concern and sympathy for both the deceased and injured victims and their next of kin, the line, which is owned by Malaysian-based Star Cruises, will undoubtedly find that it will remain in the headlines — not for its recent establishment of its new Homeland Cruising brand — but for a succession of law suits that are expected to be filed by the victims and their families.

According to a statement issued by the

line, the first suit was filed on May 28 by Miami attorney **William Huggett** on behalf of one of the injured crewmembers, **Abdi Comedia**, for a reported \$1B. In response, NCL issued a follow-

up press statement deeming the suit as "an opportunistic lawsuit...a self-serving ploy in furtherance of Huggett's own personal interests.

The line furthered that it, "denies the

allegation of the lawsuit and regrets that Huggett is more concerned with his lawsuit than with allowing (our) crewmembers the optimal conditions to fight for

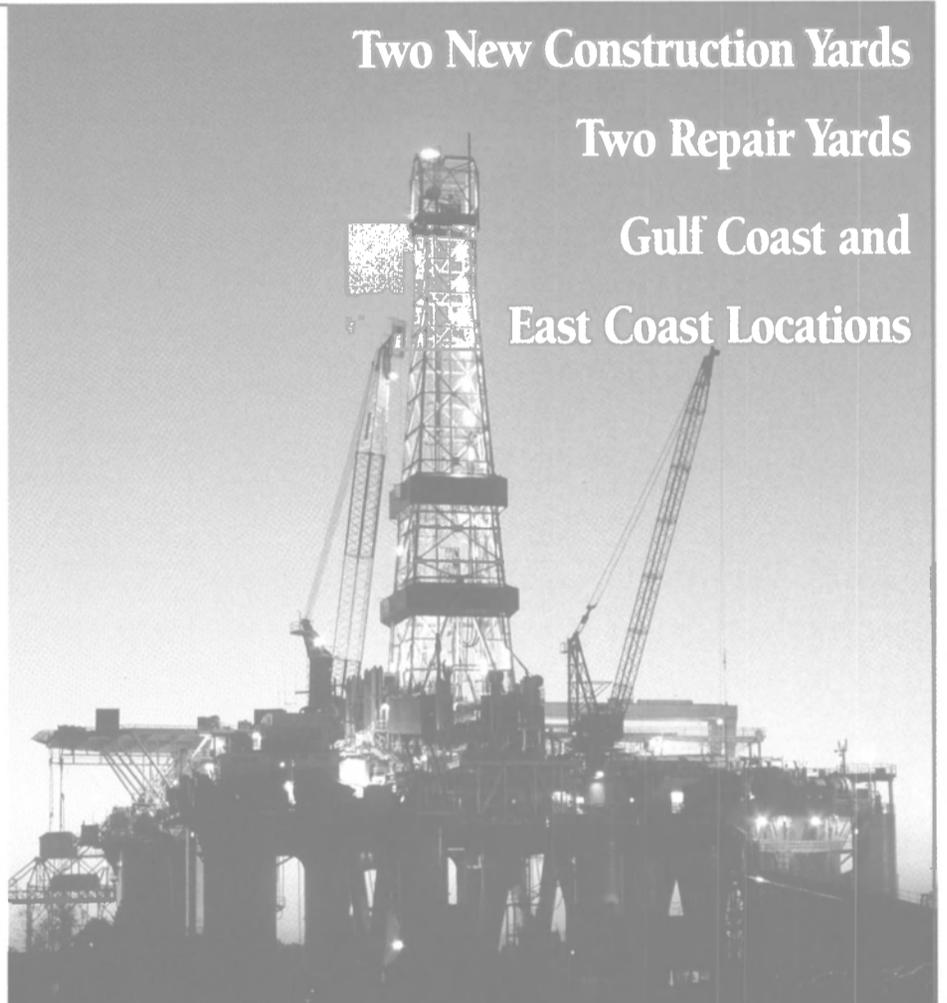
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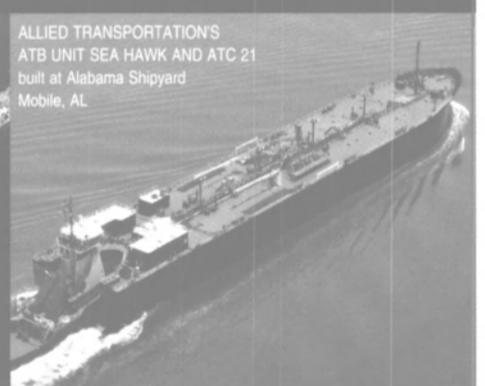
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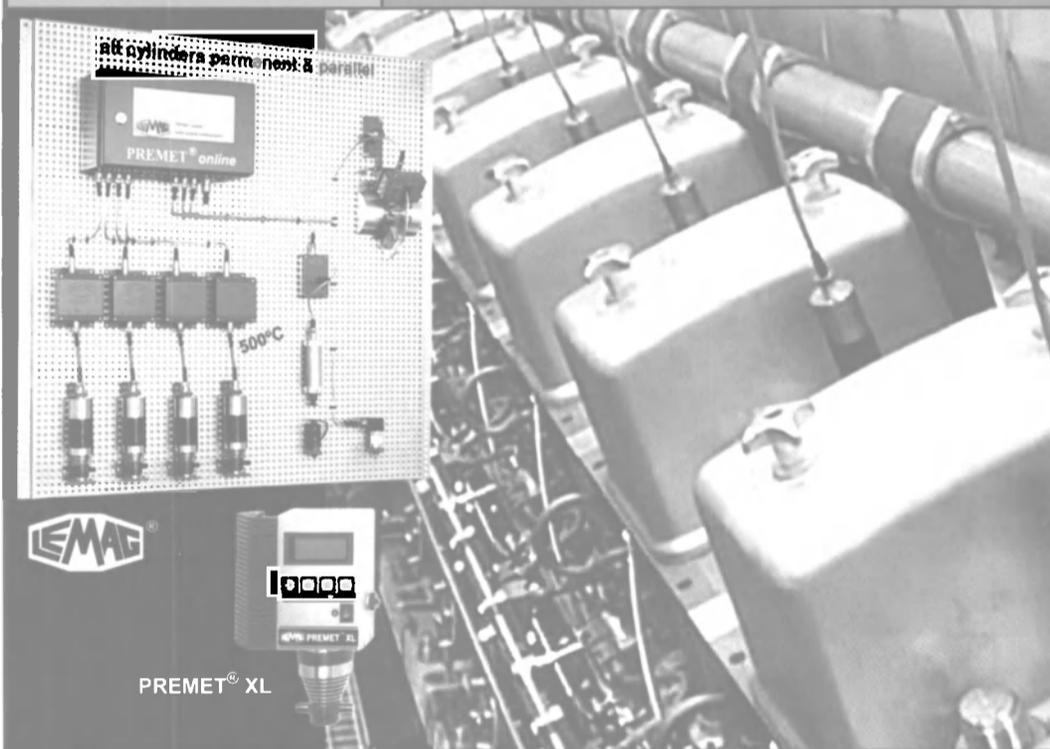
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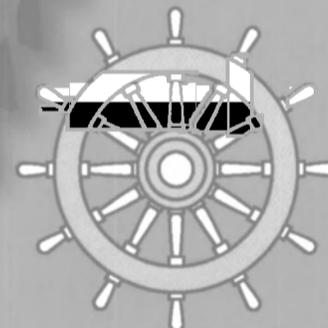


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The lead-in article to this year's Yearbook section actually stretches a tad beyond the previous year ... back to 1952 to be exact. Norwegian Cruise Lines announced plans in April to refurbish the fabled S.S. United States, which despite a relatively short operational life of 17 years has left an indelible mark. The article, starting on page 34, explores the vessel's life, from conception by William Francis Gibbs to its long demise. Though details of the project are scant, it will be interesting to see if and how the explosion aboard another NCL ship — the 42-year-old S.S. Norway — an explosion in port that killed six and wounded more than a dozen, impacts the line's plan for the S.S. United States project.

One of the most powerful editorials in this edition comes from Captain Noel G. Hart, manager, BP Shipping (USA). Mr. Hart addressed INTERTANKO's Tanker Event in Washington in April, delivering a straightforward assessment of the Prestige disaster and its ramifications to the marine industry as a whole. BP Shipping is aggressively adding tonnage to its fleet, as it has found its own ships to be the most reliable. Yet this article stretches far beyond the context of a single company or a single ship, as it covers a broad cross section of issues that will shape and affect the marine business for many years to come. In essence, it extends the message that owners that operate shoddily maintained ships increasingly have no place in the marine market, a trend towards the employment of quality, well-maintained vessels, which is a situation that would bode well for all concerned.

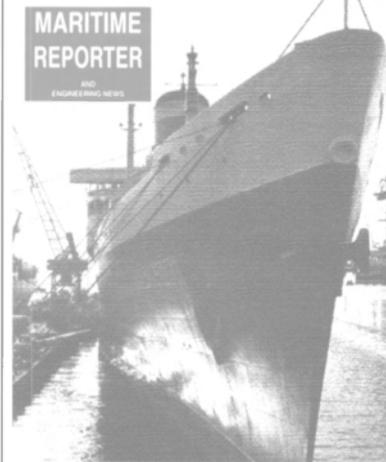


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On the Cover: The S.S. United States is a signature vessel which inspires passion across maritime circles. NCL recently announced plans to buy and refurbish the ship. MR takes a retrospective look at the vessel, the people and the companies that made it a reality, starting on page 34.

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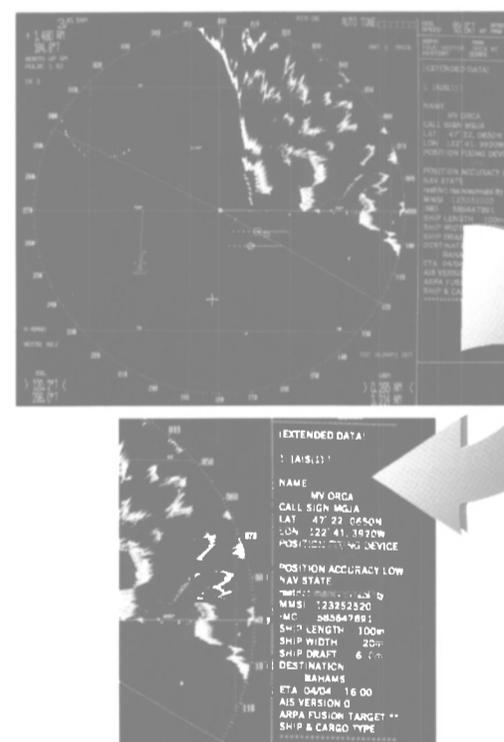
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Fifty years ago in these pages we reported on the trophy presentation ceremony for the S.S. United States, which was honored for the fastest crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. At a dinner aboard the United States Line's superliner United States on November 12, the **Duke of Sutherland** (center) presented to General **John M. Franklin**, president of the lines (left), the Hales Trophy for the Blue Riband of the Atlantic, which is awarded to the Atlantic's speediest crossing. Commodore **Harry Manning** (right) commanded the ship on her record-breaking voyage. Read an update on the S.S. United States, which will soon be refurbished and re-activated by Norwegian Cruise Lines. The story starts on page 34.

It's A Small World After All



Last month, 71 Miss Universe delegates gathered at the Miraflores Locks along the Panama Canal. Hosted by the Panama Canal Authority and its Administrator, **Alberto Aleman Zubieta**, the event welcomed the Miss Universe delegates to Panama, who were there for the June 3, 2003 competition. The delegates toured the locks, learning firsthand the Canal's engineering genius and how it unites the world through global trade. During the tour, the Panama-flagged vessel Crown Topaz, a refrigerated cargo ship, and the Cyprus-flagged vessel P&O Nedlloyd Inca, a containership, were being guided through the Canal. (www.pancanal.com)

95th Anniversary of the Burning of General Slocum

The annual ceremony will be held on Friday, June 15, 2003, at 11 a.m., in the playground at Tompkins Square Park, East 9th street and Avenue B. Manhattan, by the Slocum Memorial Fountain. The burning of the excursion steamer **GENERAL SLOCUM**, is the worst peacetime inland water's maritime disaster in the nation's

history and the largest fire fatality in New York City history. The wooden steamer caught fire in the infamous Hell Gate passage in the East River between the Bronx and Astoria, Queens. Some 1,200 people were drowned or burned to death, including 61 never identified. The Slocum Memorial Fountain is located in the neighborhood of the city that was once known as "Little Germany," where most of the Slocum victims lived.

Mrs. **Adella L. Wotherspoon**, 97, one of two living survivors of the General Slocum disaster will place a wreath in front of the fountain.

The annual event is co-sponsored by the Maritime Industry Museum on the campus of the SUNY — Maritime College in the Bronx and the New York City Parks and Recreation Department. Park's commissioner **Henry Stern** will be one of the speakers.

Say What?

In early May the Associated Press reported that a federal grand jury indicted a woman for leaving threatening notes aboard a cruise ship in hopes she could cut a family trip short and return home to her boyfriend. **Kelley Marie Ferguson**, 20, of Laguna Hills, Calif., was reportedly charged with two counts of threatening acts of terrorism, each carrying a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison. In another twist, Ferguson, who is seven months pregnant, was reportedly released back to her parents' custody where she will remain until her sentencing, which is scheduled to occur in Hawaii, following the baby's birth. Authorities say Ferguson, who was vacationing with her family aboard the Legend of the Seas, admitted writing the notes. The notes prompted an intense FBI search for biological, chemical, radiological and explosive weapons aboard the Royal Caribbean ship, and interrogation of crew members and passengers. Federal prosecutors said the hoax cost the U.S. Coast Guard alone \$336,000. Ferguson had been detained without bail since her April 25 arrest.



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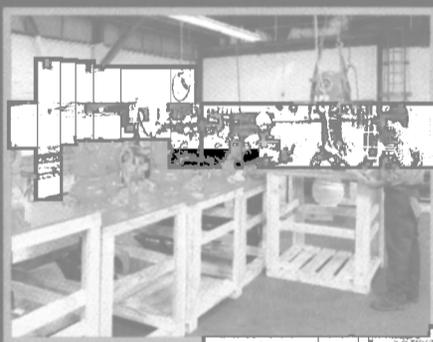
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The statement also questioned Huggett's industry knowledge of ships. "It is also extraordinary that Huggett,

whose lawsuit displays a spectacular ignorance of the technology of ships."

When contacted by *MR/EN*, regarding NCL's reaction to Comedia's lawsuit, Huggett argued that the ship's age was

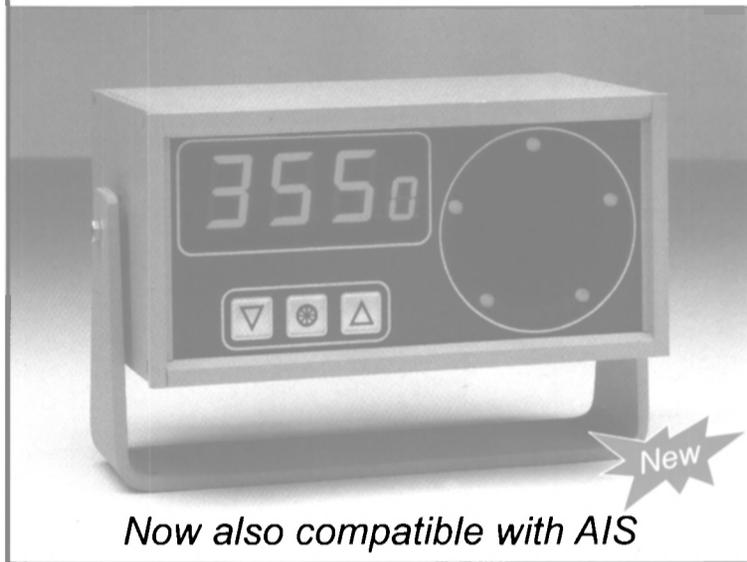
undoubtedly a factor in the cause of the accident. "It's foolish to still be using that type of technology in ship that is so old," Huggett said. "I don't need to be an expert in boiler technology to know

that."

Huggett is seeking both punitive and compensatory damages on behalf of Comedia.

In response to Huggett's suit, NCL's director of communications, **Susan Robison**, stands by the statement issued by the line regarding Huggett's technological expertise: "He (Huggett) doesn't understand the technology of how to run a ship and how a boiler works."

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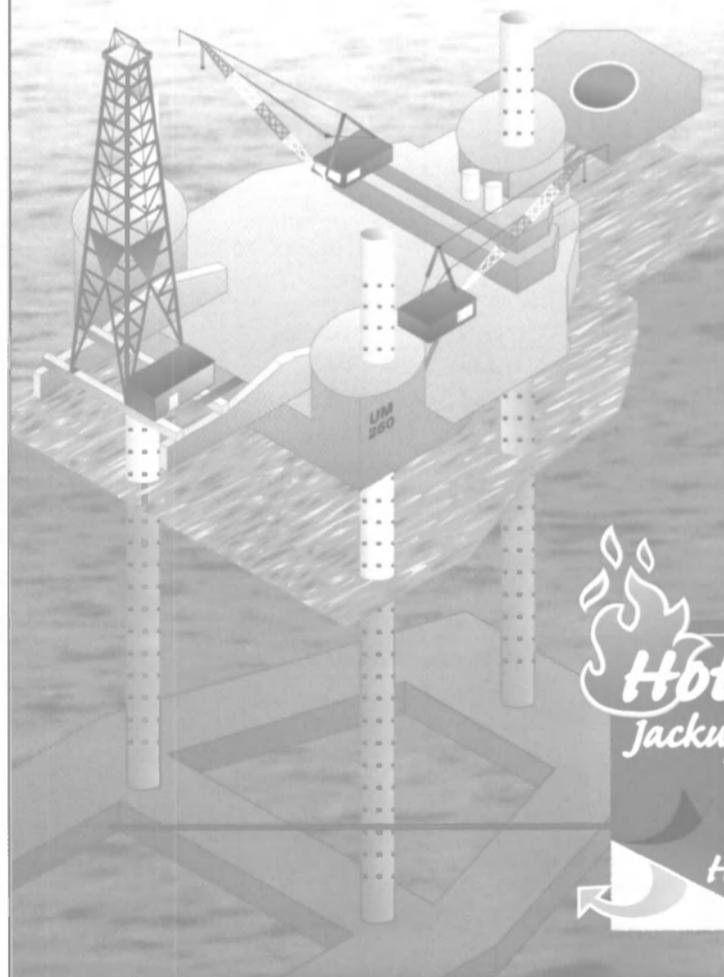
SENESCO Names Schuler as New CEO

The Southeastern New England Shipbuilding Company (SENESCO) has appointed **Gary C. Schuler**, the former president of Stanley-Bostitch, as the company's CEO.

In addition to his new post as CEO, Schuler becomes one of two private investors in SENESEO having made a personal investment in the fast growing company. **Robert Jarvis**, who has served as President of SENESEO for the past two years, will continue in this position and also serve as the COO.

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Color Line Builds IT Environment With SIS

Star Information Systems (SIS) has signed a major retrofit and newbuild software contract with Color Line AS. The Color Line contract covers the

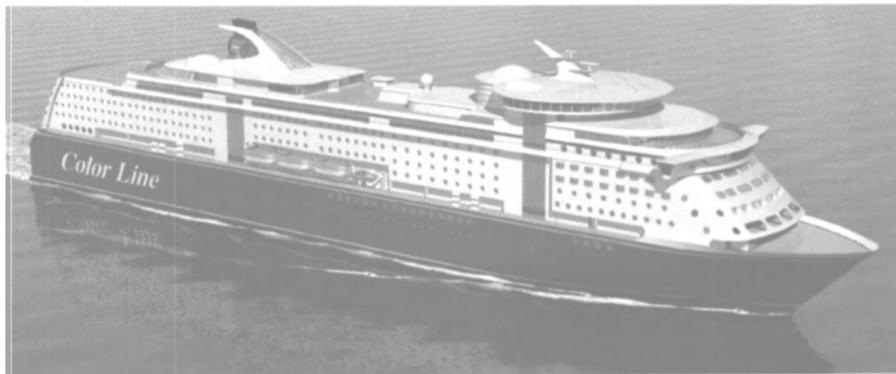
installation of new-generation shipboard software for improved fleet management on nine existing ships. Application and database server software are

installed at Color Line's computer center in Oslo with on line direct access from the vessels through a terminal server and VSAT satellite communication. The contract also includes what is reported to be the world's largest cruise ferry that is set to replace Prinsesse Ragnhild on the Oslo-Kiel service as of December 2004. Color Line holds an option for a second ship built to the same standard.

Color Line and SIS are currently working on the data structure and conversion process for the first Star IPS system retrofit onboard the "Petter Wessel." Re-structuring data is a key operation in the implementation process for this ves-

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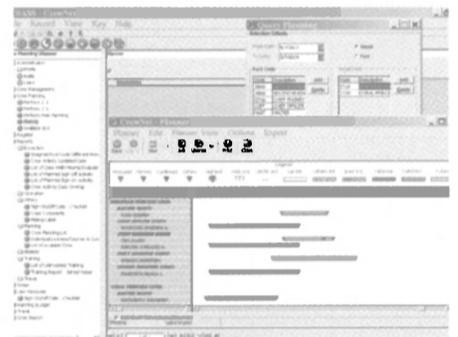
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BASS Provides New CrewNet Version



BASS released its re-engineered BASS CrewNet Version 2.3-Crew/Human Resource Management System. BASS CrewNet Version 2.3 provides users with an open system that can communicate with other business applications through an integration engine called BASS Integrator.

With this release of v2.3, the integration engine, allows clients to develop their own useful modules, which can be "plugged" into BASS' application engine thus permitting the sharing, retrieval and updating of the data from other applications.

The extensive changes have been implemented using Visual Studio .Net technology. The server portion of CrewNet will now be able to run on more than one operating system using either a Win32 or Unix environment.

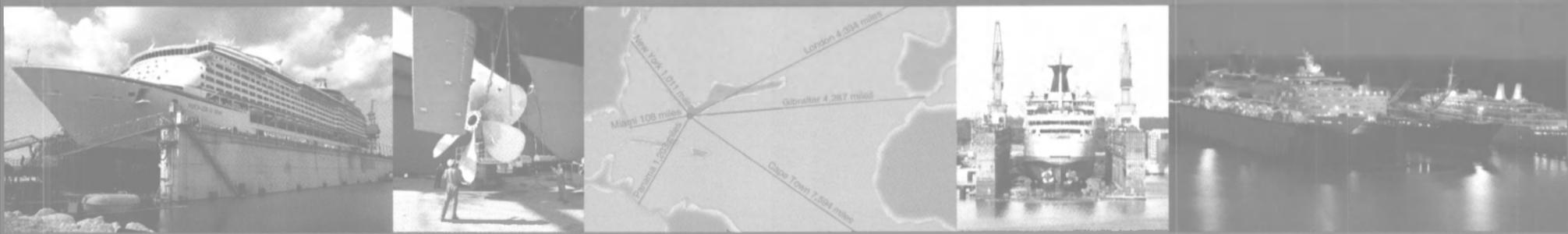
With the company performing this change in phases, only five sub-modules such as crew license, crew activity, vessel general, vessel sail plan and crew profile have been revitalized to use this new engine with its architecture and programming language. In short, BASS is scaling down the dependency of Microsoft Transaction Server as a host for database transaction and replacing it with a Web Server-like application called BASS Integrator. The new architecture has facilitated a significant performance improvement in the said modules targeted for the release of version 2.3. Additionally, some new planning scenarios using system-generated suggestions are available to optimize planning operations by focusing on

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Consultas Adds Muscle to Fleet Management

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resentatives. The company also confirmed the launch of a new corporate identity, A Solid Connection. Consultas managing director, **Morten Kjoerum** — who was previously Head of Customer Service, Europe, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, took the helm of the company just 10 months ago. Since then, the company has made a significant investment in its technologically advanced software systems to further strengthen and confirm its continuous commitment to an increasing number of global shipping clients. Software improvements recently undertaken by Consultas are focused on improved functionality and tighter integration of all PMS applications, including spare parts and maintenance, software improvements and also exhibit improved layout and design of software facilities.

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OPM Utilizes Tideworks Software

According to Tideworks Software, Operadora Portuaria de Manzanillo (OPM) will deploy Tideworks' Mainsail and Spinnaker products. The new systems will be implemented at the terminal, which currently handles more than 250,000 container moves a year. Tideworks' will offer the terminal its full-service approach with local onsite support, a data conversion, EDI services and system monitoring.

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BIMCO Launches Innovative Database

BIMCO has officially launched its Solid Cargo Database as an additional feature on its website. The BIMCO Cargo Database provides general guidance and information and is intended for

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Inmarsat Launch New Fleet Services

Inmarsat has launched the commercial availability of the Fleet F55 and Fleet F33, incorporating global voice, and a range of fax and data services.

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LandSea Systems introduced a new maritime high-speed terminal — the TT-3086A Capsat Fleet55. The latest member of Thrane & Thrane's Fleet product family, the Capsat Fleet55 is a more compact version of the Capsat Fleet77 terminal. Available from stock, the Fleet55 provides mariners high-speed and cost effective voice and data communications based on either MPDS (Mobile Packet Data Service) protocol with constant online access, or on a 64K ISDN connection. The new standard MPDS feature allows the user the ability to be online, all of the time, paying only for the data sent and received rather than paying for the time online.

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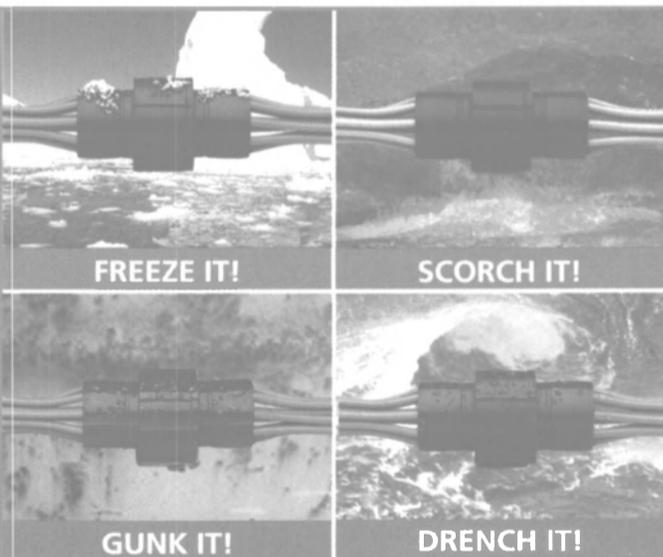
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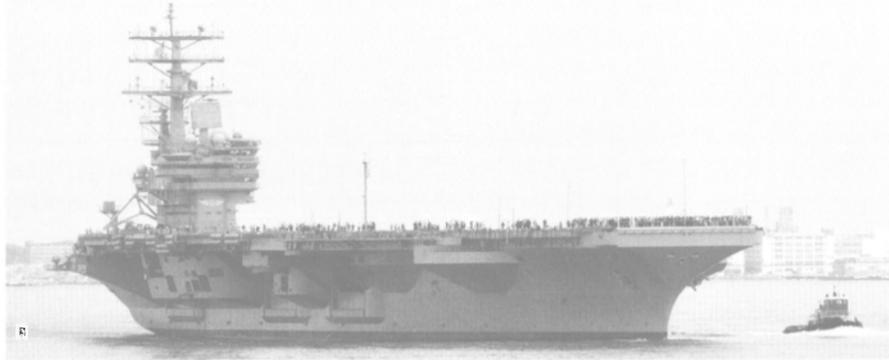
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Northrop Grumman Completes Builder's Trials on USS Ronald Reagan

Northrop Grumman Corporation said that aircraft carrier, Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), returned to the Newport News sector following successful completion of initial sea trials — deeming that Reagan's two nuclear propulsion plants and their operators are fully mission capable.

Adm. **Frank L. "Skip" Bowman**, director of the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, conducted the initial sea trials. Bowman concluded that Reagan's propulsion plants and their operators met or exceeded expectations.

Also taking part in the sea trials were **Tom Schievelbein**, Northrop Grumman corporate vice president and president of the Newport News sector; Rear Adm. **Dennis Dwyer**, NAVSEA Program Executive Office, Carriers; and Capt. **Thomas F. Violette**, Navy Supervisor of



The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), returns to Northrop Grumman Newport News, May 8, 2003, after successful builder's trials. During builder's trials, the ship undergoes extensive testing in a variety of areas. Ronald Reagan is the ninth Nimitz-class ship built by Northrop Grumman Newport News. It will be commissioned by the U.S. Navy on July 12, 2003, at the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Va. (Photo by John Whalen, Northrop Grumman Newport News).

Shipbuilding at Newport News.

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Shipbuilding personnel worked side-by-side testing systems to ensure the warship can operate for the next 50 years. Reagan Commanding Officer Capt. J.

W. "Bill" Goodwin, reiterated to the vessel's crew the importance of their role onboard this prolific vessel. "Be ready mentally and physically for the next event on the schedule. Keep the focus and level of professionalism in everything we do during sea trials. You are the plank owner crew of the newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the greatest Navy in the world." Named after America's 40th president, Reagan is the ninth Nimitz-class aircraft carrier built by Newport News and the first carrier named for a living president. The keel of Reagan was laid Feb. 12, 1998, and the ship was christened at Newport News March 4, 2001. The vessel is scheduled for delivery to the Navy in June 2003.

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AIS - Panacea or Pandora's Box

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According to Greek legend, Zeus had the messenger god Mercury leave a mysterious box with Pandora. Mercury told Pandora to hold the box for safekeeping, but under no circumstances was she to open it. Not long after Mercury departed, curiosity got the better of Pandora and she opened the box to examine its contents. Unfortunately, the box contained all the ills and misfortunes of the world. They promptly escaped and have been loose in the world since that time.

The word 'panacea' is derived from the Greek terms "pan" (meaning all) and "akos" (meaning remedy). According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word means "a remedy for all ills or difficulties."

The question is which term applies to

AIS?

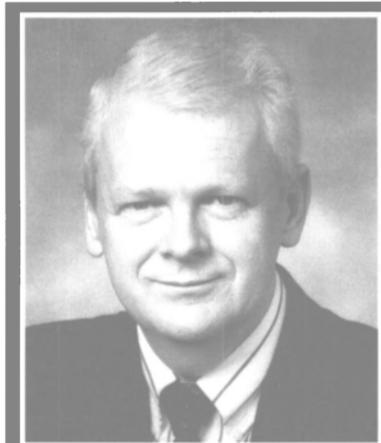
What is AIS?

AIS is an electronic transceiver unit intended to be integrated with a ship's radar, gyrocompass, global positioning system (GPS), and other operational and navigational systems. When fully operational and when functioning properly, it will provide the officer in charge of the navigational watch with a radar display that includes a mark for every significant ship within radio range, each with a velocity vector indicating speed and heading. Each ship 'mark' could reflect the actual size of the ship and its position with GPS or differential GPS accuracy. By clicking on a ship mark, the officer could learn the ship name, course, speed, classification, call sign, registration number and other information. Maneuvering information, closest point of approach (CPA), time to closest point of approach (TCPA), and other

navigation information could also be available.

AIS operates in the VHF maritime radio band. It is capable of handling more than 4,500 reports / min., and updates itself as often as every two seconds. It uses Self-Organizing Time Division Multiple Access (SOTDMA) technology.

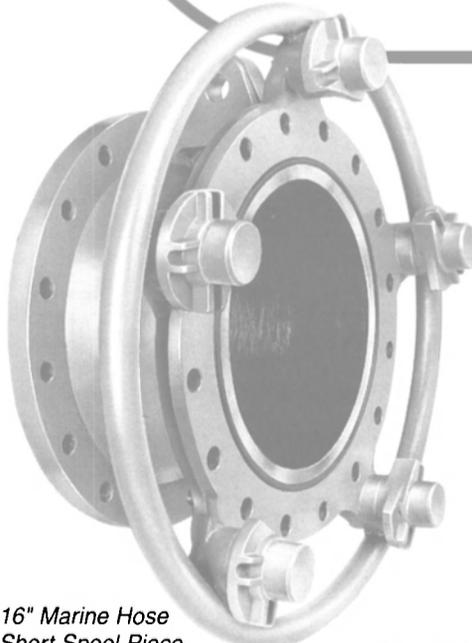
Each AIS system consists of one VHF transmitter, two VHF SOTDMA receivers, one VHF digital selective calling (DSC) receiver, and a standard marine electronic communications link to the shipboard display and sensor systems. Position and timing information is normally derived from a GPS receiver and generally includes a medium frequency differential GPS receiver. Other information broadcast by the AIS is obtained electronically from shipboard equipment through standard marine data connections. Heading information and course, and speed over ground would be



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provided by all AIS-equipped ships. Other information, such as rate of turn, angle of heel, pitch and roll, destination, and ETA, could also be provided.

The AIS transponder works in an autonomous and continuous mode, regardless of whether the ship is on the high seas or in pilotage waters. System coverage range is similar to other VHF applications. Propagation is slightly



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better than that of radar due to the longer wavelength of AIS. Thus, it is possible to obtain an AIS report before the true radar image appears on the radar screen. The usual range of AIS is 20 n.m.

The shipboard AIS unit broadcasts the following information every two to 10 seconds while underway and every three minutes while at anchor:

- The unit's maritime mobile identity (MMSI), a unique identifier for each ship radio unit, assigned by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).
- The navigation status of the ship (e.g., underway using engine, at anchor, not under command).
- Rate of turn.
- Speed over ground.
- Position accuracy.
- Longitude and latitude.
- Course over ground.
- True heading.
- Time stamp.

In addition, the AIS unit broadcasts the following information every six minutes:

- MMSI number.
- Ship's IMO number.
- Ship's radio call sign.
- Name of ship (up to 20 characters).
- Type of ship and cargo.
- Dimensions of ship (in meters).
- Location on ship where the reference point for position reports is located.
- Type of position fixing device utilized by ship.
- Draft of ship (in meters).
- Destination of ship (at master's discretion).
- Estimated time of arrival (ETA) at destination (at master's discretion).

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has developed informal guidance regarding approval of AIS installations on U.S.-flag ships, but it has not yet promulgated its regulations. Likewise, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued informal guidance describing the certification process for AIS and other navigation equipment mandated by the SOLAS Convention. Until those two agencies promulgate their regulations, AIS approval for U.S. ships will remain an ad hoc process. Type approvals have recently been issued, though, by the FCC and the Coast Guard for two commercial AIS systems.

Deadlines

There are at least four separate sets of deadlines for use of AIS.

- For ships entering the St. Lawrence Seaway in North America, use of AIS

was required as of the commencement of the 2003 navigation season, March 31, 2003. Portable AIS units are available for rent by ships not having AIS permanently installed.

- For ships transiting the Panama Canal, use of AIS will be required as of July 1, 2003. As with the St. Lawrence Seaway, portable AIS units will be available for rent by ships not having AIS permanent-

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- For ships operating in U.S. waters, installation and use of AIS will be required in accordance with the following schedule:

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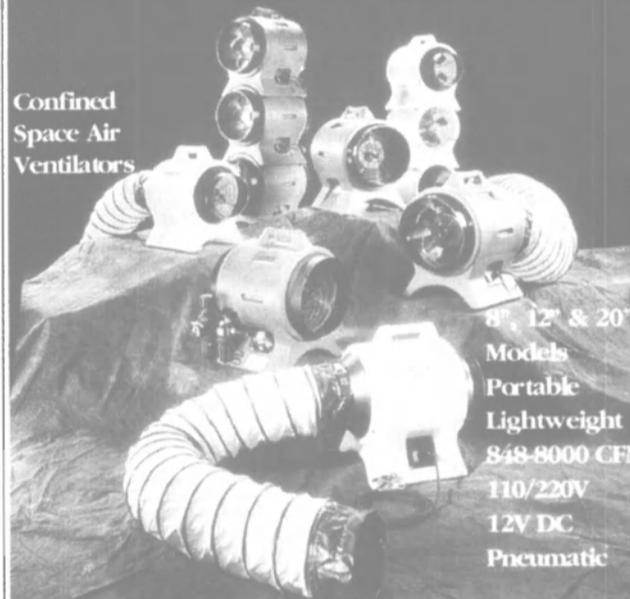
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 2. On and after July 1, 2003 for any vessel built before January 1, 2003 that is a passenger vessel required to carry a SOLAS certificate, a tanker, or a towing vessel engaged in moving a tank vessel; and
 3. On and after December 31, 2004 for all other vessels built before January 1, 2003.
- For ships subject to the SOLAS Convention of 300 gt and upwards engaged on international voyages, and cargo ships of 500 gt and upwards not

engaged on international voyages and passenger ships irrespective of size, installation and use of AIS is required in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Ships constructed on or after July 1, 2002;
2. Ships engaged on international voyages constructed before July 1, 2002:
 - a. In the case of passenger ships, not later than 1 July 2003;
 - b. In the case of tankers, not later than the first survey for safety equipment on or after July 1, 2003;
 - c. In the case of ships, other than passenger ships and tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards, not later than July 1, 2004;
 - d. In the case of ships, other than passenger ships and tankers, of 300 gt and upwards but less than 50,000 gt, not later than the first safety equipment survey after July 1, 2004 or by December 31, 2004, whichever occurs earlier;
3. Ships not engaged on international voyages constructed before July 1, 2002, not later than July 1, 2008.

Concerns Regarding AIS

Problems have been observed with regard to AIS installations to date. Ship's static data sometimes is loaded incorrectly or not present at all. For instance, ships have reported dimensions via AIS that are obviously incorrect. Some ships are not transmitting heading information via AIS, possibly because the connection of the ship's gyro compass has not been properly made. On some ships, although the AIS system seems to be connected to the gyro compass, the heading information being reported by AIS is different than the actual heading. Some shipborne AIS equipment does not respond to shore station commands. The cause is probably outdated firmware. These early implementation problems highlight the fact that AIS is a complex piece of equipment that only works properly when it is fully integrated into a sophisticated navigational system.

A note of caution is in order. Implementation of AIS has been advanced because of the inherent maritime security aspects of the system. After all, if the authorities ashore can automatically identify ships as they arrive offshore, it makes the job of evaluating risks and allocating scarce resources that much easier. On the other hand, as noted above, incorrect (or false) data can be accidentally (or intentionally) programmed into the AIS as currently configured. This would defeat the security purpose of AIS, leading to potentially catastrophic consequences.

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Further, terrorists, pirates, and others of malicious intent can monitor AIS signals to identify target vessels.

Returning to the original purpose of AIS, maritime safety, all parties should remember the consequences of over-reliance on machines that seem to provide all the answers. One need only look back to the grounding of the cruise ship Royal Majesty on June 10, 1995. The ship was completing a voyage from Bermuda to Boston when it ran aground on the Rose and Crown Shoal about 10 miles east of Nantucket Island, Mass. The ship was 17 miles off course when the incident occurred. Damage to the ship and lost revenue were estimated at \$7 million. Subsequent investigation revealed that the ship's automated navigation system had been programmed to rely on its GPS receiver. However, less than one hour after departing Bermuda, the GPS antenna came loose, disabling the GPS. The integrated navigation system automatically defaulted to its dead reckoning navigation system, which does not compensate for the effects of wind, current, or sea conditions. The audible warning system had been disabled and the warning light was displayed only in the chart room. No one on the bridge during the 34 hours between the loss of the GPS signal and

the grounding noticed that the ship was off course. None of the other available navigational tools were utilized. The incident provides a valuable lesson in what can happen when reliance is placed in any one system to the exclusion of

other systems, including common sense.

Summary

The answer to our original question is that AIS is neither a panacea nor a Pandora's box. It is just another tool in

a large and growing tool box made available to masters, deck officers, and others to enhance maritime safety and security. It is only as good as its maintenance and the training provided to its users.

AMDETECH Provides K-9 Protection for CCL

American Detection Technologies, Inc. (AMDETECH), a homeland security company and provider of contraband detection services using highly-trained canine teams, has signed a contract with



Carnival Cruise Lines (CCL) to provide canine screening for all Carnival vessels. Under the terms of the contract, AMDETECH is providing canine teams to search all deliveries before they are loaded onto Carnival vessels at the 16 Carnival locations where provisioning is done, while maintaining the standards as per the U.S. Department of the Treasury "Odor Recognition Proficiency Standard" and the Department of Defence.

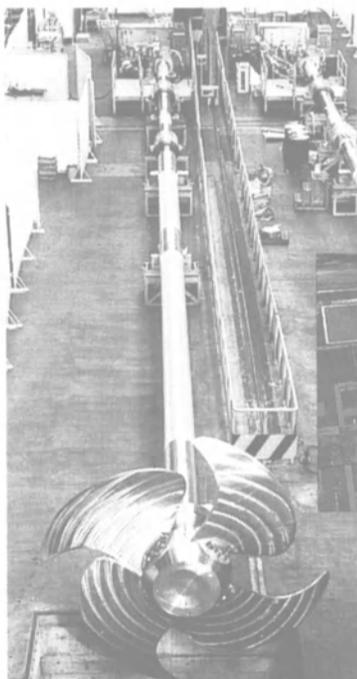
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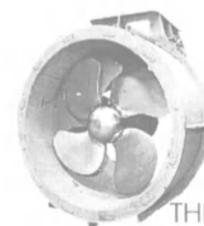
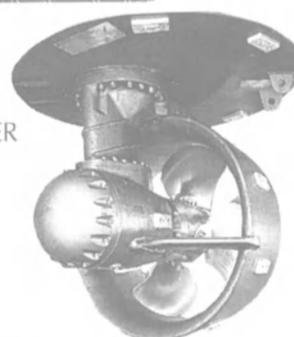


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Seabulk Offshore do Brasil, Ltda., finalized an agreement with Promar Brazil (Estaleiro Promara I) to build a UT-755L platform supply vessel (PSV) for delivery in the fall of 2004, with an option for a second ship. To be named

Seabulk Brasil, the 5,460-hp, 236-ft. (71.9-m) newbuild has a purchase price of \$16.7 million, and upon delivery, will enter the Brazilian offshore market, where the company currently has one 200-ft. PSV operating.

The company has also agreed to purchase a Brazilian-flag line-handling ves-

sel for approximately \$2.5 million. The purchase of the vessel, to be named the Seabulk Ipanema, is expected to close in July 2003. Similar in design to Seabulk Offshore's new PSV flagship, Seabulk Africa, which joined the West Africa fleet earlier this year, Seabulk Brasil will be equipped with Fire

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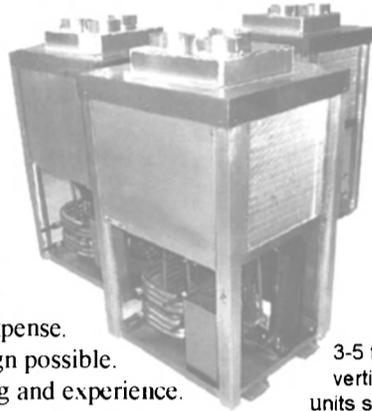
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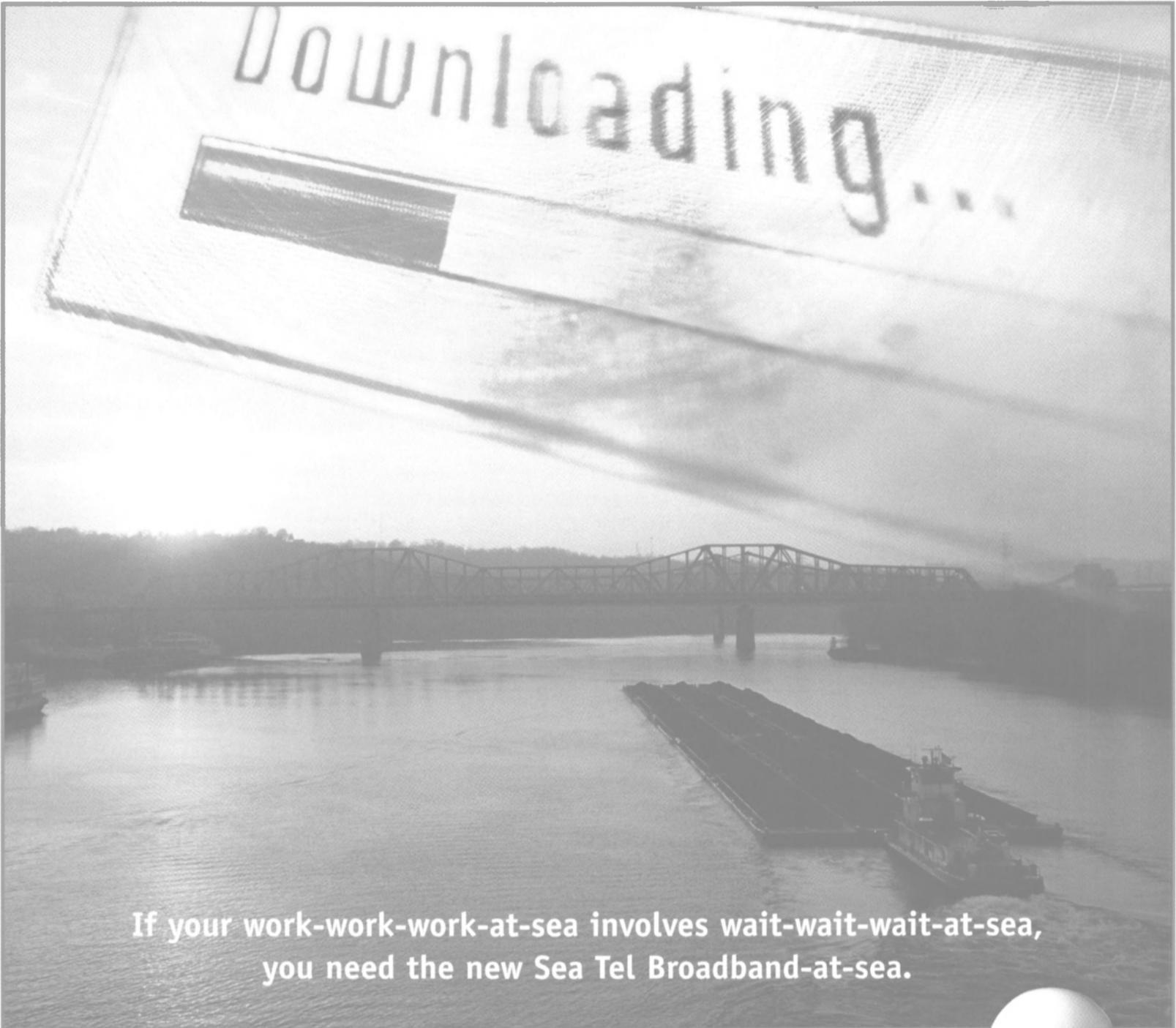
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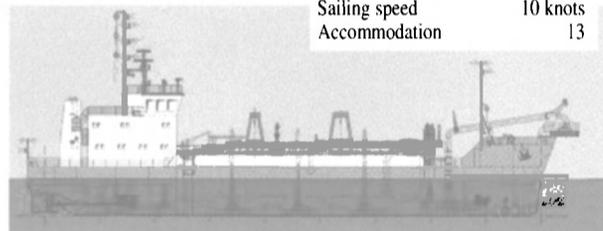
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Since 9/11, the U.S. has been exerting increased security upon all means of transportation. The international maritime community perceives increased security as a necessity to continuing commerce. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adapted the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code applying to all passenger and cargo vessels in international trade and the port facilities that they call upon. Vessels and port facilities must be in full compliance with the Code by July 1 2004. Following is a recent conversation *MR/EN* had with The Havnen Group principle, **Charley**

Havnen.

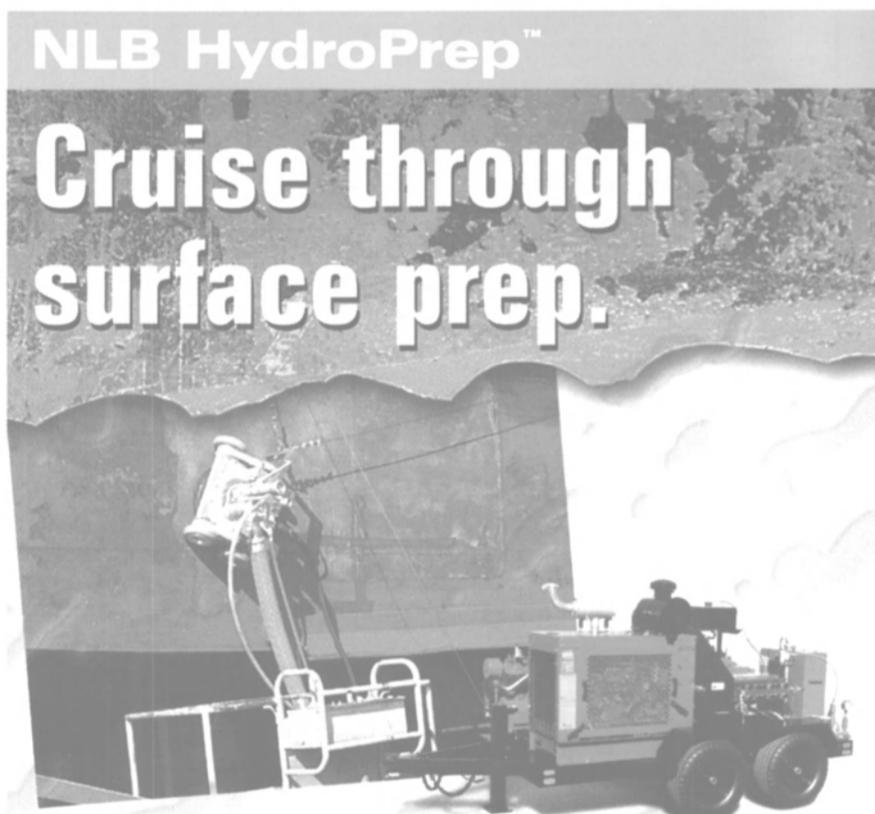
For a full roster of dates and locations, and prices, please turn to page 82 of this edition, or call The Havnen Group at (800) 493-3883, or e-mail chavnen@havnengroup.com.

MR/EN: Why are you putting on these seminars?

Havnen: The USCG is responding to the international community and the Marine Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. New regulations incorporating the ISPS Code and provisions of the Act will be published on about July 1, 2003. This is very impor-



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Inland Waterways

February 1, 2004. Remember, we do not yet know exactly what the requirements will be and will not know until the regulations are published.

MR/EN: What domestic vessels and port facilities will be significantly impacted by the new rules?

Havnen: Domestic towing vessels will require secu-

rity plans, small passenger vessels that carry over 149 passengers and other inspected vessels that carry dangerous cargoes. Dangerous cargoes can be dry bulk, oils or chemicals. The port facilities that handle these vessels must also be fully compliant with provisions of the regulations.

The Coast Guard's primary focus seems to be on

something they now call Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDCs). Port facilities and vessels that handle explosives, poisonous gases, radioactive and poisonous materials or certain flammable/toxic compressed gases and liquids, ammonium nitrate and several particularly noxious liquids are included. These CDCs clearly generate the most concern by the USCG for having a potential to become a part of a national security incident.

MR/EN: How is your organization particularly well qualified to put on seminars on these subjects?

Havnen: Pat Touchard and I are the lead presenters.

Pat Touchard is extraordinarily qualified to speak on the subject. After service in the U.S. Marine Corps, he worked for over 20 years with the Louisiana State Police. Touchard is a former SWAT Team Leader and retired as the Commander of the HAZMAT Response Team. He now has his own company and is a recognized expert in HAZMAT incident response and security matters.

He is also a member of the Louisiana Chemical Incident Advisory Committee and is active in the chemical and maritime communities.

I spent 20 years in the Coast Guard after graduating from the federal maritime academy at Kings Point, New York, 18 years of which was in marine inspection with two years aboard a Coast Guard cutter as Engineering Officer. After the Coast Guard, I spent four years as a Vice President of the Offshore Marine Service Association (OMSA), a trade association representing the interests of the offshore oil support vessel industry. Much of my time was spent dealing with the Coast Guard. This background gives me a good foundation to understand the Coast Guard mind set and understand the basis of Coast Guard concerns. Remember, our seminars are to help certain people deal with this new set of regulations. Those persons who find themselves involved with the ISPS, MTSA, (and the rest of the new alphabet soup) should be sure to attend.

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SENESCO Christens Double-Hulled Liquid Fuel Barge

The Southeastern New England Shipbuilding Corporation (SENESCO) has christened another 80,000-barrel, double-hulled liquid fuel barge.

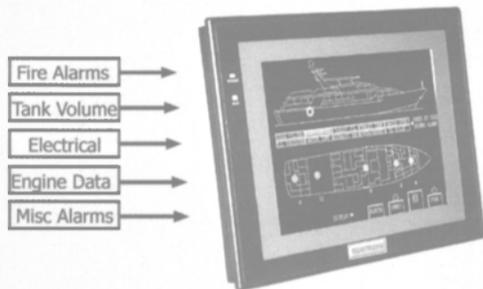
After a ceremony at SENESCO's Quonset Point, R.I. headquarters, the Leo was ready to set sail for its Gulf Coast destination. The Leo was built for the Hawaiian Inter Island Towing company, which will lease the vessel to Sirius Maritime of Seattle, Wash. Sirius will then use the barge to carry fuel oil and other liquid cargo in the Gulf Coast.

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Whiting boasted the most technologically advanced hydrographic survey platform in the world. Outfitted with modern multibeam echosounders and side-scan sonars, Whiting and its launches efficiently and rapidly completed surveys for the safe navigation of the nation's maritime commerce. The data storage for survey data was close to two terabytes — one terabyte

equaling 1,000 gigabytes. Nine workstations allowed survey personnel to process the data with state-of-the-art software and create impressive 3D models of the ocean floor, side scan mosaics as well as imagery of historical wrecks like the USS Monitor. In addition to hydrographic surveys, it was used for oceanography, fisheries research and homeland security surveys.



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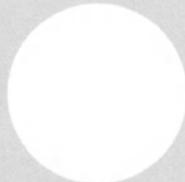
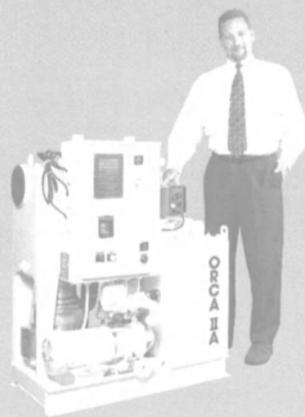
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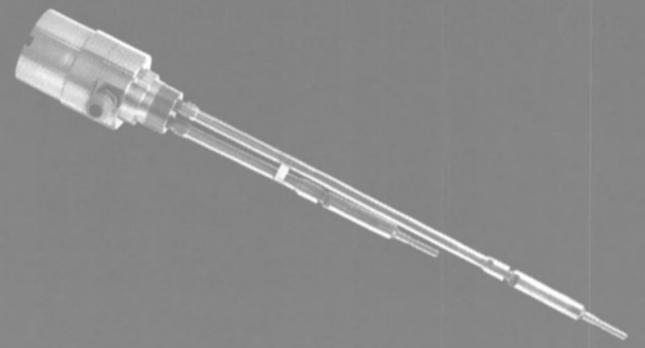


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Triple Delivery for FBM Babcock Marine

A trio of 88.5-ft. (27-m) patrol vessels being built by Southampton based FBM Babcock Marine Ltd. have arrived in the Port of Southampton on the back of a heavy lift mother ship. At press time, the trio was scheduled to undergo final testing prior to delivery. The vessels are part of a six-vessel fleet designed by FBM Babcock Marine and built in their shipyards in Scotland and the Philippines for SMIT International (Scotland) Ltd.



The vessels will be used by SMIT International (Scotland) for training military aircrew in marine survival techniques, helicopter winching drills and general marine support tasks, as part of a Public Private Partnership Program awarded by the U.K. MOD.

The vessels are an adaptation of FBM Babcock Marine's 27-m patrol vessel. Their design includes an aft docking well for a RIB or for torpedo recovery, a full width stern training platform and clear deck areas for helicopter winching drills. Comprised of aluminum, the vessels are powered by twin engines to propellers and an additional center-line engine to waterjet. The addition of the waterjet allows the vessels to operate economically at slow speed for long periods of time, while also providing outstanding maneuverability. Accommodation is provided for six crew.

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The Merrimac Ferry, which crosses the Wisconsin River between Sauk and Columbia counties, is Wisconsin's only free ferry. It shuttles WIS 113 traffic between Okee on the east bank and Merrimac on the west. In the 150 plus years that a ferry has operated at this location it has been propelled by muscle, river current, gasoline engine and diesel. Most recently it has pulled itself along on a pair of cables crossing the river.

The ferry is so popular that it has not been replaced by a bridge and, in spite of nearby bridges, car loads of tourist line up regularly to ride it. The ferry's popularity is such that this past winter a larger 15-car vessel has been built to replace the existing 1960s era 12 car Colsac II. To be named the Colsac III,



105 x 44-ft. (32 x 13.4 m) boat was built by Basic Marine of Escanaba Michigan to a design by naval architect **Timothy Graul**. Power for the ferry will be provided by a single Cummins 6CT8.3-D(M). A single generator will be operated off the front of the engine and a pair of hydraulic pumps off the rear. One pump is for the ferry ramps while the other is for propulsion. The ferry, which

has additional ice strengthening, will go into service this spring.

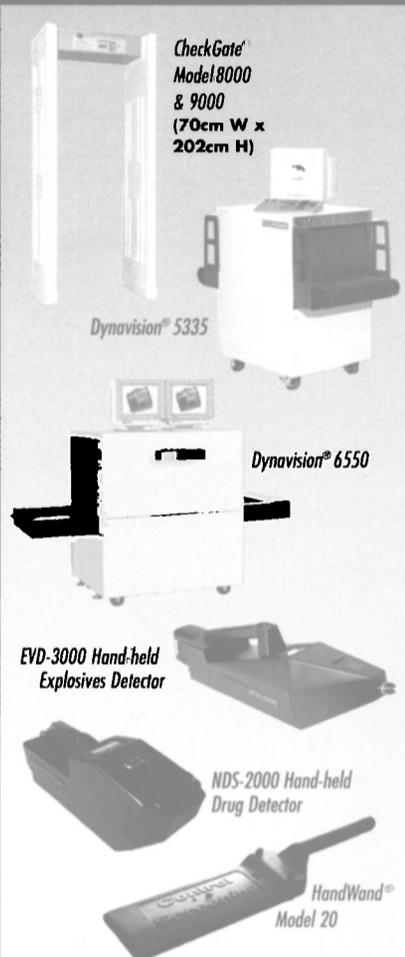
VT Halmatic Delivers Support Boats

VT Halmatic delivered four RTK Logistic Support Boats to the Mauritius Police for use as heavy duty general purpose workboats. The workboats are a new commercial derivative of the 29.5 ft. (9-m) Combat Support Boat proven in service with the UK Ministry of Defense and feature a raised aft-wheelhouse with a ramped well deck. The planing, asymmetrical catamaran hull form is manufactured from conventional GRP and features a high degree of reserve buoyancy to enable the craft to remain afloat when fully swamped. The self-draining well deck has a manually operated bow ramp and is capable of

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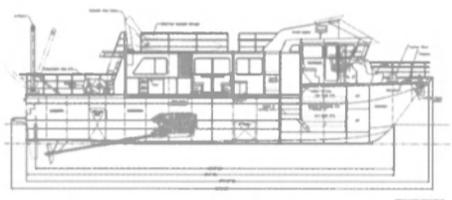
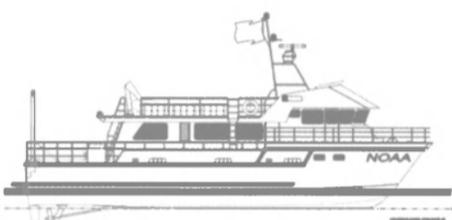
NOAA Christens New Research Vessel For California Sanctuaries

NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary hosted, on May 12, 2003, the christening of R/V Shearwater, a high-speed Teknicraft aluminum-hull catamaran research vessel.

Constructed by All American Marine of Bellingham, Wash., the 62-ft. (18.8-m) vessel is designed to step up the state-of-the-art research in Channel Islands, Monterey Bay, Gulf of the Farallones

and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries. The R/V Shearwater is the first research vessel built specifically for sanctuary use. The vessel's onboard facilities and equipment can support

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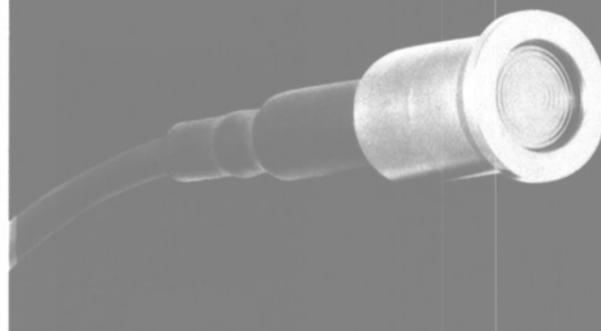
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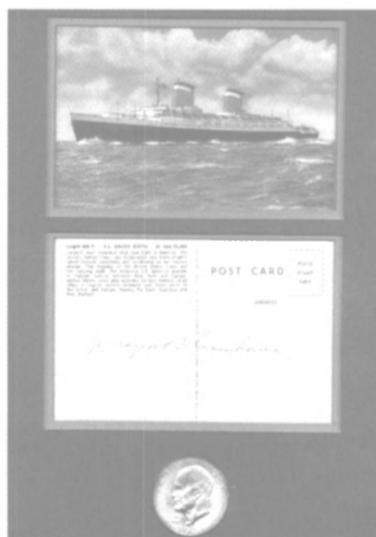
Robert Hudson Westover, chairman of the S.S. United States Foundation

As a child, I often noticed a framed postcard that hung in the living room of my parents' home in Long Island. It was a simple silver rimmed frame with blue matting that showed back and front of the postcard — the front depicting a large ship with red, white and blue smokestacks — the back holding an autograph of former President Dwight Eisenhower (see photo below). For years, I passed this by as if it were of no significance. However, I would have never thought that one day I'd be writing about this framed postcard. The "large ship" to which I am referring is the United States Lines flagship, the S.S. United States, which my mother, Evelyn (Sullivan) Ciardiello, traveled on from New York to Europe in 1963 — 11 years after the vessel held its maiden voyage on July 3, 1952. On the trip she met — and received the autograph of — former President Eisenhower. With the growing popularity and economy of transAtlantic air travel, though, S.S. United States was decommissioned in 1969, after a relative short 17-year run. After several failed attempts to buy and sell the ship, Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) announced that it had purchased the vessel on April 14, 2003, from Cantor Companies at an undisclosed price. NCL, which in a separate announcement has commenced its new Homeland Cruising brand, will undoubtedly add the United States to its new group of "America's ships," which will also include the two former Project America ships and American Hawaii's S.S. Independence that the line purchased earlier this year.

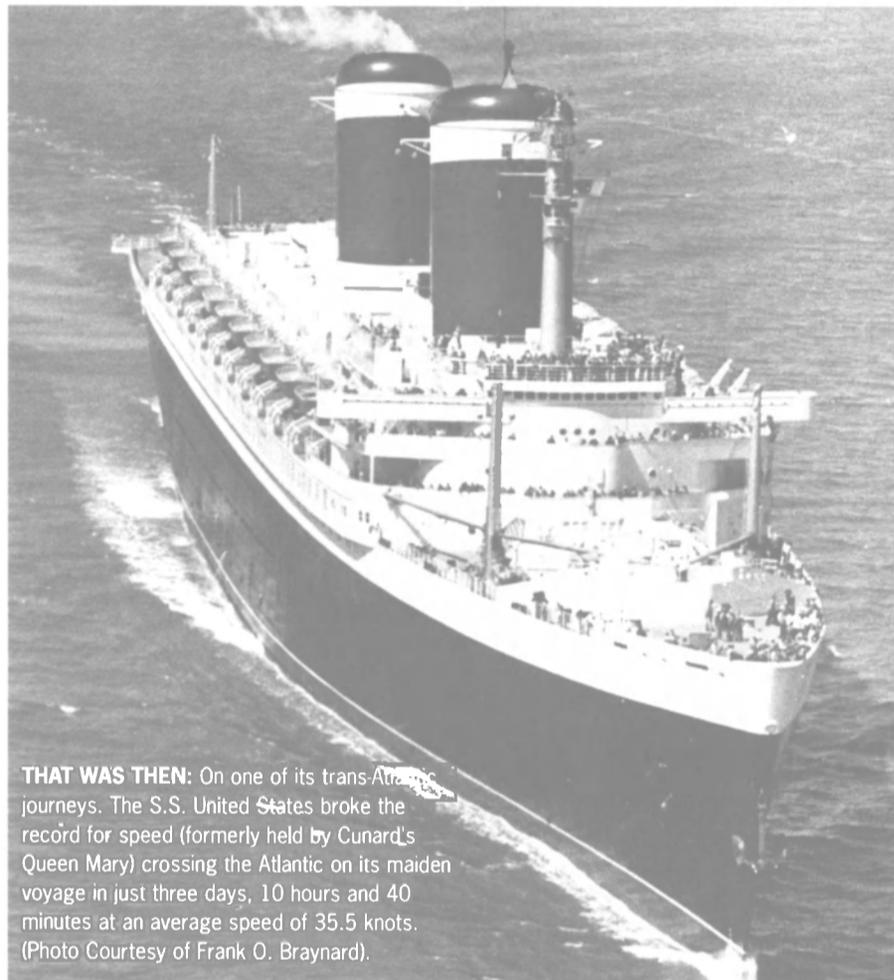
— By Regina P. Ciardiello, Managing Editor

Constructed at Newport News Shipbuilding, (NNS), (now Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding), the "Big U," as it has come to be known, was literally a 'secret' for many years, because of its status as a prototype vessel for the navy. In fact, the vessel's tensile-steel hull design, and

actual speed were considered classified information until the early 1980's. As the flagship vessel of the now-defunct United States Lines, this super liner surpassed speed records, and could be converted easily from a luxury liner to a troop ship. The 1,972-passenger vessel could then transport 14,000 troops anywhere in the world in 48 hours — an idea that was presented by the Pentagon and reflected the political environment after WWII. Definitely not a small undertaking. Therefore, it was decided that William Francis Gibbs, of New York-based Gibbs & Cox would be tapped to conceptualize this super ship. Gibbs immediately chose to build the vessel at NNS. According to Robert Hudson Westover, chairman of the S.S. United States Foundation, a not-for-profit organization whose mission was to preserve and save the vessel, the United States was a culmination of the many years of Gibbs' experience as a naval architect. "He (Gibbs) built our modern Navy, and this ship was a culmination of all his work," said Westover, who established the Foundation in 1997. "To him it was the greatest ship ever



The postcard, which the author's mother, Evelyn (Sullivan) Ciardiello, had autographed by former President Dwight Eisenhower while she was onboard the S.S. United States in 1963.



THAT WAS THEN: On one of its trans-Atlantic journeys. The S.S. United States broke the record for speed (formerly held by Cunard's Queen Mary) crossing the Atlantic on its maiden voyage in just three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes at an average speed of 35.5 knots. (Photo Courtesy of Frank O. Braynard).

William Francis Gibbs, (left) and his brother Frederic H. Gibbs, sit by the S.S. United States on May 14, 1952

(From the collection of the American Merchant Marine Museum, Kings Point, N.Y.)



built...the greatest achievement of our greatest naval architect."

Maritime historian Frank O. Braynard concurs. He was a great admirer of Gibbs — enough so to write a book about his life. Entitled "By their Works, Ye shall Know Them," the book

S.S. United States - Main Particulars

Owner	United States Lines
Shipyard	Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding
Cost of ship	\$70 million
Naval architects	Gibbs & Cox, New York, N.Y.
Interior architects	Eggers & Higgins, NY, N.Y.
Interior decorators	Smyth, Urquhart & Marckwald, New York, N.Y.
Length, (o.a.)	990 ft.
Beam, (molded)	101 ft.
Depth (keel to top of superstructure)	122 ft.
Keel to top of forward funnel	175 ft.
GT	51,500
Net tonnage	26,000
Number of decks	12
Total cargo capacity	148,000 cu. ft.
Refrigerated cargo capacity	48,000 cu. ft.
Propulsion	Geared stem turbine, quadruple screw
Steam conditions	950 PSIG/1,000 degrees F (later reduced to 965 degrees F)
Propeller diameter	18 ft.
Electric plant	6 1,500 kW steam, 2 250 kW emergency
Speed, cruising	30.5 knots
Speed, record crossing	35.5 knots
Speed, max	38.3 knots
Passenger accommodations	1,972
Crew	1,044

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chronicles Gibbs' career.

Braynard, who traveled on the vessel often with his wife, Doris, and their two children, often compares Gibbs to that



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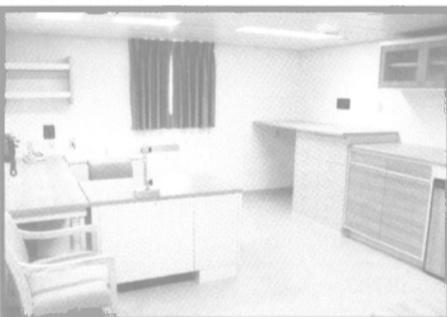
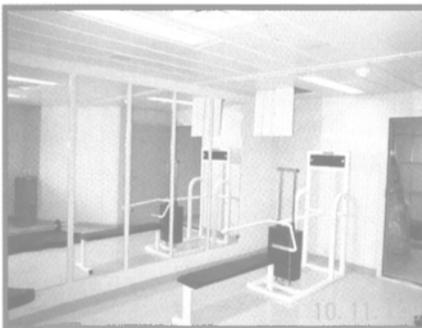
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of a biblical prophet. He said that Gibbs sailed on the United States only one time — its maiden voyage. According to Braynard, Gibbs only went that one time because he had a fear of

traveling aboard vessels he designed. Apparently, Gibbs was traumatized by a fire aboard, and ultimate sinking, of a vessel he designed — the Morro Castle, which went down off the coast of New Jersey. He designed the S.S. United States to be the safest ship afloat, liberally using aluminum and non-flammable

materials.

Gibbs' granddaughter, Susan Gibbs, who serves as the United States Foundation's president, understood her grandfather's passion for his work, and the S.S. United States, even though she was just a child when the vessel was launched. "This ship was my grandfa-

What They're Saying

While NCL has not released refurbishment estimates for the S.S. United States, many agree the job could cost between 300-\$400 million. Here's what a few leading interior designers had to say about the project.

Tomas Tillberg Tillberg Design

With Tillberg's London office working as lead designers of what is to be the world's largest ocean liner — Queen Mary 2 — launching the end of this year, the company would be, as Tillberg said, happy to design the United States. In fact, according to Tillberg, the firm completed a design study on the vessel approximately 10 years ago, for the owners who had the vessel towed to Istanbul, Turkey for possible refurbishment. He said the price to perform the vessel's refurbishment would be approximately 300-\$400 million. "I proposed to Colin (Veitch) that we have several eager architects in our U.S. office, who would love to take on the task," Tillberg said. "All but one in our U.S. office are American — therefore it would be wonderful to design an American ship."

He added: "The S.S. United States was the flagship of America, the same as the QE2 is in the U.K. and the Normandie was for France."

Joseph Farcus, President Joseph Farcus Architects

Farcus simply stated that he's glad he's not involved. "As a ship enthusiast, I find it fascinating," Farcus said. "But, from a practical standpoint I think it would be an extremely difficult project." He added: "I'm not a businessman, but it just doesn't make any economic sense."

Julie Parmentier, Interior Designer Maritime Services Corp.

Parmentier said that the planning stages of the job would encompass about one to two years, and that she would want to keep all the classic elements of the vessel in place. "It will be lots of work, but if they (designers) can keep the elegance of the vessel, then it would be just wonderful," she said. "The designs (on S.S. United States) were very mod for that time, and that's what is 'in' right now."

Scott Butler, Design Director, Wilson Butler Lodge Architects

"It would be a monumental task to take on," said Butler. "You would basically have to rebuild the ship from inside out." In terms of its cost, Butler compared the dollar amount to that of a modern day cruise vessel, such as Celebrity's Millennium (\$350 million). "The United States was heading into a mod period at the time the vessel was launched," Butler said. "I would push things back to that era with a retro, streamlined, art-deco feel."

— Regina P. Ciardiello



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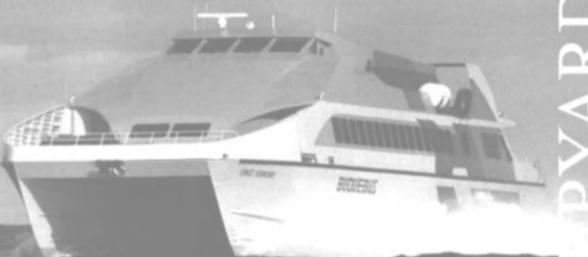
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ther's 'baby,' Gibbs said. "It was the apple of his eye." she added that her grandfather had begun to formulate the idea for the vessel as far back as 1913. "He was in love with that ship," Gibbs said. "Every time it would come into the port in New York (where Gibbs & Cox was based at the time), he would rush over to see her."

Even though Gibbs sailed on the vessel just that one time, his wife, **Vera Kravath Gibbs**, often traveled on the ship by herself, or with friends. Her granddaughter holds a piece of the vessel's history: Vera Gibbs' diary that depicts the atmosphere onboard the vessel during her many trips. "She created (through her diary) this fabulous picture of life onboard the vessel as something that was so festive and exuberant," Susan Gibbs said. "It was a stark contrast to the vessel that I boarded."

Susan Gibbs experienced the ship for the first time when she became involved with the Foundation more than two years ago. What she saw was definitely not what her grandmother had experienced in the vessel's heyday. "At first my reaction was sadness," Gibbs said.

"But I didn't feel the ship had died, even though it seemed so depleted and shut down, there was still a spark of light there."

Famous Firsts ... And Lasts

"This vessel was built in 500 days —

that's an engineering feat of mankind," Westover said. As the July 3, 1952 edition of *Maritime Reporter* reported on the S.S. United States: "Steam turbines, and reduction gears of modern design furnish the power to drive the propellers. The boilers embody the latest

ideas in development and construction and are designed to deliver high pressure, high temperature steam as required to the propulsion

History

Did You Know ...

- More than 2,000 tons of aluminum was used in the construction of S.S. United States.
- More than 2,200 sub-assemblies and assemblies were constructed for installation aboard S.S. United States, with the largest fabricated assemblies weighing more than 200,000 lbs. — the smallest a few lbs.
- The construction of just the vessel's hull involved the layout, fabrication and assembly of approximately 183,000 pieces.
- The ceilings used throughout the public passenger spaces were acoustic.
- With materials for the vessel supplied by more than 800 vendors from plants in 163 cities in 23 states, virtually every state in the Union contributed to the construction of the S.S. United States.
- The vessel's trademark - its red, white and blue smokestacks — were the largest in the world. Each measured 60 ft. long and 55 ft. high, and were aluminum rivets.
- The vessel was the first liner of its size to have a telephone in each stateroom - in all three cabin classes.
- The galley onboard the United States had a pair of "Radorange" electronic cooking devices. Eventually, these Radorange devices came to be known simply as microwave ovens.
- 92,000 gallons of paint comprising more than 100 colors were used.
- It was the first passenger vessel of its size to be completely air conditioned.
- Defense features on the vessel featured special structure design for safety, extra speed and the highest standards of fire resistance.
- More than half-a-million sq. ft. of Marinite fireproof panels were installed.
- The first fully fireproof lifeboats were built specifically for the United States.

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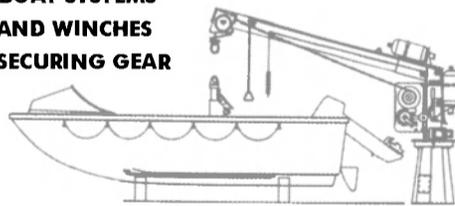
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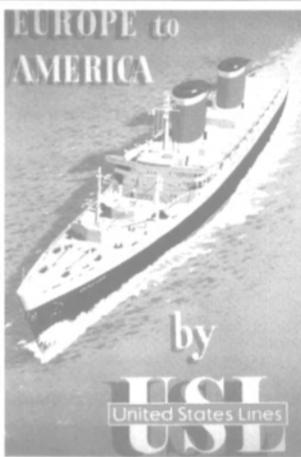
With its main steam propulsion equipment built by Westinghouse

Electric Corp. and driving quadruple screws, the vessel's power plant was described as a "triumph of American engineering, meeting the requirements of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, MarAd, ABS and SOLAS."

There have been talks, according to Westover, to keep the vessel's original power plant. "I think NCL will be pleasantly surprised to realize that to get her up and going isn't going to be as expensive as they think," he said. "I know this because I have been onboard with various chief engineers that have been aboard the United States, who have experience with these ships."

The speed of the S.S. United States was nearly as legendary as the ship itself, reportedly hitting 44.7 knots during speed trials, according to Westover. "The engineers finally brought her down three knots, which they apparently held for two hours," Westover said. "Of course it's disputed by many people. I don't know I'm not a maritime expert, but this was just what I was told by several people, including the vessel's chief engineer."

Over the years, the vessel logged more than 2,772,840 million miles and carried more than 1,002,936 passengers during its 17 years of service. During those years, many celebrities frequented the vessel, but perhaps the most famous (and oldest) of these A-list "passengers" was the Mona Lisa. The famed painting was transported back from an exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, to her home in Paris, France



Photos Clockwise, starting from left S.S. United States docks in at its homeport in New York City - the United States Lines Terminal.

(Photo courtesy of Frank O. Braynard).

A promotional postcard advertising the glory of crossing the Atlantic aboard the S.S. United States. (Photo from Robert Hudson Westover)

Maritime historian **Frank O. Braynard** flanked by the S.S. United States (in the background) on a summer day in 1963.

(Photo courtesy of Frank O. Braynard)

interior was literally stripped.

Following the auction the vessel sat unattended until 1992 when a group of individuals formed the SS United States Preservation Society. Led by **Bill DiBenedetto**, this consortium wanted to convert the historic liner into a modern day cruise ship, not in the U.S., but at a Turkish shipyard. Since the vessel's once designated classified design information had been reportedly revealed in the early 1980s, it was now available for purchase by foreign companies. Therefore it was towed by just one sea-going tug, to its resting place in Newport News, Va. to Istanbul, Turkey, where it again, sat unattended.

Edward Cantor, the only surviving member of the now-bankrupt consortium that was formed in 1992, purchased the vessel in 1996, for \$7 million. Cantor, who was a New Jersey businessman, had always dreamt of owning the United States. He had it brought back to the U.S., this time to the Delaware River, where it remained tied to a pier along the Philadelphia waterfront until it was 'saved' by NCL. While NCL would not divulge its future plans for the S.S. United States, the line's president, **Colin Veitch**, did say that its itinerary will not focus on Hawaii as the recently purchased Project America ships, but rather

at the Louvre. The painting, which was on loan for a few months to the museum back in the 1950's, even had its own stateroom. According to Westover, the French felt that the United States was the only ship it could trust to bring the painting back to its homeland.

In addition to the vessel's transatlantic speed record, of three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes, it held a flawless repair record as well, never once delayed for mechanical reasons, and in its 17 years, never broke down, only making regular maintenance calls.

Sadly though, the vessel was decommissioned in 1969, as the glamour of the transatlantic crossing by ship gave way to the faster, more economical airplane. The ship was left tied to a dock at NNS following its decommissioning, where

she was attended to by MarAd. According to Westover, since the vessel had been designed with such classified specifications, the Pentagon stipulated that it could never be sold to foreign interests.

Over the years, the vessel was treated like a sideshow, with interested parties occasionally inspecting it.

It was not until some years later, 1979 to be exact that it was bought by **Richard Hadley** a businessman from Seattle, who wanted to create a company called United States Cruises. With the idea in mind of restoring and refurbishing the super liner, Hadley's ownership, reportedly did more harm than good. He decided to sell off many of the vessel's artifacts and fixtures via a public auction in October 1984. The vessel's

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mainland coastal cruising for its new Homeland Cruising brand. Veitch also told *MR/EN* that the line would not have normally announced a project so early, but felt the need to do so to dispel any industry rumors. Since the process is still in its infancy stages, Veitch could not say which shipyards would be responsible for the vessel's total overhaul. He did however provide a break down of whom he would contract for specific projects. "In terms of experience, it's more

practical to have a U.S. yard work on the vessel's hull and superstructure, and to have a European yard perform the outfitting." Would Veitch use the same tactics in choosing a design firm for the vessel's interiors? "It's too early to say," he said. "It doesn't make a difference (European or U.S.), but rather who has the ability to best capture the vessel's spirit." He also expressed the line's desire to connect with Westover and the United States Foundation. In fact, NCL's director of commu-

nications, **Susan Robison** was present at the Foundation's first chapter meeting that occurred just a few days after its initial purchase, and that both Robison and **Andy Stuart**, NCL's senior VP of sales and marketing, have plans to meet with Westover to discuss the vessel's future.

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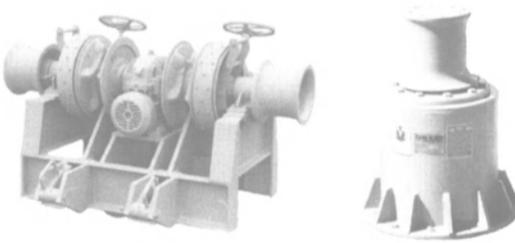
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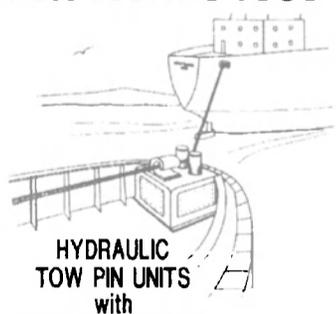
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Bulkers Shaped by Regulations?

By David Tinsley, technical editor

The possibility of a future regulatory regime in which newbuild bulk carriers over a certain size would need to be double-hulled has moved a step closer towards becoming a reality.

In March this year, the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s sub-committee on ship design and equipment (DE46) started work drafting potential revisions to the SOLAS Convention. The DE initiative followed the agreement at the 76th session of IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC76) that a regulation for double side skin construction should be considered for new bulkers of 492 ft. (150 m)-plus.

The task of drawing up the SOLAS revisions necessary for instituting double hulls, if this is indeed to become a mandatory requirement, is not scheduled to be concluded until the DE47 sub-committee meeting in 2004. Given the divergency of opinion within the industry on the safety arguments, practicalities and business implications of making double hulls obligatory, the industry therefore has more time in which to make its feelings known, and influence developments.

There is already a substantial fleet of double-hulled bulkers trading on the world's oceans, and new designs that



promise long-term operational and maintenance benefits, and improved durability have been well received among shipowners and charterers. As recently demonstrated by a clutch of orders at Chinese shipyards, the case for investing in double side-skin configurations is all the stronger where construction can be obtained at a competitive cost. For sure, double side-skin designs eliminate exposed transverse framing and connections within the cargo spaces, protecting against mechanical damage and creating stiffer side structures.

However, a range of commercial and technical considerations still need to be

addressed if the double-hull bulker is to be perceived in many areas of the bulk shipping and trading community as the favored way forward.

Class societies continue to bring major resources to bear in addressing the issue of bulk carrier safety. Through the body of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS), the drive is on to find pragmatic, workable solutions behind which the industry can unite. It is to be hoped that the legislators pay very close heed to the sector's circumspect views on this matter and to its enormous technical know-how.

Bureau Veritas, for one, is set to pub-

lish a set of guidelines for bulker construction, aimed at helping shipowners decide on structural configuration, and assisting companies in newbuild negotiations with yards.

Bernard Anne, managing director of the society's Marine Division, struck a chord with many in the industry when he said recently "We are concerned that, in the rush towards demanding double hulls for everything, our political leaders may have lost sight of practicality."

"We all know that double hulls are not a panacea, and they have pros and cons," he observed, pointing out that "Single-hull bulkers can be just as robust, and there are many good, robust ships out there today with a useful life."

"I would much rather see a single-hull ship built to high standards and then well maintained by a quality owner, than have a double-hull ship built down to shipyard minimums, then maintained at minimum levels."

"We simply don't believe that you can design every problem out of a ship's structure, as maintenance will always be the key factor in how safe a ship is as it grows older," argued Bernard Anne, adding that "What makes the real differences between the strength of ships is much more often a matter of build quality and maintenance than a matter of design."

Bulker Water Ingress Alarms

Bulk carrier operators tasked with fitting water ingress detection systems on their vessels in compliance with SOLAS regulation XII/12, can start to progress their procurement plans after IMO recently defined a firm performance standard for this equipment. The recommendation for the fitting of such alarms was highlighted in the preliminary version of IACS unified requirement S24 first published in September 1998. This was then taken a step further during the meeting of the Working Group on Bulk Carrier Safety held during the MSC's 74th session in December 2001, following on from recommendations of the United Kingdom Report of the reopened formal investigation into the loss of the MV Derbyshire.

SOLAS regulation XII/12, which was

adopted during the 76th session of IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), which met in December 2002, requires the fitting of water ingress detection systems on all bulk carriers regardless of their date of construction, not later than the date of the first annual, intermediate or renewal survey of the ship to be carried out after July 1, 2004.

IMO DE Sub-Committee was instructed At MSC 76 to develop the performance standards after it was agreed there was a need for performance standards against which the operation and efficiency of the water ingress alarms could be measured. Following three months of discussion between committee members with the input of selected equipment manufacturers, a performance standard was approved at DE46, which finished

on March 19, 2003. During the consultation process it is understood that representatives from Japan, IACS and MCA prepared three separate draft standards. These were evaluated and discussed in detail with the key points of each merged into a single document. The result is the final standard which defines a number of key additional functional requirements of water ingress detection systems, which can be summarized as follows:

- A separate and distinguishable audible alarm to be provided at the control panel for cargo hold 0.5m pre-alarm and 2m main alarm levels
- Equipment must be corrosion resistant for all intended cargoes
- Time delays to be included in the control and alarm system to prevent

spurious alarms due to sloshing effects

- Detectors are capable of being functionally tested in-situ
- Filter elements fitted to the detectors should be capable of being cleaned before loading

A major consideration for bulk carrier operators in deciding which manufacturer's equipment to fit is how the equipment is to be installed. The application of level detectors serving cargo holds on bulk carriers is almost as hostile an application as you can get. It is critical that detectors are located suitably and protected from damage by cargo and machinery operations.

With a number of detection system technologies available, it is likely that the systems offering the simplest installation solution will be preferred - it is estimated that the cost of equipment installation may well be the main determinant of the overall project cost.

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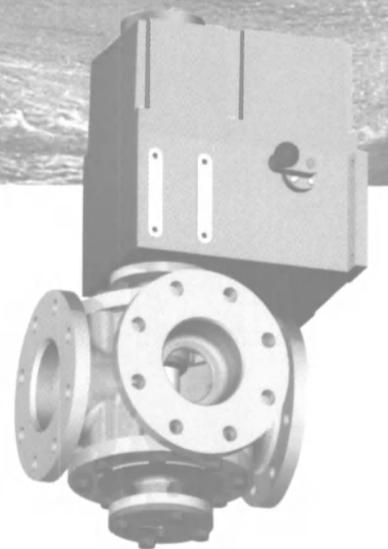


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In consideration of the approach of the compliance schedule for SOLAS regulation XII/12 and the recent approval of the IMO performance standard, market interest for water ingress detection systems is growing rapidly. With literally thousands of vessels requiring the equipment, it is expected that manufacturers' delivery lead times will be extended as demand for equipment reaches its peak in the summer of 2004.

For operators who have vessels dry-docking prior to your latest fitting date of the first survey after July 1, 2004, then it may be greatly in their interests to consider installing the equipment during the scheduled dry-docking. Otherwise they may have to take the vessel out of service after the dry-docking to fit the equipment before/during the survey.

Arranging the installation of the equipment concurrently with general electrical/mechanical works during the dry-docking will undoubtedly deliver cost savings, and save a lot of time compared with arranging additional contractors during survey periods. It will also insure against the risk of costly delays to the sailing of the vessel, should the installation be delayed during the survey period.

Furthermore, for vessels that are offered for charter (if applicable), Charterers may favorably consider vessels equipped with water ingress alarm over those not similarly equipped.

Martek Marine's BulkSafe

In full compliance with all aspects of the new IMO performance standard, Martek Marine Ltd. offers its BULKSAFE water ingress detection system. Martek Marine Ltd. Managing Director **Paul B. Luen** said, "We were delighted to be afforded the opportunity of liaising with IMO DE sub-committee members over the development of the performance standard for water ingress level detection systems.

Three years in development, Luen says that BULKSAFE is "a unique offering and installation solution, which allows our MMS900 (patent pending) water level detectors to be installed so that they are totally isolated from the cargo and protected from dust and mechanical damage from cargo operations. Our BULKSAFETM system can be installed without any structural alterations or piping work within the cargo holds and can be commissioned by ship staff."

REGULATION 12

Hold, Ballast And Dry Space Water Ingress Alarms

1 Bulk carriers shall be fitted with water level detectors:

1.1 In each cargo hold, giving audible and visual alarms, one when the water level above the inner bottom in any hold reaches a height of 0.5 m and another at a height not less than 15% of the depth of the cargo hold but not more than 2.0 m. On bulk carriers to which regulation 9.2 applies, only the latter alarm need be installed. The water level detectors shall be fitted in the aft end of the cargo holds. For cargo holds which are used for water ballast, an alarm overriding device may be installed. The visual alarms shall clearly discriminate between the two different level detectors in each hold;

1.2 In any ballast tank forward of the collision bulkhead required by regulation II-1/11, giving an audible and visual alarm when the liquid in the tank reaches a level not exceeding 10% of the tank capacity. An alarm overriding device may be installed to be activated when the tank is in use; and

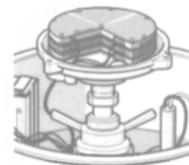
1.3 In any dry or void space other than a chain cable locker, any part of which extends forward of the foremost cargo hold, giving an audible and visual alarm at a water level of 0.1 m above the deck. Such alarms need not be provided in enclosed spaces the volume of which does not exceed 0.1% of the ship's maximum displacement volume.

2 The audible and visual alarms specified in paragraph 1 shall be located on the navigation bridge.

3 Bulk carriers constructed before 1 July 2004 shall comply with the requirements of this regulation not later than the date of the first annual, intermediate or renewal survey of the ship to be carried out after 1 July 2004.

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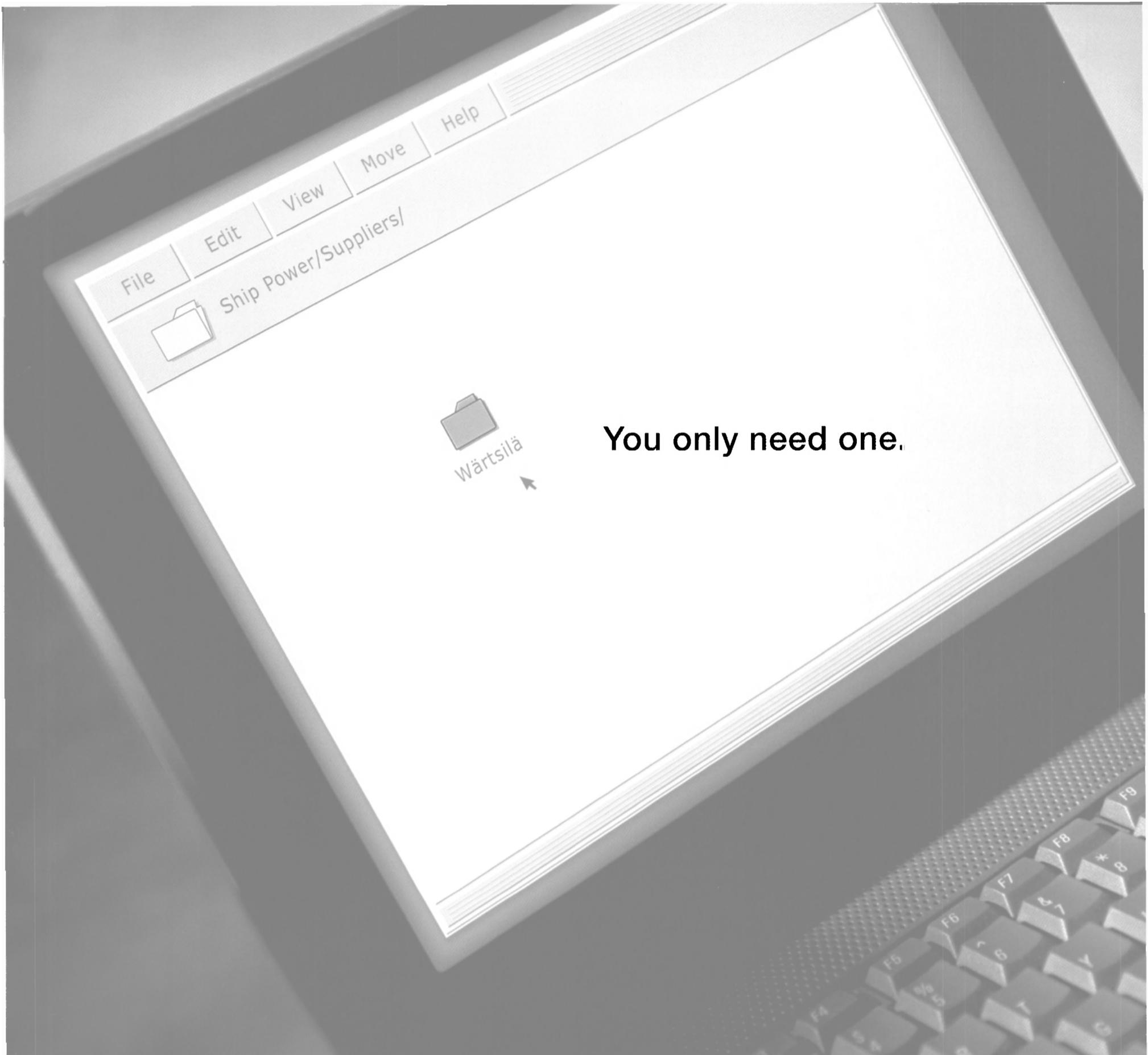
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Prestige - A Charterer's Reaction

By Captain Noel G. Hart, Manager,
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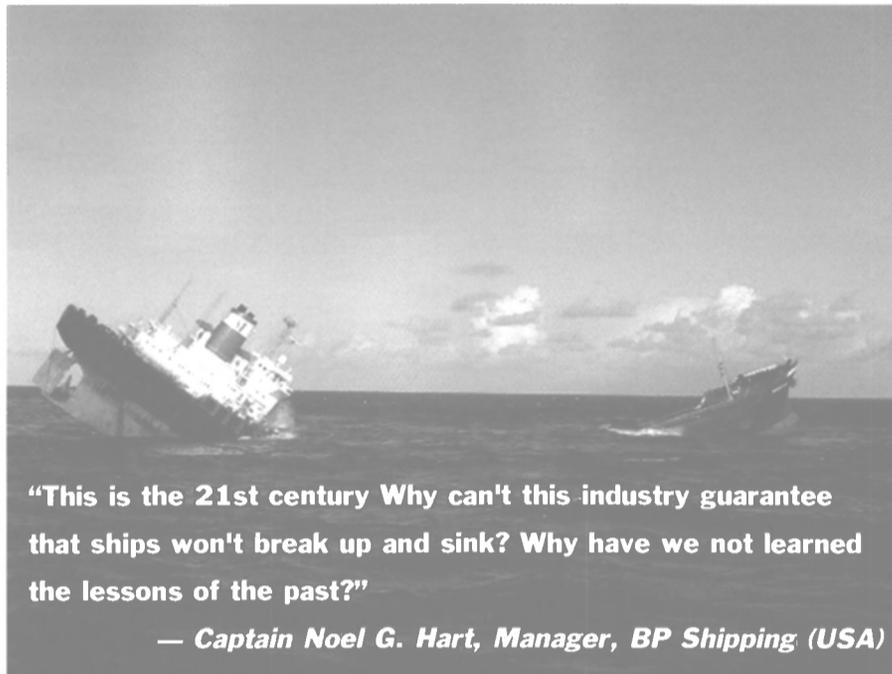
The following was excerpted from Mr. Hart's presentation at INTERTANKO's Washington Tanker Event.

Ships continue to sink and pollute, and crews continue to lose their lives or be imperiled. This is the 21st century — the shipping industry is one of the oldest in the world so one has to ask how this is possible that in this day and age? Why can't this industry guarantee that ships won't break up and sink? Why have we not learned the lessons of the past?

In using the term charterer in my paper for this conference, I am referring to responsible charterers. I can only speak for BP as a responsible charterer, and for companies like BP. There are obviously other companies and organizations that have different criteria for the way they conduct their business, different policies, if they have any, and different standards.

The title of the paper is regrettably not a new one. The only thing that seems to change is the name of the ship. If the Erika incident was not disturbing enough, within six months of its sinking, other ships names hit the headlines in Europe — do you remember the Krystal, the Ievoli Sun and the Castor? Is there any wonder there is such public and political outrage?

My previous role with BP Shipping in the U.K. was as head of our global marine assurance activities, which included Ship Vetting. As such, the Erika incident dominated my time, and that of many of my colleagues, for well over a year, and BP was not even involved in the incident. Today, my colleagues are likewise wrestling with the aftermath of the Prestige. We are all adversely affected by the outrage and the repercussions, by the reactionary legislation, and by the negative reputation and public perception. The Prestige sinking and pollution has reinforced many of these perceptions of our industry — an industry which should be a great one, but which continues to disappoint. None of us want more regulation, indeed many of us believe that there are already more than enough laws and regulations in place which ought to be sufficient to govern the safety of this indus-



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— Captain Noel G. Hart, Manager, BP Shipping (USA)

try, but the continued failure of this international framework, that should ensure ships go about their trade safely, makes additional regulation more likely with each incident.

The interdependent safety framework I speak of falls down when:

- Flag States cannot fulfill their role due to lack of expertise and resources, and often a lack of commitment. I understand Mongolia is offering a Flag service now.
- Insurers fail to understand the risks they are insuring.
- Many Classification Societies fail to provide consistent industry wide standards and expertise, and transparency of information. Class have responded well to criticism after the Erika incident and we welcome these improvements. Our sense is that there is more that can be done. however.
- Failure of Port State Control to inspect ships entering their ports to enforce existing legislation. The Prestige should have been a high priority target - checking the Equasis database indicated it had not been looked at by any European Port State Control agency for three years. Even with the hindsight following the Erika, this ship was not identified as a target for inspection. Port State Control agencies also fail to utilize the SIRE inspection material made available to them at no cost by OCIMF. Accessing these reports would help them manage their limited resources far more effectively. They could focus on the ships exhibiting the poorer inspec-

tion results, and leave the well operated, well maintained, well crewed ships to go about their business — yes, despite what you may think - we do know there are some good ships out there.

- And of course, with due respect to this audience, and I know none of you fall into this camp and I am preaching to the converted, but the failure of many ship owners or managers to fulfill their role in maintaining a well operated, sound and seaworthy vessel — complying with SOLAS, STCW, MARPOL and basic industry good practice. Such shipowners demonstrate a complete disregard for the safety of their crews, the environment and the countries they trade to or pass by.

If the key elements for this safety framework functioned as they should — BP and our colleagues in other oil companies would have no need for our vetting departments. Instead, they grow larger and more sophisticated every year! BP inspects 2,200 tankers/year, utilizes about 1,000 SIRE reports, handles over 25,000 internal vetting enquiries/year and audits about 30 ship owners/year. There are over 12,000 tankers in our data base — we have a potential business interest to charter around 5,000 of those — the others are coasters, or committed into various closed trades not available for spot use and so on, yet we only approve of around 2,500 tankers. Half the fleet that we would want to charter is unacceptable to us. Even with the half that is acceptable, many will still fail an initial

inspection.

We often have ship owners, many of whom are in this audience, asking us to relax our standards and to trust them. Against the background I have just described, I think you can see why this is just not possible for us. The issue is that that the oil companies are seen to be the bad guys. After the Prestige, the EU has continued to press for a voluntary billion euro compensation fund, to be funded by the Oil companies - they are now starting to realize that we are only responsible for about a third of all international hydrocarbon movements and there are many other independent trading houses and charterers who actually move large quantities of oil - many without the same self imposed standards as the oil majors. Regrettably, whenever there is an incident involving a tanker - it is always the oil companies that seem to be hauled into the limelight - or perhaps 'searchlight' may be a more accurate description

Some of you would be aware BP is currently in the midst of expanding its fleet — we have nearly a dozen ships delivering this year alone. Have you asked yourselves why we are doing this?

I will save you the question — we are doing it to be less dependent on a spot market that continues to disappoint — remember the figure I quoted before — only half the ships we could use, we can use. And so our assurance strategy — which was embryonic at the time of the Erika incident, and which matured in the 12 months following, has determined a path for us across a broad range of our marine activities, but one more visible feature was to increase our capacity to move our own cargoes. That is not to say we don't have a place for the spot market or indeed many of you here today. It does however help us be more flexible and better control our destiny in this vital area. We fully recognize the role and importance of independent tanker operators and the spot market. You are important players in one of the world's most important trades. It is crucial to our business and the global economy that this market be dynamic and reliable. But with that comes responsibility — we firmly believe the ship owner must be accountable for his ships. BP, and our other major oil company colleagues are very proud of our brands and our reputa-

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tions and take safety and environmental concerns extremely seriously. We have a lot at stake globally and will not take the risk of exposing ourselves to the outrage and condemnation that rightly emerges from these incidents.

So, where does that leave us in terms of our response to the Prestige incident?

Our assurance strategy and vetting policies have again been reviewed to

ensure they are fit for purpose, both now and in the future. After the Erika incident we did this, and some elements were strengthened, specifically structural controls and inspection frequencies on older ships. We found no need to adjust our vetting criteria after the Prestige sinking.

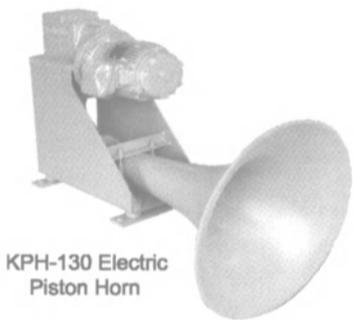
We have worked hard with our industry colleagues through the good offices

of the Oil Companies International Marine Forum, OCIMF, to provide sound and robust comments and advice on the EU proposals. We have also met directly with EU decision makers. Most of the EU proposals were about fast tracking or advancing the plans that emerged after the Erika, including an immediate ban on single hull tankers transporting heavy grades of oil.

We believe that sub standard ships should be driven out of the industry. This means that more focus and accountability must be brought to bear on the ship owners who operate these vessels and the Flag States that condone

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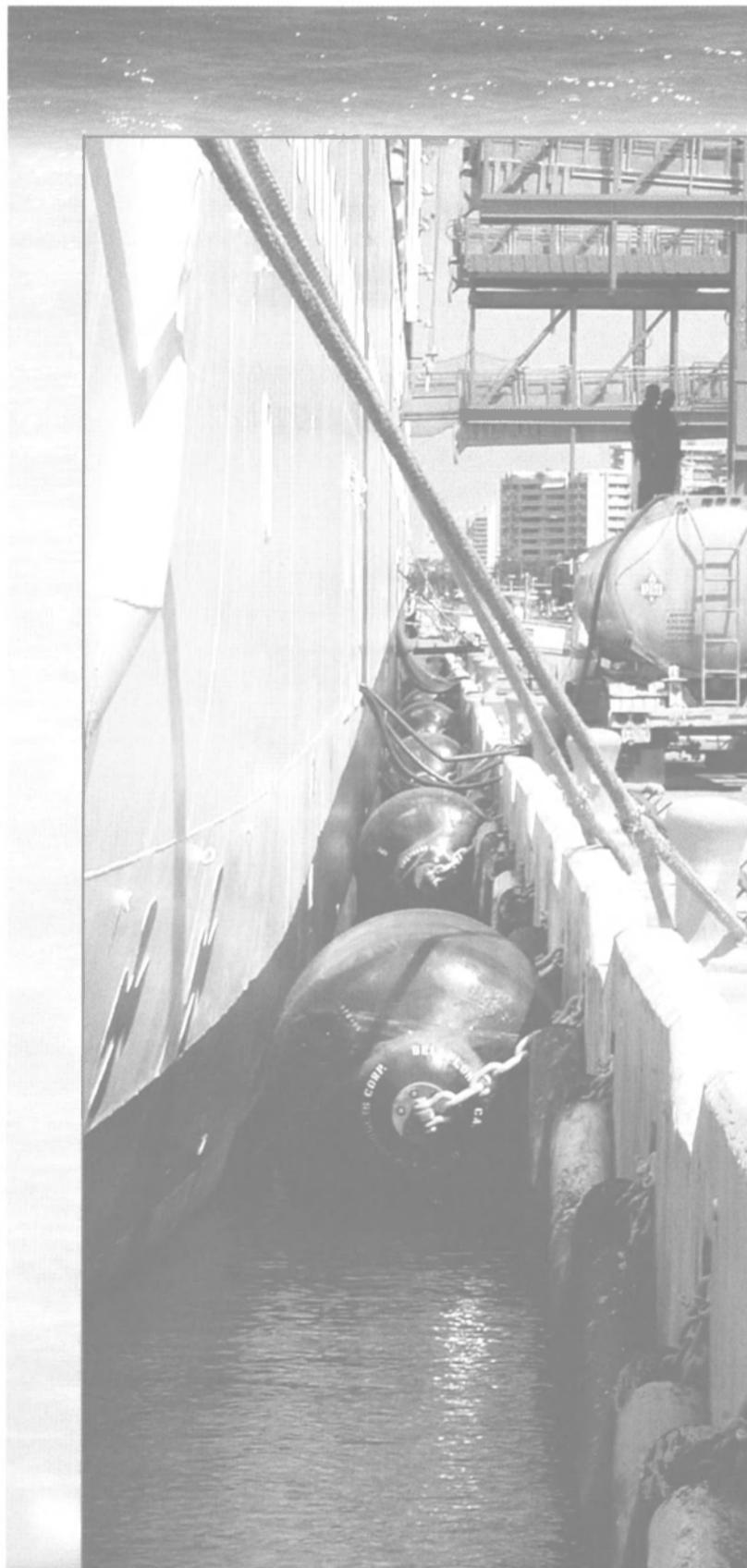
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them by allowing them on their registers.

We want to see more transparency from and accountability placed on Classification Societies, whose role and importance in the industry we do not dispute, but who must step up across the board to the expectations and the trust that is placed upon them by Flag States, shipowners and charterers alike.

BP is cautious about rapid and ill-considered bans on single hull tankers, especially in the smaller sizes where we feel it is actually not feasible. I understand that the latest proposal by the EU for phasing out small tankers has been pushed back to 2008 — this is far more practical than was previously proposed. We have expressed concern at the impact on the North Sea shuttle tanker business where many of these specialist vessels are single hull. This is an area that needs further consideration. We are particularly concerned that adoption of regional solutions does not simply export the problem ships to other areas of the world.

We support global solutions through the IMO — not regional and local reactions that eventually make it impossible to conduct international trade efficiently. You will have seen the reports of the French and Spanish navies escorting ships beyond their 200 mile economic zone, or even boarding them, and the Italians who have banned single hull tankers entering their ports. International shipping cannot work in a world

filled with local restrictions. I know that Intertanko shares this view as well. It was reassuring to learn of the recent meeting between the IMO Secretary General and the European Commission vice president, in which they confirmed the importance of global standards for shipping. BP recognizes that age alone is not by itself a determining factor as to the quality of a vessel — we have however realized that the legislators and the public identify quality ships with two main criteria — low age and double hulls. This perception has become an embedded reality and one that now needs to be embraced. To continue to debate this is to be out of step with community expectations.

We support efforts to improve the effectiveness of the port state control agencies, indeed BP is helping train port state control inspectors. As I have mentioned, there is enough legislation already, what is lacking is the implementation and enforcement of it. Port state control can be a powerful weapon in the war against sub standard ships, as demonstrated by the USCG, the UK's MCA, Australia's MSA and others. The lack of cohesion of the multitude of countries and agencies in Europe has been a barrier to effective port state control there in the past, and so we applaud the renewed efforts to unify and better coordinate this essential activity.

We are concerned that reactive legislation will only further burden the quality operators who already comply and do a good job - leaving the ones who are the root cause of the problems to continue to duck their

responsibilities, ultimately leading to more incidents. We have to be able to influence the behaviors and the mind-sets of those that bring our industry into disrepute.

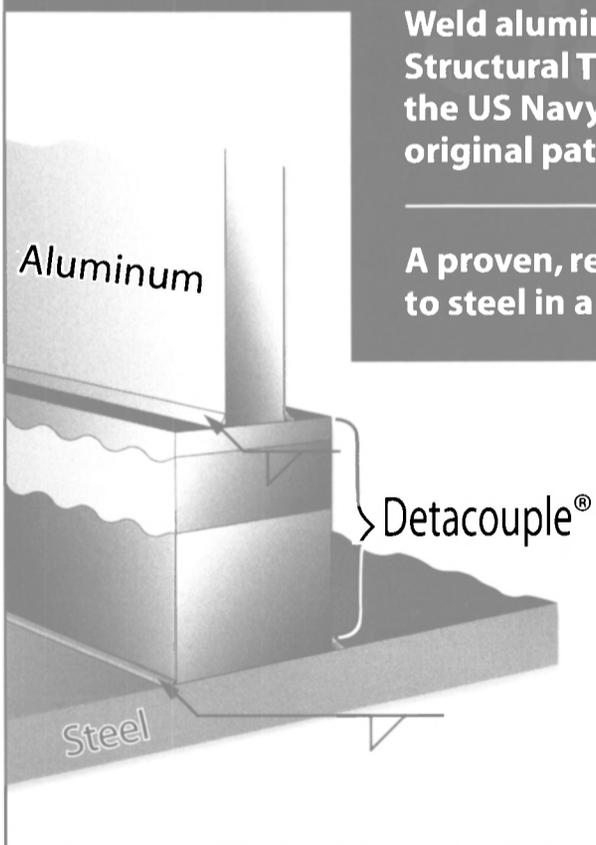
BP, and our colleagues in OCIMF support the International Compensation regimes, which have served the international community, particularly the victims of pollution, well over the years.

We have supported the introduction of the International Supplementary Fund, which will provide an additional layer of compensation to all States party to it. The Supplementary Fund upper limit should be set to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover the likely cost of the worst pollution damage. However, we feel the European Commission's proposed 1 billion Euros as an upper limit for the Supplementary Fund is excessive. It will be a deterrent to smaller States joining (or even remaining as Members) and, if called upon, will cause considerable financial hardship to Fund contributors.

To sum up, BP, as a major charterer in the industry and customer of yours will continue to work with all stakeholders to help illuminate the issues in an attempt to see practical and constructive improvements in the overall safety framework I highlighted earlier. We are not alone in this effort, many companies and organisations, whether they be oil companies, shipowners, Class, or government agencies, all share the same end goal — none of us want to see any more incidents like the Prestige. It is incumbent upon all of us to learn from the past and work together to make this a reality.

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U.S. Shipbuilding 2003: A Congested Attempt to Fund

By H. Clayton Cook, Jr.

Meeting national transportation needs during the current decade should involve a surfeit of new contracts for our domestic shipbuilders. The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) mandates double hulls for all vessels engaged in U.S. petroleum carriage. In our non-contiguous trades, renewal programs are needed for the replacement aging container and RoRo fleets. Moving freight containers and trailers

on RoRo barges and vessels, and moving people on passenger and passenger-vehicle high speed ferries, provide the obvious solutions to traffic congestion in the population corridors served by at least two of our Interstate highways.

Some of these vessel needs are now immediate because of private sector decisions to postpone projects. For others, the immediacy is the result of Washington policies which have rejected the maritime sector's importance in

providing transportation to support our commerce in time of peace, and transportation to support our uniformed personnel in time of war.

Last year I stated that while the nation's vessel needs were clear, the means for financing these needs remained uncertain. I assigned as the primary cause, the current Administration's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) hostility to any form of maritime sector support. As I write

this article today, this OMB hostility has in no respect lessened.

Over the past 12 months, OMB has blocked Congressional consideration of Maritime Administration (MarAd) plans to employ its Title VI capital construction fund (CCF) program in our Coastwise services.¹ And, OMB has continued its efforts to entirely terminate MarAd's Title XI financing guarantees program, zeroing out Title XI authorizations in the Administration's



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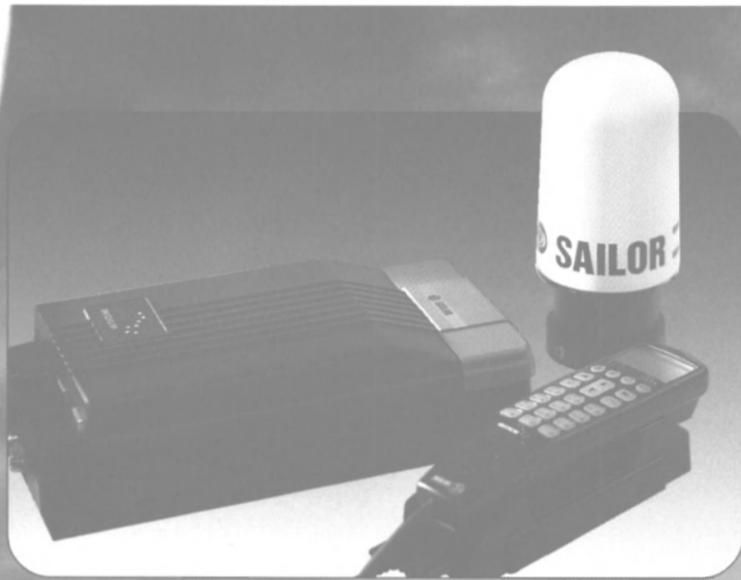
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budget requests for FY 2003 and 2004.

Most recently, and as further measure of this Administration's lack of appreciation for the maritime sector and its transportation potential, neither the SAFETEA Reauthorization drafted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and approved by OMB, nor the DOT "Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2003-2008," address any role for DOT in providing assistance in financing private sector maritime projects, or in examining maritime sector solutions for our increasingly intractable problems of highway traffic congestion.²

At mid-2003, rather than being able to describe Administration moves to embrace water transportation as a means of meeting national transportation needs, and to provide assistance in its financing, I must report that the maritime sector financing situation remains unchanged.

Commercial Vessel Needs

The once proud U.S. owned, U.S.- flag, foreign commerce fleet is no more, a victim of Administrations which have determined that maintaining such a U.S. flag fleet was no longer a matter of national interest. With its passage, the U.S. shipbuilders' principal market for commercial blue water tonnage was eliminated. Still, the Jones Act and the Passenger Vessel Services Act remain to reserve the carriage of cargo and passengers between U.S. ports to vessels built in the United States. While U.S. shipbuilding opportunities are limited to these U.S. domestic trades, there are existing and near-term transportation needs which should provide significant opportunities for our U.S. shipbuilders.

1. The OPA 1990: Crude Carriers & Product Tankers and Barges.

OPA 90 requires single-hull tank vessels to be phased out by January 1, 2015. Most large single hull vessels must be replaced by 2005. Today, the U.S. domestic product tanker fleet has only 21 out of a total of 48 tankers which are double hulled. Ten of these double hull tankers were built or rebuilt in the last seven years, and are OPA 90 compliant. Five of the remaining tankers are 17 years old, and the remaining six are 25 years old or older. These latter vessels will reach the end their useful lives before the 2015 deadline.³ The replacement of Alaska crude carrier tonnage by the major energy companies involved in North Slope production is underway. The replacement of product carriers, the greater number of which are owned by independent operators, has hardly begun.

2. Alaska Crude Tankers.

General Dynamics, National Steel & Ship Building Company (NASSCO) now has orders for four double hull 185,000-dwt tankers for British Petroleum's Alaska crude oil service. Capacity will be approximately 1.3 million barrels at the design draft of 61.5 ft. Construction on the first ship has begun, with deliveries scheduled for 2004 through 2006. The BP holds options for two additional vessels. NASSCO has been selected by Exxon's Sea River Maritime to develop a new design for Exxon's Alaska crude oil service. Northrop Grumman, Avondale Shipyards (Avondale) is midway through a five-vessel series of Millennium Class, double hull 125,000-dwt tankers for use by Conoco Phillips. These vessels were originally contracted by Atlantic Richfield and have a capacity of

approximately 1 million barrels at design draft. These vessels were the first crude carriers built for the Alaska trade in compliance with OPA 90 standards. Deliveries are scheduled to run through 2007.

Taken together, these OPA 90 vessel contracts are likely to provide crude carrier tonnage sufficient to meet Alaska crude transportation needs for this decade, and thereafter for the balance of these vessels' useful lives.

3. Petroleum Product Tankers.

Apart from an initial four vessel group of OPA 90 product carrier rebuilds by AHL Shipping Company at Avondale, and a six-vessel series of vessels built by Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, no OPA 90 product vessel construction has been placed under contract. The Jones Act product carrier fleet is currently fully employed. OPA 90 requirements will remove four vessels from service in 2003, two vessels in 2004, two vessels in 2006, one vessel in 2009 and three vessels in 2008. By the end of 2005, OPA 90 will have reduced the carrying capacity of oceangoing U.S. product tankers by almost 25 percent.⁴

There are no OPA 90 product carriers under contract for construction, and no new orders have been placed since 1997. Product tanker construction is not proceeding at a pace which will be sufficient to meet OPA 90 replacement requirements.

Some of these transportation needs will be met by

double hull tank barge units. Articulated tug barge units have increasingly become the medium of choice for movements of up to 500 miles, a market which they now dominate. At least 40 oceangoing single hull tank barges in operation today will require double hull additions, or they will have to be replaced or retired by 2005. Contracting for these barge vessels is also lagging.

Most current estimates arrive at figures of 12 to 14 new product tankers as necessary to meet OPA 90 needs by 2010. However, these tanker construction figures are based upon the assumption that U.S. products needs will be met with U.S. refinery products. These tanker needs will be reduced to the extent that these domestic product needs are met with imported products. This problem is addressed at a later section of this article under the heading "12. Import Substitution."

4. Oil Product Carriers for the U.S. Navy.

The U.S. Navy and its Military Sealift Command (MSC) need petroleum product tankers for use as fuel supply vessels, to both deliver products to foreign terminals and to provide at sea refueling. A 2002 paper authored by the Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA) states that the Military Sealift Committee of the

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National Defense Transportation Association has determined that a minimum of 45 product tankers are needed to meet core commercial demands and military sealift requirements.³ SCA figures show tanker availability falling below this minimum by the end of 2003, with the fleet five short by the end of 2005 and nine short by 2008. So, there is no capacity to meet unexpected Navy needs which might result from any of a number of causes as our international commitments expand. And, there is no plan for vessel replacement.

The existing fuel supply fleet was created under "build and charter" programs which involved private sector financing using the MarAd Title XI program. This

exact financing structure is no longer possible because of congressionally imposed contracting restrictions, but it might be possible to make use of a similar financing structure. One commentator has suggested a joint MarAd/Department of Defense "National Defense Carrier" program to build a series of standard product carriers that can provide line service and vessel refueling.⁶ These vessels would be sold to private sector owner-operators, with their employment assured through a law that would require U.S.-flag carriage of a portion of U.S. product imports. The vessels would be available to the government under employment agreements triggered by national emergencies.

In mid-May the House Armed Service Committee authorized the construction of up to five product tankers as a part of

the Maritime Security Program (MSP) renewal. The MSP tanker plan provides for federal construction assistance of up to 75 percent of shipyard cost, subject to a \$50 million per vessel cap. The tankers will be expected to trade in U.S. foreign commerce and will receive the yearly payment available to MSP participants.

This MSP five tanker program may or may not prove successful. However, MSC will need a much more robust tanker fleet than this to meet our nation's expanding overseas commitments quite apart from "war emergency" situations. Perhaps 16 to 20 military suitable product tankers are needed.

5. Shuttle Tankers & Oil Supply and Infrastructure Support Vessels.

Projected deep water drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico is already

supporting substantial new contracting. As exploration proceeds and production is achieved larger and faster support vessels will be needed. Where deep water petroleum production cannot be integrated into existing petroleum gathering pipelines, some number of floating petroleum production and storage vessels (MOPS) and shuttle tankers will be required.

The perceived need for the larger and faster service and supply vessels necessary to support these deep water drilling efforts has already resulted in record numbers of shipyard contracts.⁷ There were more than 50 vessels contracted in 2002, and contracting appears to be continuing at least this rate during 2003. Some number of MOPS, and some number of associated shuttle tankers or articulated tug barge units (to transport the petroleum from the MOPS to shore-side



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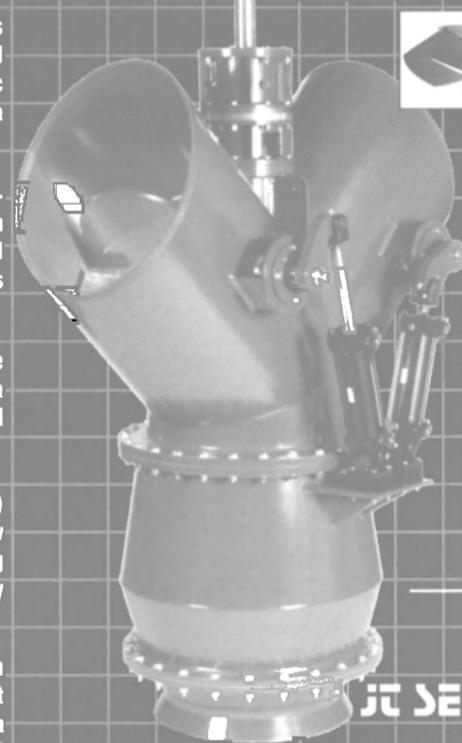
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Market Opportunities in the U.S.

These two vessels illustrate some of the better vessel building opportunities in the U.S. right now. Above is M/V Grey Lady, a **fast ferry** to provide year-round service between Hyannis, Mass. and Nantucket Island. Built by Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding for Hy-Line Cruises, the new all-aluminum ferry measures 144 ft. with a 35-ft. beam. To the right is the 127-ft. Ocean Reliance — the tug portion of an **ATB** — built by Manitowoc Company. It was the first of two tugs built at Manitowoc's Marinette Marine subsidiary. The tug is coupled with a 155,000-barrel double hull petroleum barge built at the company's Bay Shipbuilding facility.

refineries) will be required. While the MOPS may be of foreign construction, the shuttle tankers must be constructed in U.S. shipyards. There is talk of four or five MOPS, with perhaps two to four shuttle vessels for each MOPS. The timing for the environmental approvals and shipyard work necessary to put the MOPS and shuttle tankers in place remains partially uncertain. However, it seems clear that a substantial number of these shuttle tanker vessels will be built in U.S. shipyards during the current decade.

This could produce orders for as many as 16 to 20 shuttle vessels, perhaps more.

6. Tonnage for the Non-Contiguous Liner Trades.

The container and RoRo fleets of the established carriers serving Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are aged. While none of these trades is experiencing rapid growth, the involved vessels are expensive to operate and increasingly expensive to maintain. Replacement plans are well underway by one of the major carrier for Alaska. Saltchuck Resources (Saltchuck formerly TOTE) is replacing three Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company (SUN)-built RoRos vessels with two newly commissioned (600 trailers plus 220 auto) Orca-class RoRos designed and built at NASSCO. The vessels have a service speed in excess of 24 knots, and can be discharged and loaded in nine hours. The first of these vessels, the MV Midnight Sun, was the first commercial dry cargo to be built in the U.S. in 10 years. The vessel was delivered last month, in April 2003. The second vessel, the MV North Star, is to be christened on June 14, and will be delivered later this year.

Matson Navigation Company (Matson) is the predominant carrier in the Hawaiian trade. Some years ago it adopted a maintenance program designed to prolong the service lives of its vessels and so to postpone new construction. Five of the Matson container ships are now at least 30 years old. As the Hawaiian economy appeared to be returning to health in 2000, fleet replacements became a subject matter of discussion, only to be postponed by the damage to the Hawaiian tourism economy following September 11th. Matson is moving forward with Kvaerner Philadelphia

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Shipyard to take delivery on two new container vessels of a Kvaerner design. Kvaerner is obligated to build four vessels in the shipyard. One year ago there was talk that the Matson transaction would be a fleet replacement taking all four vessels (with two vessels firm and two under option). But this seems less certain now and might depend upon what Matson may expect from competing Hawaiian services.

The fleet serving Puerto Rico has been truly "antique." Two of the five Lancer class container vessels which were being used by Navieras de Puerto Rico (Navieras) were commissioned 1968, the others in 1969, 1970 and 1971. The two SUN-built RoRos used by Sea Star Line (Sea Star) first entered service in 1974. The "numbers" for new vessel tonnage have appeared substantial. But, overtonnaging in this trade (less than break-even rates and the resulting financial problems) have caused the operators to postpone replacements. The Navieras bankruptcy has been accompanied by a significant reduction in the overtonnaging. Once the Saltchuck and Matson vessels are placed in service, there might be three SUN-built RoRo vessels, surplus to these carriers' needs. Might these be a satisfactory fit with the two SUN-built RoRos which Sea Star currently operates? Or perhaps they will find a home in a new U.S. East Coast "Short Sea" service designed to remove 53-ft. trailers from I-95 for transportation on a new "W-95"?

One year ago, the CSX Lines LLC rumored sale offered the most promising potential for vessel new-buildings open to speculation. What if an ambitious, well financed purchaser were to come forward? This might signal a program of replacements in all three of the noncontiguous trades. Today the Carlyle Group acquisition has been completed. The Saltchuck replacement program will be complete later this year. One year ago it appeared that Matson would complete its fleet replacement program by purchasing two more container vessels, probably sister ships from Kvaerner. And, it appeared that competing U.S. carriers would be compelled to contract for new tonnage for the Alaska and Hawaii services. Today, the addition of at least

some of this new tonnage appears much less certain.

7. Coastwise "Short Sea" Trades.

Highway congestion on major sections of our Interstate Highway system, coupled with projections for the growth of U.S. commerce over the next decade and beyond seems finally to have brought some Washington attention to water alternatives for existing and projected highway and rail facilities.

Perhaps it is Interstate 95, which provides the critical highway infrastructure for the East Coast's megalopolis, and its population center "bypass" routes such as I-495, that present the most serious congestion problems. To date most of the attention to I-95 has focused on the sea containers coming into the U.S. at a location like Port Newark, and their movements up or down the Atlantic Coast by truck. However, the more important problem is with the purely domestic moves in 53-ft. trailers. It is the removal of these 53-ft. trailers which would do the most to alleviate congestion. These movements could initially be by RoRo barges or existing self propelled RoRo vessels on water routes roughly parallel to I - 95, a new "W-95." Either class of vessel should be able to make use of existing infrastructure and roadstead sites. New and more expensive RoRo designs would come later. But, moving these trailers by water is really the only financially viable solution.

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Littoral Combat Ship Leads the Charge

MR/EN had the opportunity to speak with Admiral Robert Natter, Commander, Atlantic Fleet, Fleet Forces Command, who is not only responsible for one of the largest fleet of Navy ships in the world, but directs the effort to design the Navy of the future, including development of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS).

The U.S. Atlantic Fleet is a naval force comprised of approximately 183 ships, 1,200 aircraft and 112,000 sailors. Admiral Robert Natter, Commander, Atlantic Fleet, Fleet Forces Command, is the man at the top responsible for ensuring these forces are ready to successfully carry out the mission as dictated by the President. As if that is not enough, Adm. Natter is leading the effort to develop the weapons and systems that will serve to keep the Navy productive, efficient and safe well into this century.

Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)

The Navy plans to spend nearly \$4 billion through fiscal year 2009 to purchase nine ships that will support a variety of missions, including anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare and mine warfare. Perhaps the most exciting new project under development now is the effort to design the new class LCS. The LCS is the culmination of years of study, and embodies many of the principles the military seeks to advance in the next-generation of assets: the network-centric approach which allows all units, from troops on the ground to aircraft in the air

to vessels at sea to be "plugged in" to each other. The LCS, regardless of a final form, will be a smaller, faster, multi-operation capable vessel able to operate closer to shore. In fact, Admiral Natter points to the recent war in Iraq as validation of the LCS concept. (The war in Iraq) confirmed the very positive investment in long-range, time-sensitive weapon strike (tomahawk), and it also confirmed the value of high speed vessels able to operate in confined and shallow waters, supporting special operations. Adm. Natter said.

Fleet Size

The number of ships in the U.S. Navy is continually debated, an argument which is laced liberally with political rhetoric and differing estimates — from funding to fleet size — from the military and civilian sides. While this may make it difficult for outsiders to ascertain the true number of ships needed for the nation's defense, one thing that is indisputable, however, is that the U.S. Navy



is in dire need of increasing its number of newbuilds now, with the cumulative fleet age and size shrinking appreciably every year.

Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), recently introduced legislation designed to increase the number of naval ships. The Landrieu bill makes it the policy of the United States

to return to a Navy of a least 375 ships — the amount recommended by the Chief of Naval Operations. It is reasoned that the build up would increase port security and secure shipyard jobs throughout the country. "With a current force structure well below

Department of Defense requirements, our current policy is unsustainable," said Sen. Landrieu, a member of the Senate Shipbuilding Caucus. "Our Naval forces play a vital role in securing our ports and contribute to our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. These bases at sea project rapid and decisive power anywhere in the world." The Navy currently has 301 ships in the fleet, nearly half the number

of ships in 1987. It is safe to say, however, that the time to rebuild naval forces is now, and with the current programs to build the DD(X) and LCS families, as well as the soon to be introduced carrier design, it appears this is the course being taken.

"From my perspective, the issue centers on investing in new tech and having sufficient force levels to take care of any scenario," Adm. Natter said. He added, though, that force structure should not be based on thought of a single scenario. Adm. Natter contends that it is much better to invest in a capability, and having the sufficient force size and structure. The change currently undertaken by the Navy should not be underestimated, and is historic in nature, as the core essence of the fleet changes to meet emerging and future demands. Adm. Natter, who counts Sail to Steam, Iron to Wood, Weapons with Revolving Turrets and Nuclear Power as a handful of major turning points for the U.S. Navy since its inception, said that new technologies, particularly the continued integration of electric drives in ships, will speed the evolution of the fleet in the coming decade. While the ships and military technologies rapidly evolve, Adm. Natter is secure in the role of the Navy as a preeminent force of the U.S. "The relevance of naval power today is more important than it has ever been in the history of war," he said. We have unimpeded maneuvering space, and the new weapons and technologies allow for much longer range and greater accuracy, allowing us to reach anywhere, anytime.

Navy Notes

Incat Ship Takes Award Honors

Incat won the award for the Most Significant Newbuild "Fast Ferry, at the Cruise & Ferry exhibition in London. What does a ferry award have to do with Navy ships? Plenty.

The award was presented to builders Incat and owners Bollinger/Incat USA for the 321-ft. (98-m) U.S. Army Theater Support Vessel TSV-1X Spearhead. In November 2002 Incat delivered Spearhead — which is considered surrogate technology for the new class of LCS. Leaving



Hobart soon after delivery, Spearhead headed directly to the Persian Gulf to be part of the major military build-up in the region. "It is thanks to military visionaries such as the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Combat Support and Combat Service Support (PEO CS & CSS), Col. Genaro Dellarocco, Project Manager - Force Projection, that Spearhead has been put into the fight as seen throughout the world following recent events in the Persian Gulf" said Incat Chairman Robert Clifford.

USMR Joins Lockheed Martin LCS Team

The Lockheed Martin LCS Team welcomed United States Marine Repair (USMR) to its group of core teammates supporting the Sea Blade LCS solution. USMR provides ship repair and logistics services experience to the team. Potential long-term roles for the company within

the Sea Blade solution include fleet maintenance, training, module fabrication, ship outfitting and porting. Other team members include: Donald L. Blount and Associates, FastShip, Fincantieri and NAVATEK; Blohm + Voss; Angle, Inc., ABS, BBN Technologies, Charters Technical Services, DRS Technologies, IZAR and MA&D.

Raytheon Leads LCS Team

Raytheon is leading a consortium in a bid for the preliminary design of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS). "Team LCS", unveiled its concept for a fast, agile, focused mission ship "seaframe" enabled by an assortment of advanced unmanned vehicles and aviation assets to counter littoral asymmetric threats. A partnership of Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems and John J. McMullen Associates Inc. (JJMA) together with other contributing compa-

nies as the Sea Specter team successfully participated in the Focused Mission Ship (FMS) Concept Study with JJMA as lead. The pre-planned transition to Raytheon as lead is now complete. The team's performance on the FMS analysis and concept design presents valuable intelligence, which will be leveraged as Team LCS performs the preliminary design phase.

Serving as the innovator of a fully integrated LCS solution, Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems will lead mission analysis, systems architecture, ship systems integration as well as leverage proven processes into the consortium. Other team members include: Umoe Mandal's innovative, advanced SES hull design and manufacturing processes; Goodrich's composite design and fabrication; and Atlantic Marine's streamlined and agile benefits of a mid tier shipyard.

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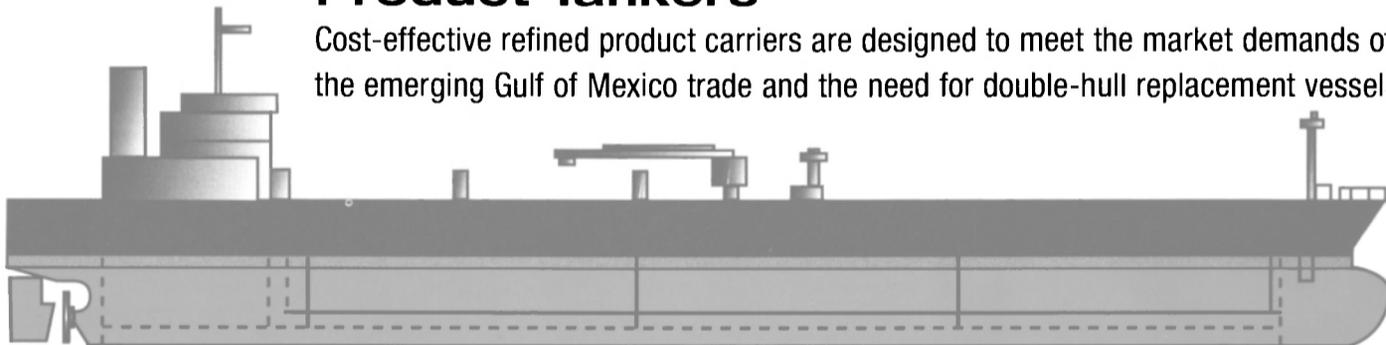
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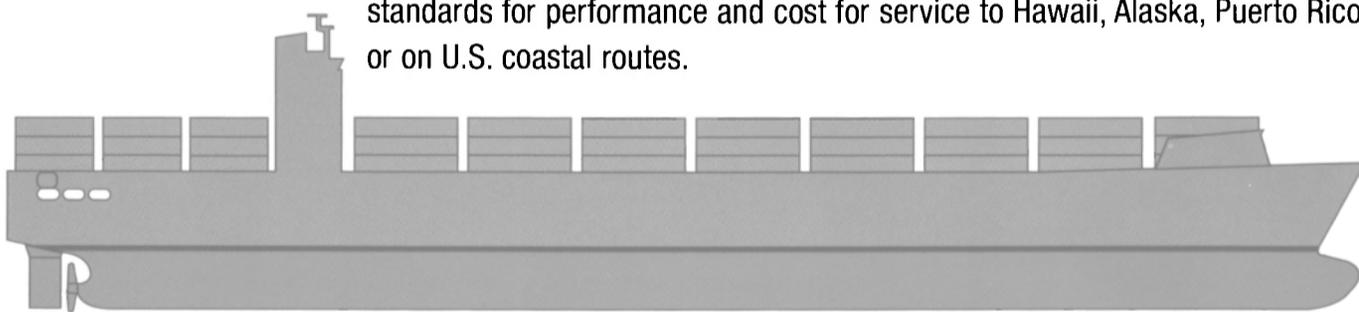
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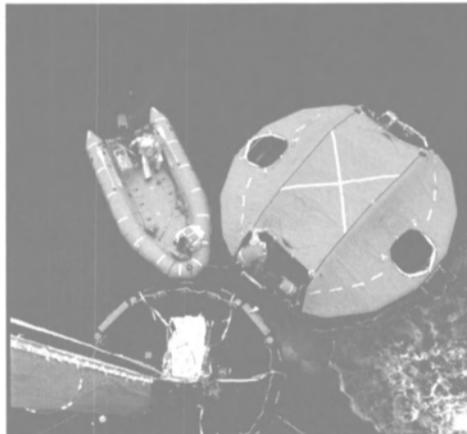
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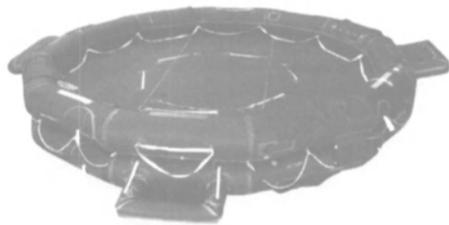
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Carnival Orders \$500M Princess Ship

Since closing out the merger between P&O Princess Cruises and Carnival Corp. the parent company announced that its newest subsidiary has signed a contract for a new 116,000-ton cruise ship. The vessel, which will be a sister to Caribbean Princess, will be built at Fincantieri's Monfalcone yard. Built at an approximate all-in cost of \$500 million, the new vessel is expected to be delivered in May 2006. The "new order" actually simply represents the switching of a contract from a sister company. Carnival has reduced the number of Holland America's "Vista-class" vessels from five to four. The company has also stretched out the delivery of three cruise ships being constructed at Italy's Fincantieri shipyard. The vessels with adjusted deliveries include: Carnival Cruise Lines' Carnival Valor - delivery adjusted from Sept. 2004 to Dec. 2004; Cunard Line's Queen Victoria — delivery adjusted from Jan. 2005 to March 2005; and Holland America Line's fourth "Vista-class" vessel — delivery adjusted from Oct. 2005 to Jan. 2006. This realigned newbuilding schedule further

demonstrates Carnival's flexibility, allowing it to maximize its newbuilding program especially when it encompasses multiple companies building ships at the same yard.

Carnival Newbuild Schedule

Brand	Ship Name	Service	Capacity	Shipyard
Costa	Costa Mediterranea	June 2003	2,114	KMY
Princess	Island Princess	July 2003	1,970	Chantiers
Carnival	Carnival Glory	July 2003	2,974	Fincantieri
HAL	Oosterdam	Aug. 2003	1,848	Fincantieri
Costa	Costa Fortuna	Dec. 2003	2,720	Fincantieri
Cunard	Queen Mary 2	Jan. 2004	2,620	Chantiers
Carnival	Carnival Miracle	March 2004	2,124	KMY
Princess	Diamond Princess	March 2004	2,670	MHI
Princess	Caribbean Princess	April 2004	3,110	Fincantieri
HAL	Westerdam	May 2004	1,848	Fincantieri
Princess	Sapphire Princess	June 2004	2,670	MHI
Costa	Costa Magica	Nov. 2004	2,720	Fincantieri
Carnival	Carnival Valor	Dec. 2004	2,974	Fincantieri
Cunard	Queen Victoria	April 2005	1,968	Fincantieri
Carnival	Carnival Liberty	Aug. 2005	2,974	Fincantieri
HAL	Unnamed	Feb. 2006	1,848	Fincantieri
Princess	Unnamed	June 2006	3,110	Fincantieri

Total on order = 17 Vessels 42,262 Lower Berths

Rodriguez Is Ahead With TMV 84



Subsequent to extensive sea trials, the TMV 84 Ramon Llull was delivered to Spanish shipowner Balearia Eurolines Maritimes from Rodriguez Cantieri Navali's Messina yard in Sicily — two weeks ahead of schedule. It is fitting that the vessel, which will operate on the Barcelona to Menorca route, is named after 13th Century philosopher Ramon Llull, who was born in Palma de Mallorca, made the short trip to the Balearic Island where the vessel will operate. The sea trials, which encompassed more than three weeks, concluded on May 5, 2003, with positive results; the vessel, which can carry up to 330 tons dwt, surpassed speeds of 40 knots. Ramon Llull can hold up to 462 passengers in both tourist and first class,

and holds a garage that is equipped with hydraulically hoistable ramps for 56 cars. Alternatively, the vessel can hold 22 cars with 110 linear truck lane m. Comprised of aluminum, the vessel's power is provided by four MAN B&W 18VP185 diesels coupled to a dedicated Lips waterjet at 14,800 kW.

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Length, (o.a.)	273 ft. (83.3 m)
Beam	44 ft. (13.5 m)
Draft, (loaded)	5 ft. (1.7 m)
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Ride control system	Rodriguez Marine Systems
Speed, (max.)	39
Fuel consumption	3,084 kg/h

UV Disinfection to Treat Ballast Water on Coral Princess

UV disinfection specialist Aquionics Inc., partnered with Hyde Marine, to deliver its first joint ballast water treatment system in April. The new system, to be installed on Princess Cruise's ship, the Coral Princess, is designed to control the spread of non-indigenous invasive species in ballast water. This process reportedly should kill over 95 percent of the organisms that pass through the system.

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Regal Cruises Cease Operations

Following the placement of a lien by Motor Services Hugo Stamp for unpaid bills for services rendered, Regal Cruises ceased all operations on April 28, 2003, canceling cruises on its

Regal Empress. The company is currently gathering information to allow it to file for an Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors in State Court shortly. This would seek to accomplish an equitable distribution of the assets of Regal Enterprises, Inc. to its creditors. Creditors who provided goods and services to the Regal Empress may participate in. The company held an auction on May 16 with a minimum bid of \$2m, and garnered no offers for the 1953-built vessel. A second auction on May 23 reportedly result in a sale for \$1.75m by Celebration World Cruises.

New Cat Headed For Tasmania

An eco-friendly tourist catamaran by Crowther Design and builder RDM is headed for Tasmania's Gordon River. Designed and built for the vessel's operator, Gordon River Cruises, it is

their second vessel

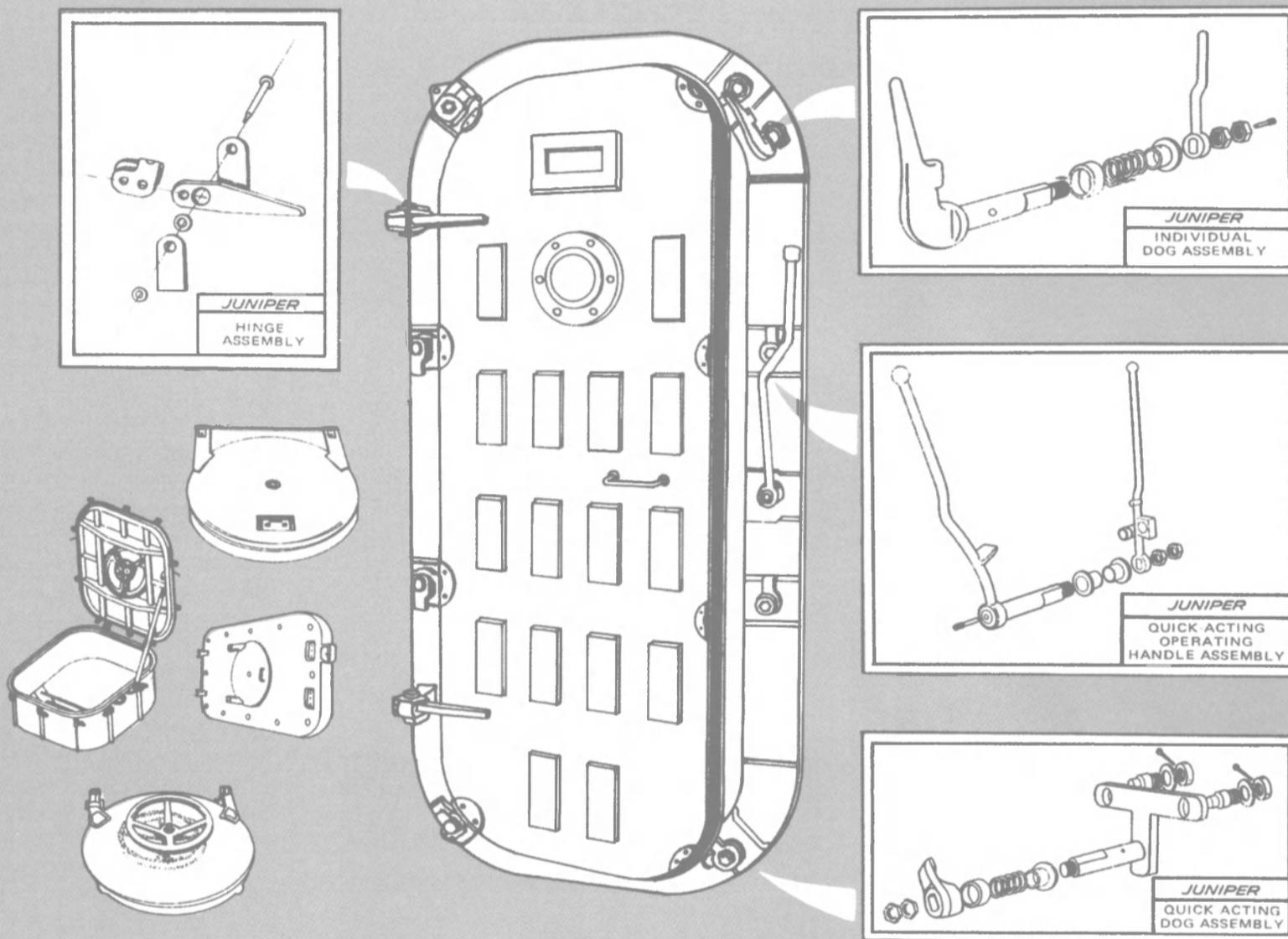
from Crowther and RDM. The new vessel is 32-m, with a 9-m beam and a passenger capacity of 220. The vessel's unique design features a curved bow, deck ends and transom, and a Portuguese bridge. The vessel is powered by two MTU 16V 2000 engines coupled to ZF 2250 gearboxes, which drive five-bladed propellers. With a range of 250 n.m. at 25 knots and a top speed of 30 knots, the vessel's (as with all Crowther vessels on the Gordon River) hull has been designed and tested so as to meet the stringent low wash National Parks and Wildlife requirement for this World Heritage listed river.

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In November 2002, MarAd sponsored a "Short Sea Shipping Conference" in New York City. There were presenta-

tions on congestion, and on the needed services and equipment. But, and it surprised no one, MarAd financing issues were not addressed. Title XI was clearly "off limits" by OMB order, and Administrator Schubert's CCF proposals which were an intended source of capital for these Short Sea projects were barely mentioned.

But "How are these projects to be funded?" Where is the equity to be found, or how is it to be accumulated? Will debt financing matched to vessel useful lives be available? Or will the debt be subject to repayment over some shorter period such as one-half of a vessel's life? Significant developments will depend upon MarAd financing

assistance, and MarAd financing assistance will require OMB and DOT approval and support. But, as I have already noted, OMB has continued to oppose the use of these MarAd programs, and Coastwise shipping is not even mentioned in the DOT Draft Strategic Plan for FY2003-2008.

This should be a source of significant shipbuilding opportunities by mid-decade and thereafter. However, it is difficult to assign any newbuildings figures for these Coastwise trades in the face of OMB opposition and DOT indifference.

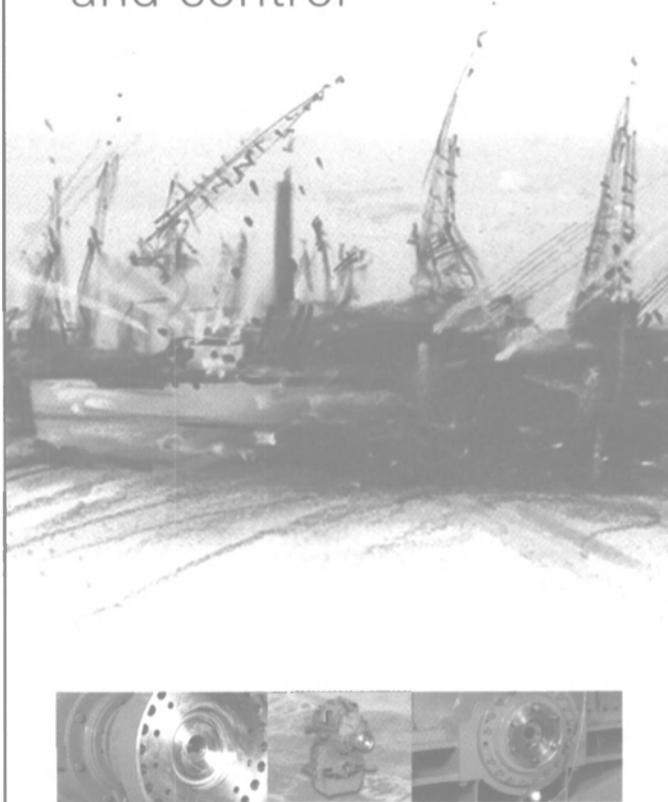
8. Passenger and RoRo/Passenger Ferries.

While ferry transport was largely abandoned after WWII, selected urban locations like New York and Boston have seen new ferry services successfully introduced. In New York City non-subsidized ferry operators are providing more than 60,000 passenger trips per day between multiple locations in northern New Jersey and Manhattan. And, New York City has announced plans for the development of a regional passenger ferry transportation plan and the construction of what The New York Times has described as a "fleet" of new ferry terminals.

Ferry services provide significant contributions to regional and local transportation networks across the entire country. The Washington State Ferry System, the largest volume passenger and vehicle system in the nation, meets essential transportation needs and provides complementary services which have themselves become a major tourist attraction. Ferries have been in operation on San Francisco Bay for more than 150 years, with more than 30 major ferry routes in service at one time or another. The past three decades have seen the expansion of various cross Bay services to provide commuting alternatives to the bridges and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system. A San Francisco Bay Area Water Transportation Authority has been established to plan and manage an ambitious expansion of high speed ferry service for the entire Bay Area.

New ventures are underway for Alaska, for the Seattle region, and for various Coastal and U.S. Great Lakes routes. U.S. shipyards are now proven builders of stable catamaran platforms with vessel speeds which range between 35 and 50 knots, and sizes appropriate to the services in which the vessels are to be employed. New, low wake designs are being proven effective. These and other developments open new opportunities for ferry transportation. From

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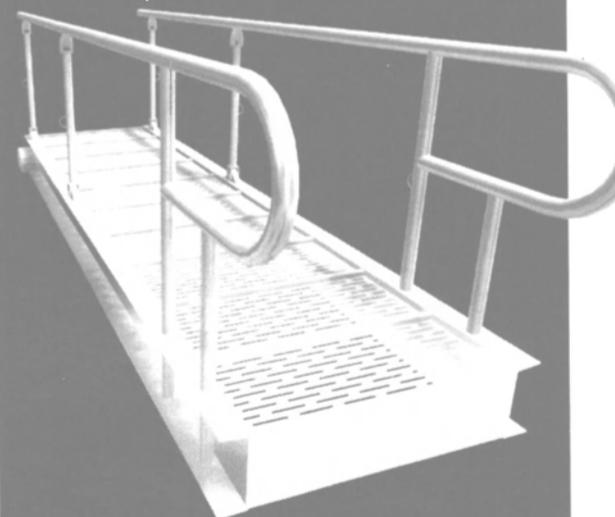
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every standpoint, from out-of-pocket costs to the taxpayer, to protection of the environment, the logic favoring the addition of water transportation resources is compelling.

Two years ago, one West Coast commentator estimated that "USA annual fast ferry newbuild contracted production volume by 2004 should be around the \$250 million level and . . . is likely to grow by \$50 million or so annually thereafter." Current contracting falls very far short of this. Major questions remains as to capacity needs and as to how are these projects are to be funded.

For a number of shipyard transactions which are under contract or under discussion with private sector purchasers, the availability of MARAD Title XI financing guarantees appear to be an essential element.

9. Import Substitution.

In my discussion above in 3. *Petroleum Product Tankers*, I noted that these newbuilding requirements might be reduced to the extent that U.S. product needs are met by imports of refined products on foreign built, non-U.S. flag vessels.

The risks of this "import substitution" are substantial. Current product tanker costs (shipyard prices plus the costs of financing) are sufficiently high that the cost of domestic petroleum products

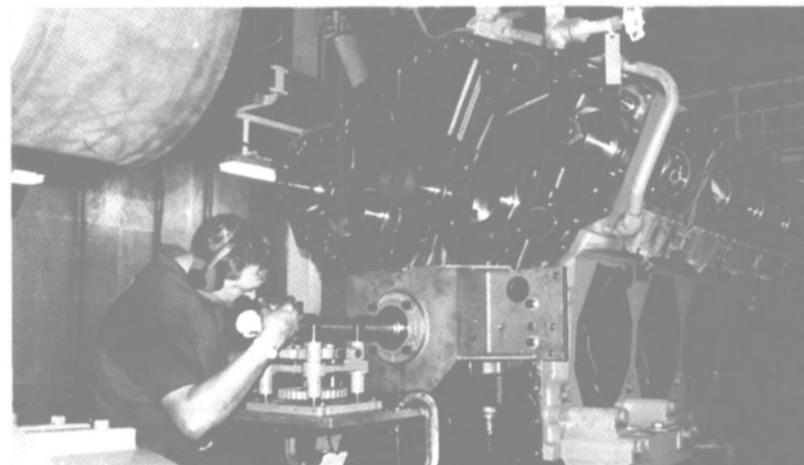
delivered to the New England states (cost of product plus cost of transportation) may exceed the cost of imported petroleum product. See, Interview with Maritime Administrator **William G. Schubert**, "U.S. Market: Foundation for the Future," *Maritime Reporter & Engineering News*, September 2002.

On this point, vessel financing costs can become of critical importance. During the early years of a tanker's employment, commercial financing will result in a tanker daily rate capital component more than twice that of the same tanker financed with MARAD guarantees and capital construction fund assistance. Currently quoted shipyard product tanker pricing is in the \$80 million to \$90 million range. Given these shipyard prices, there is the likelihood of significant import substitution unless the MARAD financing programs are available.

The substitution of foreign built for U.S. built vessels would result in lost profits and wages across significant sectors of the U.S. economy. On average, every \$1 million paid for commercial ship construction in a U.S. yard, results in an additional \$ 2.8 million of economic activity outside the yard. A \$100 million tanker contract will generate a total of approximately \$380 million in additional taxable domestic gross national product.⁸ So this is more than just a shipbuilder problem.

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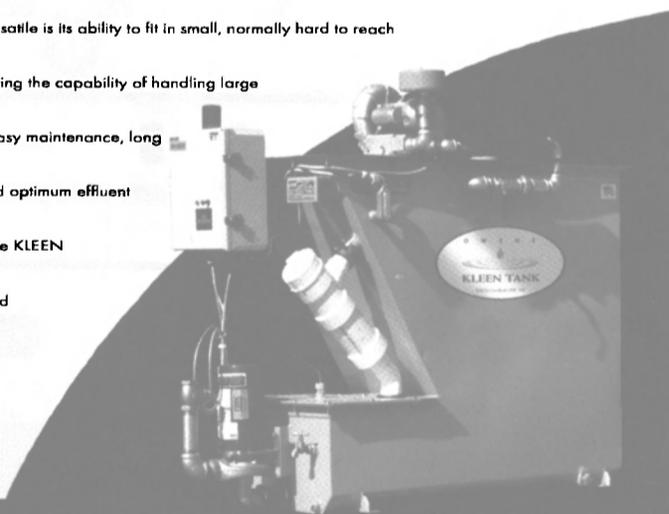
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Part III. Financing Problems & Solutions.

Over the course of the entire 20th Century, our maritime sector has only infrequently been successful in attracting sufficient private sector financing to meet national needs without some form of federal program assistance. History confirms that standing alone, maritime transportation projects have generally not provided returns which have been adequate to attract these investments from private sector U.S. capital sources.

The Merchant Marine Acts of 1920, 1936 and 1970, all bear witness to this history.

The MarAd programs available under

the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 and the Federal Ship Financing Act of 1972 were intended to address this problem. These programs enable qualified U.S. citizen operators: (i) to accumulate the equity for fleet replacement on a tax deferred basis over a period of up to 25 years, and (ii) to access private sector commercial vessel financing with terms of up to 25 years, matched to vessel service lives.

Commercial asset-based vessel financing, when available, will generally be limited to no more 80 percent of vessel cost, with a term of no more than 10 to 12 years, or less than one-half the life of most of these vessel assets, with interest rates at best in the six percent to 6.5 percent range.

Title XI guarantees allow 87.5 percent of vessel cost to be financed over 25 years with current rates in the 4.5 per-

cent range. Commercial financing can be expected to more than double annual debt service requirements in the early transaction years.

This will increase the cost for the transportation service being provided — be it a time charter rate to an energy company, or a ferry fare for a work-bound commuter — by the same multiple.

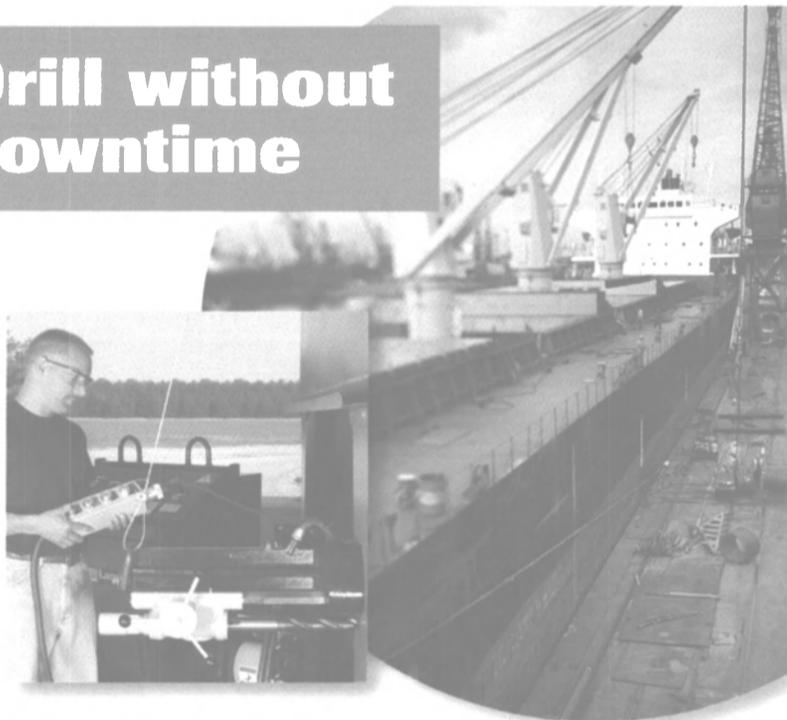
Access to these programs is currently being discouraged by an OMB that: (1) refuses to allow Congressional consideration of a change in the CCF program that would allow these U. S. operators to use the \$1.4 billion of their own already set aside monies to contract for the OPA 90 tankers, passenger ferries and other vessels to be engaged in Coastwise services; and (2) is acting to discontinue the financing guarantee "public-private partnership" program for accessing long

term private sector financing matched to vessel lives, because this will involve an alleged example of "corporate welfare."

Acting in the context of this rather grim background, and in the face of OMB's expressed opposition, the Shipbuilder's Council of America (SCA) has recently lead two successful Title XI industry efforts. First, it gained Congressional and Administration approval for a \$25 million Title XI appropriation for FY 2003 as a part of the Iraq war supplemental appropriation.

Second, it obtained House Armed Services Committee approval for \$30 million of Title XI authorization for FY 2004. One respected maritime commentator has described the first SCA success as a "miracle" for the shipbuilding industry. But, whether of not a "miracle," this was by any standard an impor-

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tant Title XI program rescue, benefitting MARAD as well as the shipbuilding and ship operating communities.

These SCA lead successes demonstrate both the Congressional support for the Title XI program, and what a determined private sector effort can sometimes accomplish. However, we should not only be applauding these SCA lead successes. We should be working with SCA and with one another to pursue this and other maritime sector goals. Perhaps an SCA led effort can achieve a rescue for Maritime Administrator Schubert's now beleaguered CCF proposals for financing vessels in U.S. Coastwise trades?

Part IV. Concluding Thoughts

There are current domestic shipbuilding opportunities for fleet replacement and expanded needs for our OPA 90 and other coastwise and Gulf of Mexico energy related services; fleet replacements for the noncontiguous services; and vessels for expanding ferry needs in

Footnotes

- 1 These proposals were put forward by Maritime Administrator William G. Schubert in testimony before the House Armed Services Committee in March 2002, and would make over \$1.4 billion already set aside for shipbuilding immediately available for Coastwise vessel construction, as well as providing a sound basis for future Coastwise vessel project funding.
- 2 The texts of the SAFETEA Reauthorization and the DOT Draft Plan can be accessed at the DOT home page at <http://www.dot.gov> by clicking on "SAFETEA Reauthorization" and "Comments Requested on FY 03-08 Strategic Plan." Maritime Reporter readers should respond to this invitation by providing email comments which will question and comment upon the absence of any reference in these documents to the maritime sector's potential role in resolving our national transportation problems.
- 3 See, "OPA 90 Phase Out of Environmentally Risky Vessels - Much to be Done," Shipbuilders Council of America (June 2002) (hereafter "SCA 90 Memo").
- 4 See, generally, SCA 90 Memo (which contains a detailed discussion and includes tables showing tank vessel and tank barge phase outs year-by-year from 2002 through 2015).
- 5 SCA 90 Memo.
- 6 Leback, "We need ships for commercial, military use," The Journal of Commerce (February 24 - March 2, 2003). Captain Warren Leback is a former Maritime Administrator. The product tanker plan which he proposes is similar to a MARAD tanker construction program which was implemented shortly prior to World War II.
- 7 Pearson, "Major Operators Adding OSVs at Record Pace," MarineNews (April 28, 2002).
- 8 "The Economic Contribution of the U.S. Commercial Shipbuilding Industry," LECG LLC (April 2002).

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passenger and passenger/vehicle services in coastwise, Great Lakes and inland trades. These opportunities will continue and expand as they become more clearly defined during the course of the decade. What does this mean for U.S. shipbuilding? In reviewing the domestic transportation scene we can probably agree upon the areas of need, and upon

the vessel design and shipyard construction solutions. The problem that remains is that of attracting the equity capital and long term debt financing necessary to fund these projects on a basis which is sufficiently economical to allow project success. In the end, U. S. shipbuilding opportunities during the current decade will be constrained, not

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The GOM region, which has one of the more complex sub-sea piping systems in the world, is ripe for the shuttle tanker solution as the search for oil and gas pushes further from the shore. The question then does not center on "if," but rather "when." American Shuttle Tankers (AST) is touting its S-S-S, or Separate Storage Shuttling solution. The system is unique in that it works with any floating production system — a key point given the fact that there are zero FPSO projects currently underway — including semisubmersibles, spars and Tension Leg Platforms. The system uses the production platform, a DPS enabled shuttle tanker alongside, which acts as a storage facility, and a shuttle tanker that is used to transport the production to market. While AST would have to build the transporting shuttles in a U.S. yard to comply with Jones Act regulations, it would employ Navion shuttle tankers as the storage and transfer units, which would not have to comply with Jones Act rules.

Employing DPS enabled shuttle tankers from the North Sea as an FSO in the S-S-S concept is truly a hinge to the project, as it allows the system to be functional much more quickly. In addition, the DPS capability allows for the elimination of permanent mooring, an estimated \$80 to \$100 million cost in



A patent-pending concept from American Shuttle Tankers dubbed Separate Storage Shuttling (S-S-S) envisions a unique shuttle tanker system for the Gulf of Mexico — serving a variety of floating production systems — that is cost competitive with pipelines.

some GOM deepwater regions estimates **Peter M. Lovie**, V.P. Business Development of AST.

As with many other great innovations, the driver behind SSS is money, specifically economizing the process of moving oil from production site to refinery. According to Lovie, direct shuttle loading in the Gulf of Mexico, sans FPSOs and taking into account the average production rate of 50,000 bpd for most offshore facilities, is simply cost prohibitive, with an estimated 10-day load period for 565,000 barrel shuttle tanker directly connected to a production source. The SSS solution allows for faster turnaround times for shuttle tankers transporting oil back to port, a turnaround measured in hours instead of days.

New FSPV Vessel Unveiled



FBM Babcock Marine recently unveiled the FSPV, a vessel under development for three years that the manufacturer describes as "a revolutionary new high speed passenger ferry, which promises to deliver pioneering rough condition seakeeping capability, coupled with speeds of up to 40 knots."

FSPV incorporates the SWATH form with waterjets, and is designed to allow speeds of up to 40 knots to be maintained in sea conditions beyond a significant wave height of 3 m (relating to maximum wave heights beyond 5 m).

"This vessel is the answer for fast ferry operators who have problems maintaining their service schedules due to weather conditions, or have exposed routes where reliable high speed services have previously been unfeasible," said **John Warbey**, managing director, FBM Babcock Marine. "Development from FBM Babcock Marine's proven SWATH technology, with three previous slower vessels in service, the FSPV will provide reliability and continuity of service in high seas with passenger comfort being far superior to that offered by conventional multihulls or hydrofoils."

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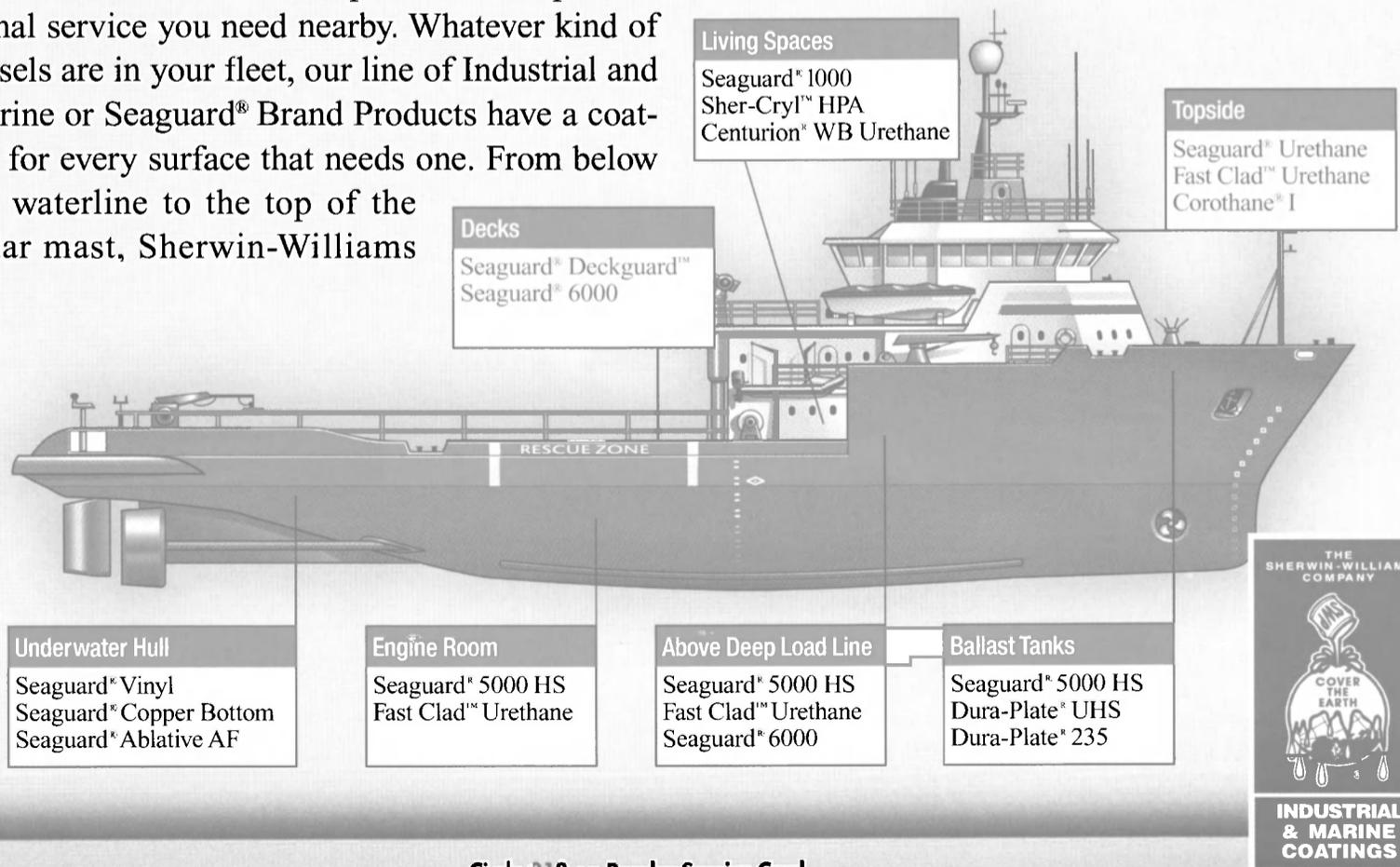


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In the forward area, the forepeak and ballast tanks are located within a rounded hydrodynamic bow. Below the centerline floatability column, a forward machinery space is arranged containing a 900 kW retractable thruster. Tunnels are also arranged to accommodate two centerline anchors. Above the cen-

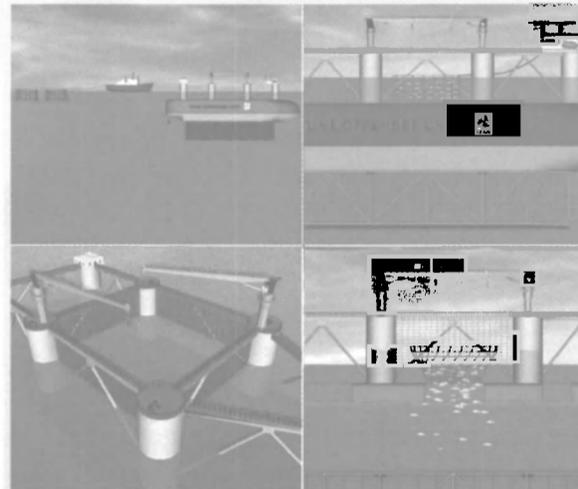
terline floatability column, the accommodation block is placed with capacity for 30 people and a helideck.

Two large 5,000 kW thrusters have been arranged in the aft area, together with the power plant located in the aft machinery space. The exhaust system of almost 20 MW power plant is guided to the outside through the aft stability columns, containing also ventilation funnels, escape routes and elevators. Storage and daily use diesel tanks, lube oil, fresh water, ballast water and settling tanks are also placed within the aft machinery space. Finally, the emergency generator set is confined within a deckhouse in the aft-starboard stability column, in accordance with marine regulations. The Tuna Offshore unit is equipped with two conventional offshore cranes located in the mid-body columns and adequate life saving appliances. The basic design of the Tuna Offshore Unit, including machinery and services, has been designed in agreement with typical Offshore Regulations (DNV, ABS, Lloyd's, BV, etc). IMO and Spanish regulations have also been taken into account (ILCC, SOLAS, COLREG, Tonnage, etc)

Power and Controls

The Main Power Generation is located in the Aft Machinery Space. The plant consists of 3 x 6,750 kW

Main Particulars - Tuna Offshore Unit	
Length, o.a.	603.6 ft. (189.4 m)
Breadth	183.7 ft. (56 m)
Height to Floater Deck	88.6 ft. (27 m)
Height to Main Deck	154.2 ft. (47 m)
Draft (minimum)	32.8 ft. (10 m)
Draft (Transit/Mooring)	121.4 ft. (37 m)
Lightship weight	18 t
Ballast water	130,000 cu. m.
D.O.	10,000 cu. m.
Fresh water	1,000 cu. m.
Fridge	10,000 cu. m.
Fish Pool Volume (net retracted)	95,000 cu. m.
Fish Pool Volume (net deployed)	195,000 cu. m.



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(50 Hz-750 rpm) main generator to be used during transit, and one 1,080 kW essential services generator to be used in operation when the unit is moored during the fattening period. An 810 kW emergency generator set and associated switchboard is arranged in a deckhouse above aft-starboard stability column within the accommodation block, within a separated fire-rated enclosed space complying with the applicable Rules and Regulations. The IAS will be distributed through the vessel by means of dual-redundant data-highway routed along the main deck between the aft engine control room. System application and logic will be resident in dedicated intelligent process stations located within the vessel in order to minimize the use of hardware cables. In critical systems, where higher reliability is required, consideration is given to having redundant central process units within the process station.

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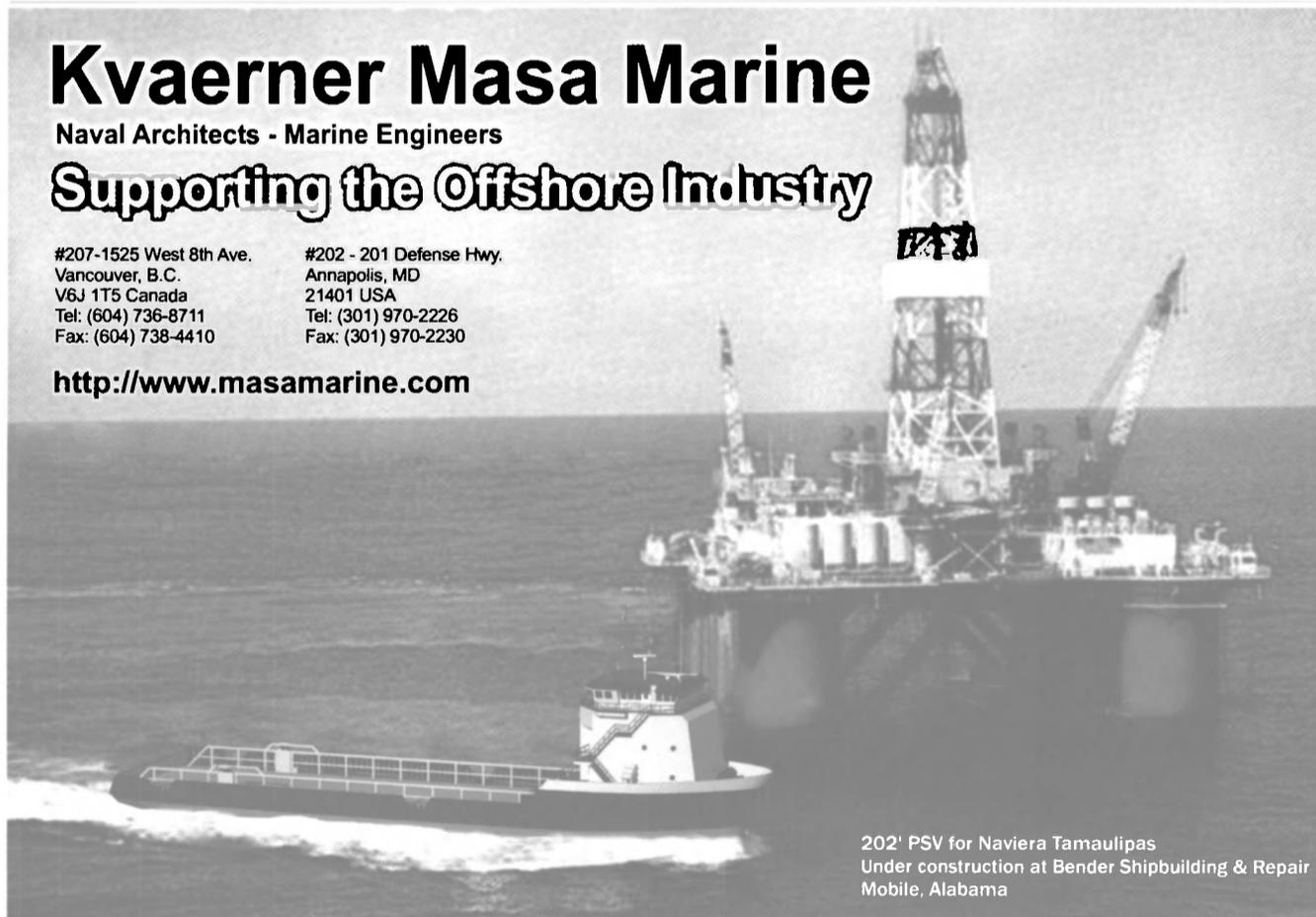
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MADCON Receives Patent For Retrofit System

MADCON Corporation, Slidell, La. has received official notice that their Structural Composite Retrofit System has been awarded U.S. Patent Number 6,536,991. Improved recovery and directional drilling techniques created the need to extend the original design life of many offshore facilities. Utilizing advanced composite materials, the system provides full structural restoration of damaged or corroded tubular members such as drive pipe casing, conductors, jacket legs and bracing, concrete or steel piling, and risers/pipelines. The system can also be used to upgrade the original design capacity of platform members.

The Structural Composite Retrofit System can restore and protect a severely corroded member without costly shut-ins due to hot work. MADCON employs highly specialized personnel, including divers, so the system can be installed both above and below water. Several major offshore owner operators recently installed the Structural Composite Retrofit System from the (-15) to (+60) elevation to rebuild extremely corroded drive pipe casing.

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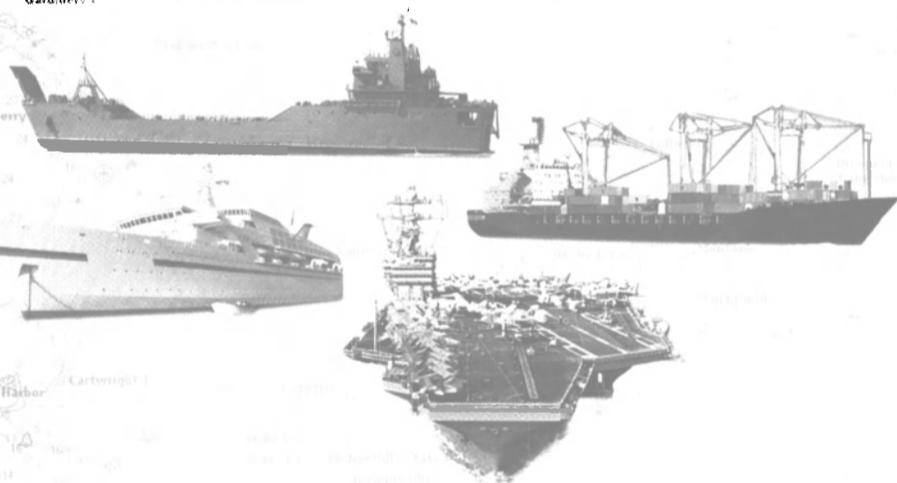
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should be confirmed by resistance and propulsion test to be performed at a later stage in a Towing Basin in calm waters.

Marine Systems

The Tuna Offshore Unit is equipped with all the necessary systems to make the unit intrinsically safe and seaworthy.

The bilge system, in combination with the Ballast system, allows the drainage of liquids confined in any watertight compartment. Four 1,000 cu. m. /h are installed for this purpose, capable of de-ballasting the unit in 33 hours.

Two independent electrically driven fire pumps and one diesel driven fire

pump are installed to satisfy the seawater fire fighting system requirements.

A 10,000 kg/h - 7 kg/sq.m. steam generator for recovery of the exhaust residual heat of one main generator during transit and the essential services generator in the mooring period, is installed within the aft starboard stability column. The boiler, is made of two sections to be used depending on the steam demand. One of the sections of the boiler is provided with a fuel oil burning system that is used during the heating process of the main generators. The steam is used onboard for the various diesel oil tanks heating, bilge separators, oil purifiers, sea chests heating, accommodation services water heating, etc.

HVAC systems comprise ventilation of the machinery spaces to satisfy both health and comfort requirements. Ventilation air is conducted into the aft machinery space through the port stability column. The main and essential services generators take the air necessary for their operation directly from the machinery space, being necessary an important ventilation flow to satisfy the oxygen demand during transit. Twelve propellers providing 500,000 cu.m. /h of fresh air and 10 extractors, are situated in deck houses in the aft starboard and port stability columns to ensure 15 renovations of the machinery spaces and escape routes through the aft stability columns. A 30,000 Kcal/h high speed-double way air conditioning system is available within the accommodation block. Conventional power plant auxiliaries (lubricating, DO transfer, separator, refrigeration, etc) are arranged within the aft machinery as appropriated.

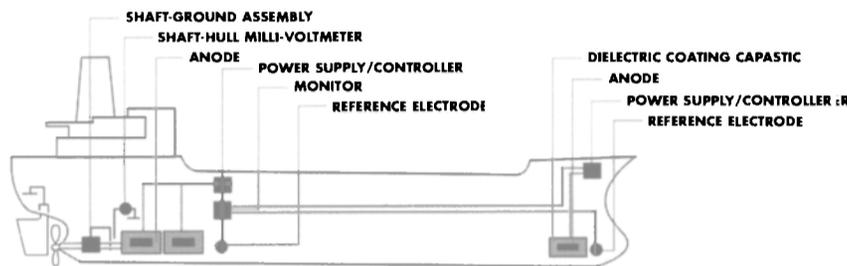
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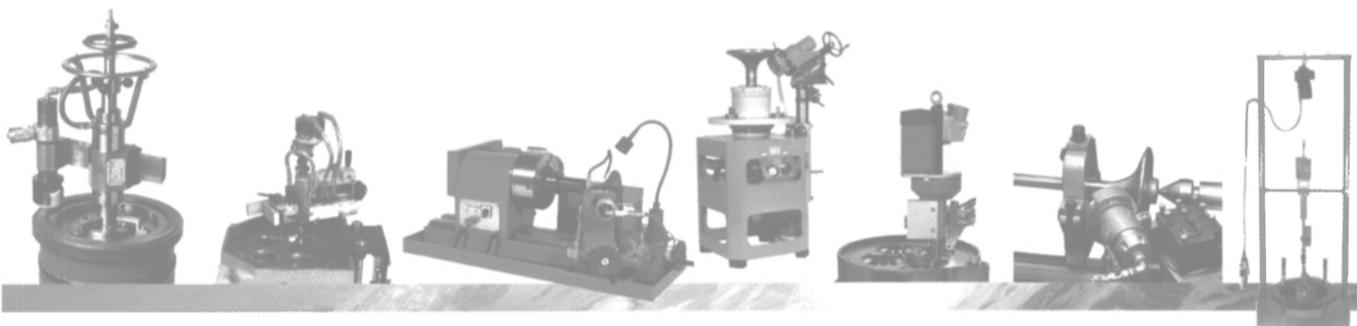
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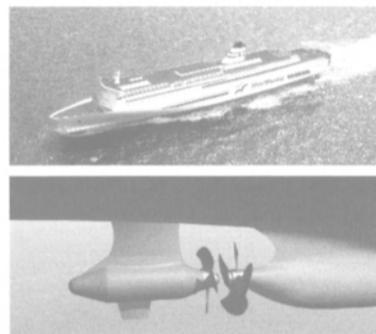
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Innovative Hybrid Propulsion Plan for Japanese Ferry

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) won a contract by Shin-Nihonkai Ferry to build a pair of high-speed RoPax ferries, both to be built at MHI's Nagasaki Shipyard and delivered in June 2004. The ferries are interesting as they will feature an innovative concept of CRP pod drive units. The 17,000-gt, 738 x 85 ft. (224.5 x 26 m) will be the biggest RoPax in Japan, and will be capable of speeds to 31.5 knots. Instead of a twin propeller solution, single skeg vessels will each be equipped with a steerable Azipod unit from ABB. It will be installed in a contra-rotating mode aft of the mechanically driven main propeller, designed to



reduce hull resistance of shaft brackets and designed to improve propeller efficiency. In addition to the efficiency over a twin screw ship, the maker is touting the increased maneuverability via the Azipod. A pair of Wartsila 12V46 engines will power the main shaft line, and another two 12V46 engines in the generator room will power the 17.6 MW Azipod.

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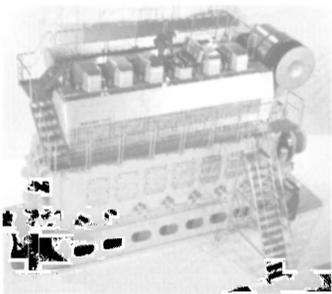
RoPax Ferry Main Particulars

Length	738 ft. (224.5 m)
Breadth	85 ft. (26 m)
GT	17,000
Speed, max.	31.5 knots
Passengers	820
Main engine power	25,200 kW
Generator power	17,160 kW
Main engines	(2) Wartsila 12V46
Generator engines	(2) Wartsila 12V46
Cargo carrying capacity	158 Trailers, 66 Vehicles

Repeat Orders for Four Wartsila 64 Propulsion Systems

Wartsila Corporation has received repeat orders for the Wartsila 64, the company's powerful medium-speed diesel engine. Four Wartsila 6L64 engines were ordered at the beginning of this year by the Polish shipbuilder Stocznia Szczecinska Nowa Sp.z o.o. as main engines for four

18,900 tdw multi-purpose vessels recently contracted by the Dutch shipowner Spliethoff Bevrachtungskantoor B.V. These vessels, which are repeats of the 10 S-class vessels delivered in 1999-



2000 to the same owner, four of which were built by Stocznia Szczecinska in Poland, three by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., and three by Tsuneishi Shipbuilding Co. Ltd in Japan. The latest four new-buildings are expected to be delivered between April 2004 and April 2005. The Wartsila 6L64 engines will each develop a maximum continuous power of 12,060 kW at 333 rpm. The engines will be built at Wartsila's Trieste factory in Italy.

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Alstom Wins Major Contract

Alstom won its first contract to supply marine automation equipment to India's shipping industry, as it was selected by ABG Shipyard to supply the power and propulsion package for a new generation diesel electric diving support vessel in a contract worth \$6.2 million.

The vessel is a 265.7 ft. (81 m) dynamically positioned ship being built for Consolidated Contractors

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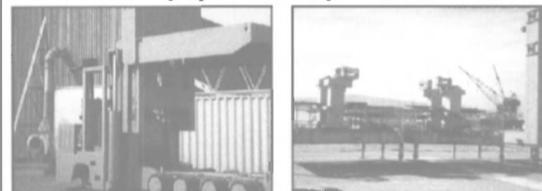
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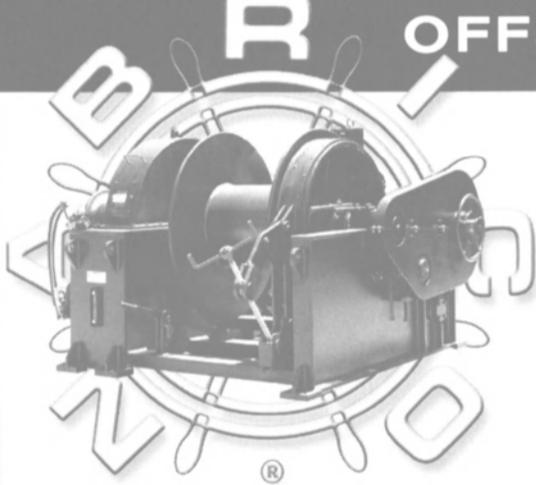
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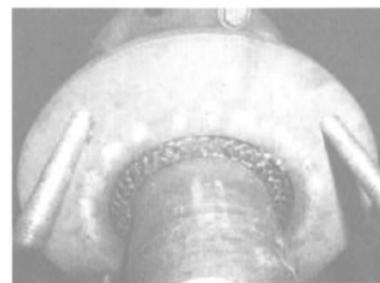
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NO_x Emissions from Merchant Ships

By Horst W. Koehler,
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Pollutant emissions produced by the global merchant fleet has always been suggested to represent a considerable contribution to anthropogenic emissions, with nitrogen and sulfur compounds being currently in the focus of public's interest. Emissions such as nitrogen oxides, NO_x (the sum of NO and NO₂) lead to enhanced tropospheric ozone formation over their natural background level and thus affect the greenhouse warming. A considerable portion of ship emissions is released far off the continents — in clean areas of the atmosphere. This particularly effects the southern hemisphere with its natural low emission level.

So far, all earlier known studies result in an annual NO_x emission release by the merchant fleet in the order of 10 million tons of NO_x based on a total global marine fuel consumption of about 140 - 150 million tons per year. However, when these figures are cross-checked against the necessary international bunker demand as estimated by the installed main engine power onboard of approximately 90,000 ships of 100

gt and over as well as by adopting realistic average engine loads and engine running hours in one year across the existing fleet, it seems bunker consumption is much higher, resulting in a corresponding increase in NO_x and all other pollutant emissions such as SO_x, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter including soot. Quite obviously, the effects on atmosphere and climate are much stronger than suggested in

the past.

This is reason enough to calculate ships' annual bunker fuel consumptions and NO_x (and other) exhaust gas emissions more accurately. This was performed by MAN B&W for the year of 2001, taking into account approximately 90,000 ocean-going ships with an accumulated total installed main engine output of 286,000 MW. Emission produced by the auxiliary

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engine equipment was calculated too, by assuming, across the whole fleet, a total installed genset output of 13 percent of the installed main engine output.

Besides, the calculation took into account NOx emissions from port and coastal traffic. The exact methodology for estimating pollutants from ships has been described elsewhere ¹(Koehler, 2002); ²(Koehler, 2003). Interestingly, the results of the study seem to be widely independent of the adopted calculation approach: two different calculation approaches showed surprisingly low deviations in bunker consumptions (less than one percent) and emissions (less than seven percent).

In order to start the calculation, the 90,000 vessels were grouped into 11 main ship classes. For each of these main classes, the number of ships, the number of their prime movers and the corresponding total installed engine power were defined, with sub-divisions of these ships made according to their size and installed engine output, respectively. Allowance was made so as to give separate considerations to various prime mover types: low-speed two-stroke diesel engines, medium-speed diesel engines, high-speed diesel engines, steam turbines, gas turbines and other or unknown propulsive power plants. The next step was to define typical annual engine running hours and average engine loads across the year for each ship type and size in the main and the sub-classes. Sales engineers, consultants, shipyards and operators provided these figures upon request, which according to our definition included low-load operation and even idling periods, i.e. ships' operation in ports and maneuvering is fully taken into account. Typical annual running hours used for the MAN B&W study range from 3,500 hours for gensets up to 7,200 hours for large crude oil tankers. The average annual engine load (in relation to the maximum installed engine power, MCR) varies between 50 percent for typical gensets and 75 percent for the main engines of ships such as bulk carriers or container vessels.

With these data, the fuel consumption in each ship class and sub-class was calculated for 2001, including the auxiliary engines. The consumed bunker fuel totaled 281 million tons, of which 191 million tons is heavy fuel oil (HFO), and 90 million tons is diesel oil (MDO) and/or gas oil (MGO).

This total is double the amount of bunker fuel most major international oil companies are willing to accept. There are several possible explanations for this wide gap, one being that part of the

cargo carrying ships are in domestic trade and are therefore not part of the "official" international bunker fuel inventory. It is also not quite clear if the fuel consumption by the huge shipping fleet is considered as international bunkers or not.

The calculated fuel consumptions for the various ship classes in the study must be multiplied by the so-called NOx emission factors. These factors are derived from measured fuel consump-

tion and measured NOx emissions via engine load for as many engine types, sizes and makes as possible. These emission indices depend mainly on engine size/speed and load, and range from a minimum of about 40 kg NOx per ton of fuel (typical high-speed diesel engine, burning clean gas oil) up to 140 kg/ton plus for a large-bore, low-speed two-stroke diesel engine running on poor-quality heavy fuel oil. Quite a few of correction factors had to be intro-

duced into the calculation procedure. A very important one took into account that, in terms of installed engine output, 86 percent of all ships are driven by old and unregulated engines and only 14 percent by NOx-optimized state-of-the-art prime movers. Of course NOx emissions depend on the quality of the fuel used, with HFO producing more

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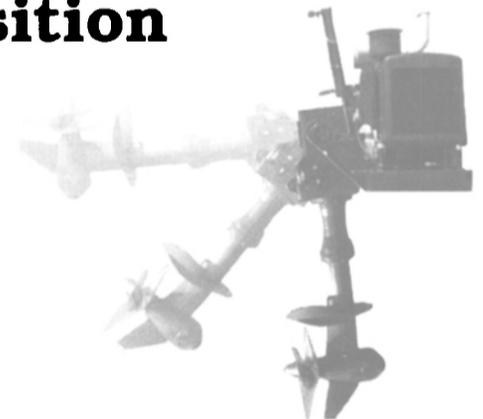


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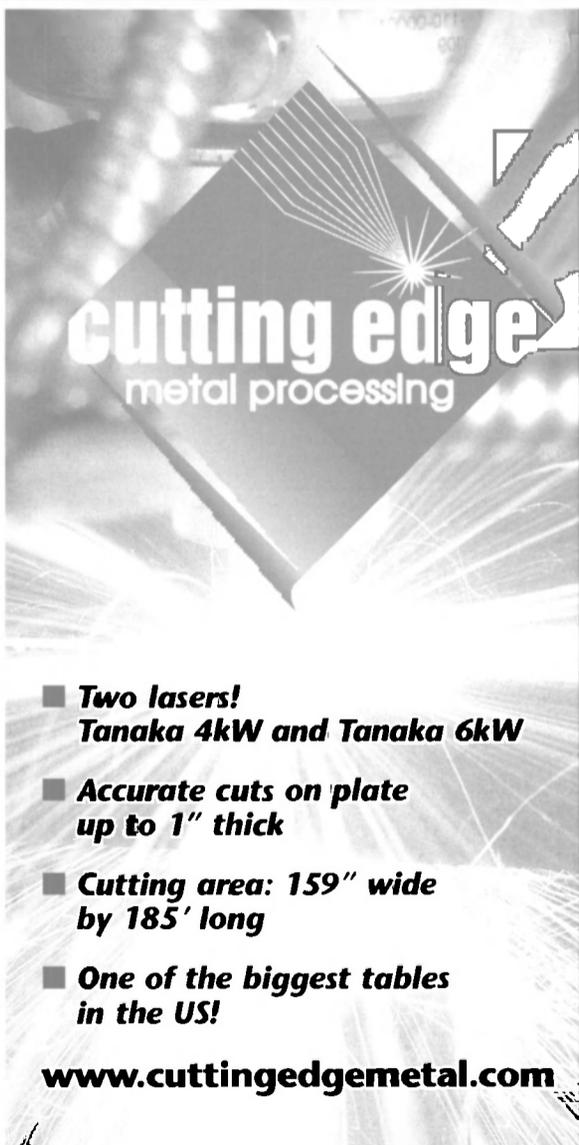
NOx than MGO or MDO. Total NOx emissions in 2001, again including the emissions produced by the auxiliary engines onboard, was estimated to be 22 million tons, again more than twice of the NOx emission level reported in the literature so far.

This result shows that the introduction of more and more ships with modern low-emission engines is mandatory. Since every year more vessels with NOx-optimized engines enter the fleet and older ships with unregulated engines are being-laid off, annual NOx emissions from shipping will decrease, however in a slow process especially in times when the newbuilding business is down.

All diesel engines for new ships with keel-laying since January 2000 comply with the IMO NOx limit. For a typical four-stroke engine in the 5 MW power range with a speed of some 400 rpm, the allowable upper NOx emission is 13.5 g/kWh (cycle value). But the engine industry already has developed NOx reduction technologies, for instance by introduction of water into the combustion space, to reach emissions of as low as 6-8 g/kWh. Even lower emissions than that, i.e. 4 g/kWh, is achievable today by humidifying the compressed intake air. The lowest possible NOx emissions, approx. 2 g/kWh, are possible by selective reduction technologies (SCR).

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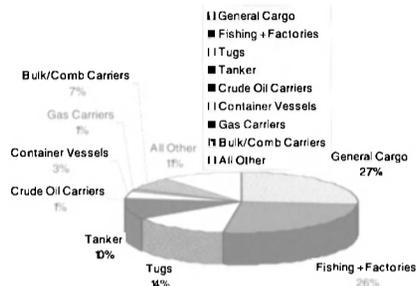
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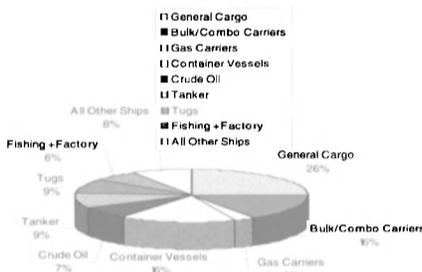
World Merchant Fleet by Vessel Type
(end 2001)

89,100 ships > 100 gt



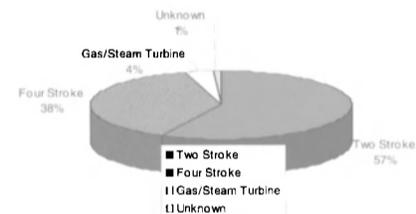
Total Installed Main Engine Power
(by ship type)

286,000 MW for all ships > 100 gt



Total Installed Main Power
(by engine cycle/type)

286,000 MW for all ships > 100 gt



Volvo Penta Delivers Engines to Canadian Coast Guard

The Coast Guard in Canada is replacing its patrol boats for fisheries inspection to a new and faster model. The Geliget (a Mi'kmaq word that means "to protect, guard and watch over") patrol boat, recently placed in service, is the second in a series of five boats. It is a 48 ft. (14.6-m) aluminum boat equipped with twin Volvo Penta D12



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 Crew ... 3
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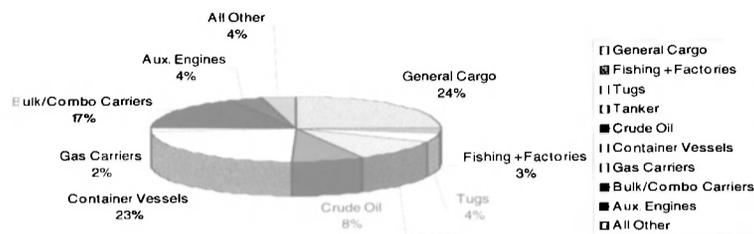
engines each producing 650 hp and connected to UltraJet water-jet drive units. The Canadian Coast Guard, which has been operating the TAMD 122 EDC predecessor in a patrol boat, has now selected the D12 for the rest of the boats in its new series of patrol boats. The new patrol boats represent a new approach to fisheries inspection operations. The new boats are built by ABCO Marine Group of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Twin UltraJet 376 jet drives via ZF325 transmissions propel the boat. The water-jet drives ensure excellent maneuverability and high performance, while at the same time reducing the risk of damaging fishing equipment during patrolling.

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Nox Emission World Total Fleet

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NOx emission of the global merchant fleet (cargo ships and non-transporting ships) in 2001 is 21.88 million tons. This diagram shows how this emission is divided among the most frequent ship types.



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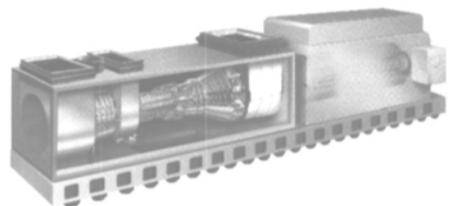


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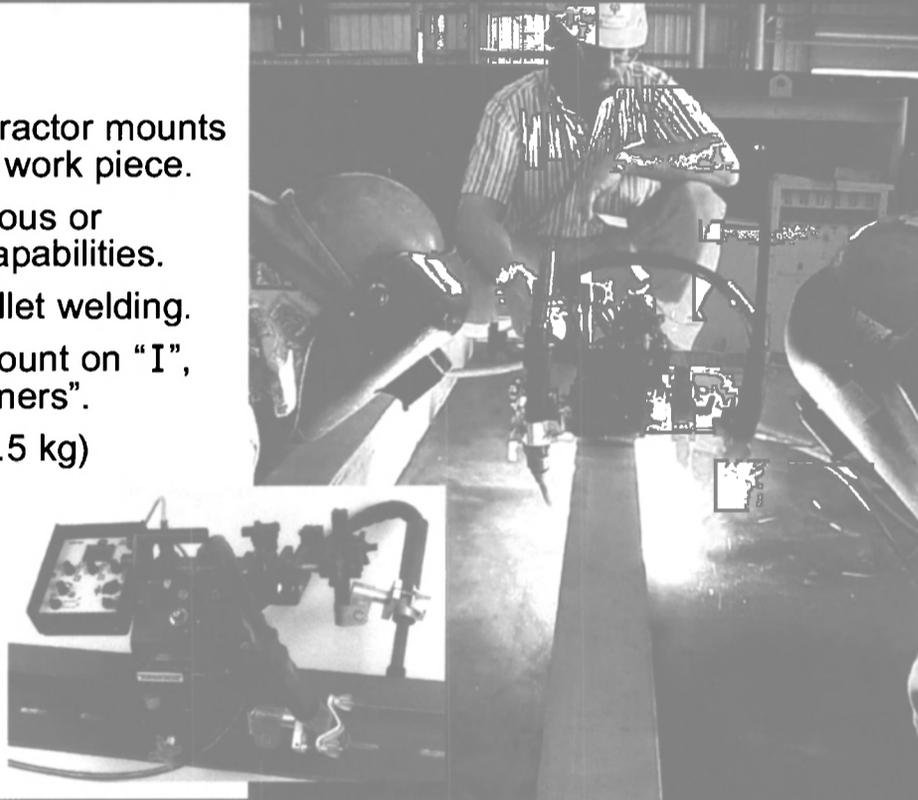
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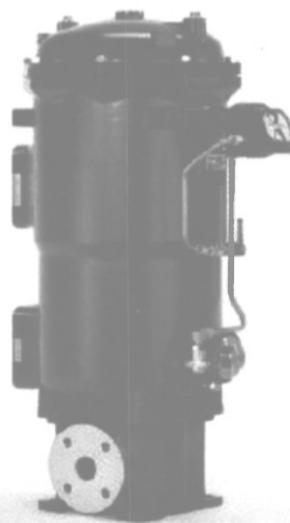
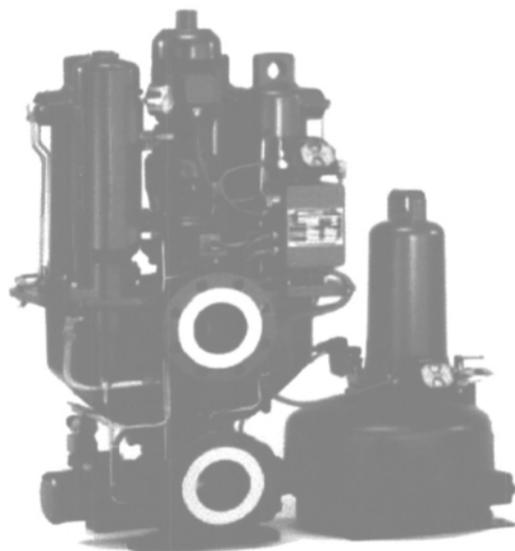


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Salvage Posture Changing With The Times

By J. Arnold Witte, President and CEO, Donjon Marine, Co., Inc., President, American Salvage Association

Salvage response in the United States, and to a considerable degree throughout the world, has evolved to become essentially a new industry as measured by historical precedent.



There are five principal factors, which have forever changed maritime casualty response to the point where it will never again rely on risk and compensation based solely on the value of property saved. These five factors, which have effected this change in marine casualty events in the United States, are: Environment, Regulation, Security, Technology and Salvage Cooperation and Communication

1. Environment

Little needs to be said about the impact of the environment. We have all been aware of the increasing, persuasive impact of environmental factors for years. Simply put, it permeates and drives every emergency solution. In its infancy, and even today, environmental considerations can stall and complicate an effective, prompt salvage by extending the beginning of performance beyond a reasonable timetable. We must evolve prompt solutions within the context of environmental needs. This simply requires a combination of experience, logic and adaptability applied with reason to the total solution. While we all recognize the necessity to conduct all operations with a view toward maximum environmental protection, all too often the priorities of all of the interested parties who contribute to our ICS (Incident Command System) become argumentative, combative and confusing to the point of creating almost unsolvable obstacles to a prompt salvage. We must continue, in the U.S., to evolve a system which provides that maximum environmental protection is a primary focal point, yet recognizes the need to adjust priorities to the totality of an effective solution.

2. Regulation

The impact of regulatory authorities in the United States continues to grow. Beginning at the federal level, with ulti-

mate power of the on-scene federal commander in the person of the local district Coast Guard Commander, through the power of the involved state, the local county or district and ending with the local municipality; there are

numerous, (often conflicting, and at times, competitive) issues to be resolved. Although there is no structured, identifiable component of the response system called politics, there is not a significant incident where local,

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the solution to a marine casualty in the United States is the Incident Command System. Having evolved out of forest fire fighting response, its intent was originally to bring together a small

group of experienced firefighters under an existing organizational structure to assure a rapid professional and effective response. Since the fighting of fires has been the province of a small group of dedicated firefighters, trained and professional, it is often the same individuals and equipment who participate in the

fire fighting process. It is also almost exclusively conducted in remote areas, highly dangerous and a continuously moving event. Although similar in that both are emergencies, the marine ICS has grown to a huge number of participants that can complicate the solution. ICS in any major casualty has moved

from a compact group of experience to a large group with multiple and competing interests.

In an effort to better identify and integrate the position of the salvor in his response to an emergency in the United States, the U.S. Coast Guard has evolved a series of new regulations. These new regulations are a welcome change from the past where the captain's brother-in-law could serve as salvage master in the interest of economy. These regulations have been published for comment and the public hearings have been closed. The latest information expects final publication by late spring of this year.

The regulations represent a very comprehensive approach to salvage utilization in the United States in the future. The burden has been placed on the shipowner to essentially name and contract with a professional salvor operating in the United States in order to do business there. Professional standards and timeliness of response are critical components of the Regulations. Because these salvage regulations have emanated from the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), the new regulations apply to vessels carrying oil only. There are some that say they are too complicated, restrictive, expensive and unnecessary. It is interesting to note that the same objections were made to the initial passage of OPA 90. Looking back over the last 12 years, there are few, if any, who would argue that in terms of reducing marine pollution in the U.S., OPA 90 has been very successful. U.S. salvors and the American Salvage Association (ASA), have endorsed the regulations, and in addition, have suggested they be extended to all significant commercial vessels, which trade to the United States and within its harbors and rivers.

There has been one legal impact in the United States, which is counterproductive. That is the move toward the imposition of criminal liability in instances where, at best, there exists negligence, which should impose a civil liability only. There is the real threat and reality that criminal sanctions are to be imposed. This cannot be insured against, and poses a significant threat to the salvage community. The only answer is responder immunity. One who responds to a casualty to solve a problem and has no hand in creating it, should not be subject to the specter of criminal liability, no matter how remote.

3. Security

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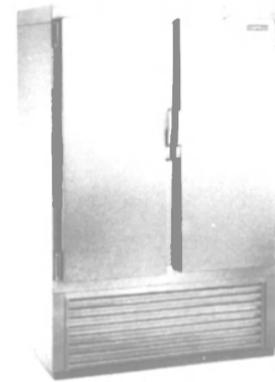
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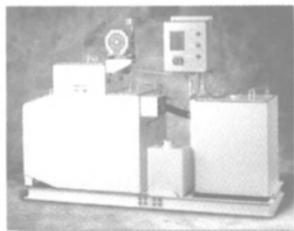
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4. Technology

Technology has been accelerating at a tremendous rate over the last two decades. Computerization, communication, on water and under water navigation, positioning and salvage tools have an ever increasing capability limited only by the economic restraint of return on investment. While technology, as well as environmental necessity, expanded the operational areas of what is now salvageable, deep water recovery, new oil extraction and pumping capacity, increased heavy lift capability, dynamic location and positioning to name a few, there is still the need for the salvor to tool-up and train for these new capabilities at his expense not being able to assess a return on investment based on unknown future casualty response. To a limited degree, the promotion of fair and reasonable retainer to the salvor through the implementation of the new salvage regulations may be a partial answer.

5. Salvage Cooperation And Communication

The ever-increasing complications of salvage in the United States have unintentionally driven salvors to seek opportunities to exchange information and cooperate. The proposed new salvage regulations provide for an owner/operator to list multiple salvors in order to assure complete geographic coverage as well as cover the multiple tasks required of the salvor. As an example, it is extremely difficult for a single salvor to provide six-hour, on-site response to all 47 Coast Guard districts. It is also difficult for some salvors to provide all the listed activities in the time frame required, especially in the unusual event that they may have multiple engage-

ments at the same time.

One of the answers has been the American Salvage Association (ASA). With a total active membership of 12 companies, including one Canadian company, the intent is to increase the professional nature of response, educating the public to the importance of salvage, review regulatory and governmental influence to assure continued suc-

cessful response, provide training of a new salvage generation and foster the abovementioned communication and cooperation among salvors which is critical to promote effective solutions. A growing associate membership, composed of those who have an interest in and recognize the importance of salvage response, has also given additional support, advice and an outside perspective

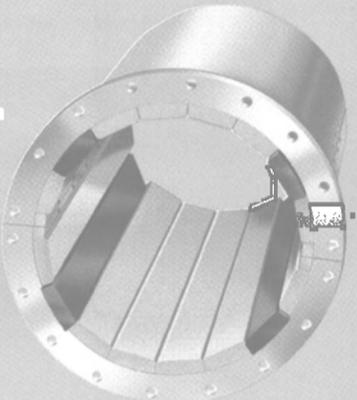
to the ASA.

Currently, the prospect of the U.S. Coast Guard's regulations, coming to pass after many years of study, public awareness and the concern over marine casualties and the efforts of the entire U.S. salvage community to

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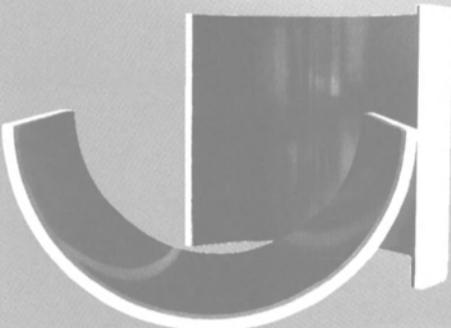
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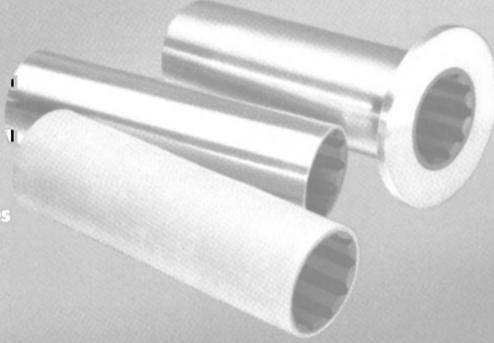
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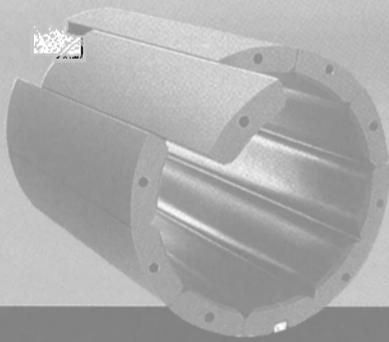
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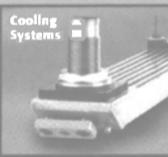
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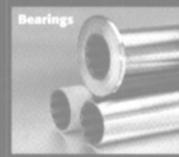
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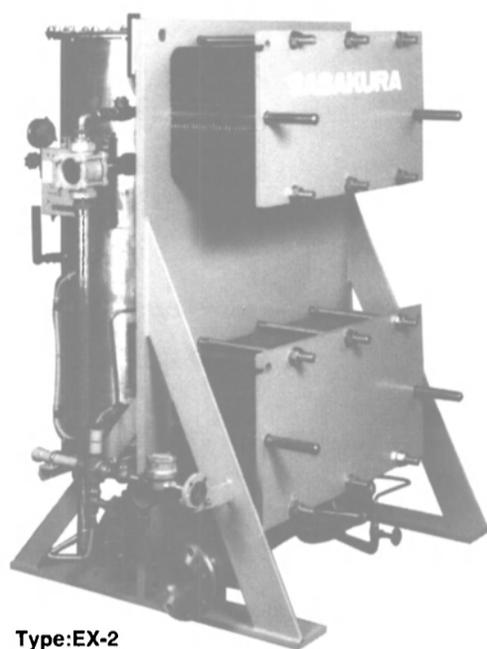
impose their response both as individual companies and through the efforts of the ASA clearly demonstrates that the road finally appears up.

The market, while the number of casu-

alties fortunately continues to decline, is expanding in other areas. Modest retain-er for salvage companies, supported by shipping, will become a reality if the U.S. Coast Guard's regulations are implemented without substantial change. Casualties, when they occur, are far more expensive than in the past.

driven by environmental factors. The salvor, as an emergency responder, must expand his activities and participate in pollution control and response, at least in the immediate area of the casualty. Fewer wrecks are left to remain than was possible in the past, increasing the market. Deeper recoveries, and envi-

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By Dr. Bill O'Neill, Institute for Manufacturing, University of Cambridge, U.K.

For years, general manufacturing companies have enjoyed the benefit of laser cutting systems for producing complex or simple parts in batch volumes as low as one, and as high as tens of thousands. The laser is an incredibly powerful tool that remains unsurpassed in manufacturing activities across the world. As flexible and reconfigurable production tool that provides welding, cutting and machining capabilities in a single device, lasers are readily automated and have demonstrated that they can easily operate in "lights-out" mode for even greater productivity. With all this said, why aren't there any laser shipyards? Why hasn't one of the worlds largest and most important transportation industries rushed to implement laser cutting and welding technology? The answer is that the development of the state-of-the-art laser manufacturing technology has been a long and grueling process. Early lasers were just not powerful or reliable enough to attract an industry that had the capability to process heavy section metals using low cost and reliable technologies such as oxy-fuel and plasma cutting, with MIG and TIG and submerged arc techniques being the process of choice for welding. Even the Lloyds approval for laser welding of ship plates has yet to see lasers become commonplace in shipyards. The situation today is rather different. Lasers are now being employed commercially in thick plate cutting and welding and the industry has witnessed a quiet and rather successful processing revolution.

A new, and unexpected, breakthrough in the laser industry occurred in November 2002 at Bender Shipbuilding & Repair in Mobile, Ala. It was there that the first commercial use of the LASOX process cut through two in. of steel using a new cutting principle industrialized by Wayne Penn and his team from Alabama Laser. Co-developed by BOC Gases Ltd. and Dr. Bill O'Neill while working at the University of Liverpool, the LASOX process requires approximately 1 kW of laser power and uses oxygen to provide the cutting energy while the laser is used to maintain and stabilize a pre-heat - similar to the gas flame in oxy-fuel cutting. With O'Neill and his team working on the thick section problem for more than a decade, commercial laser cutting has pushed the section limit from around 15 mm in 1990, to around 30 mm in 2003, with a subsequent increase in laser power from 2kW to 6kW. The process

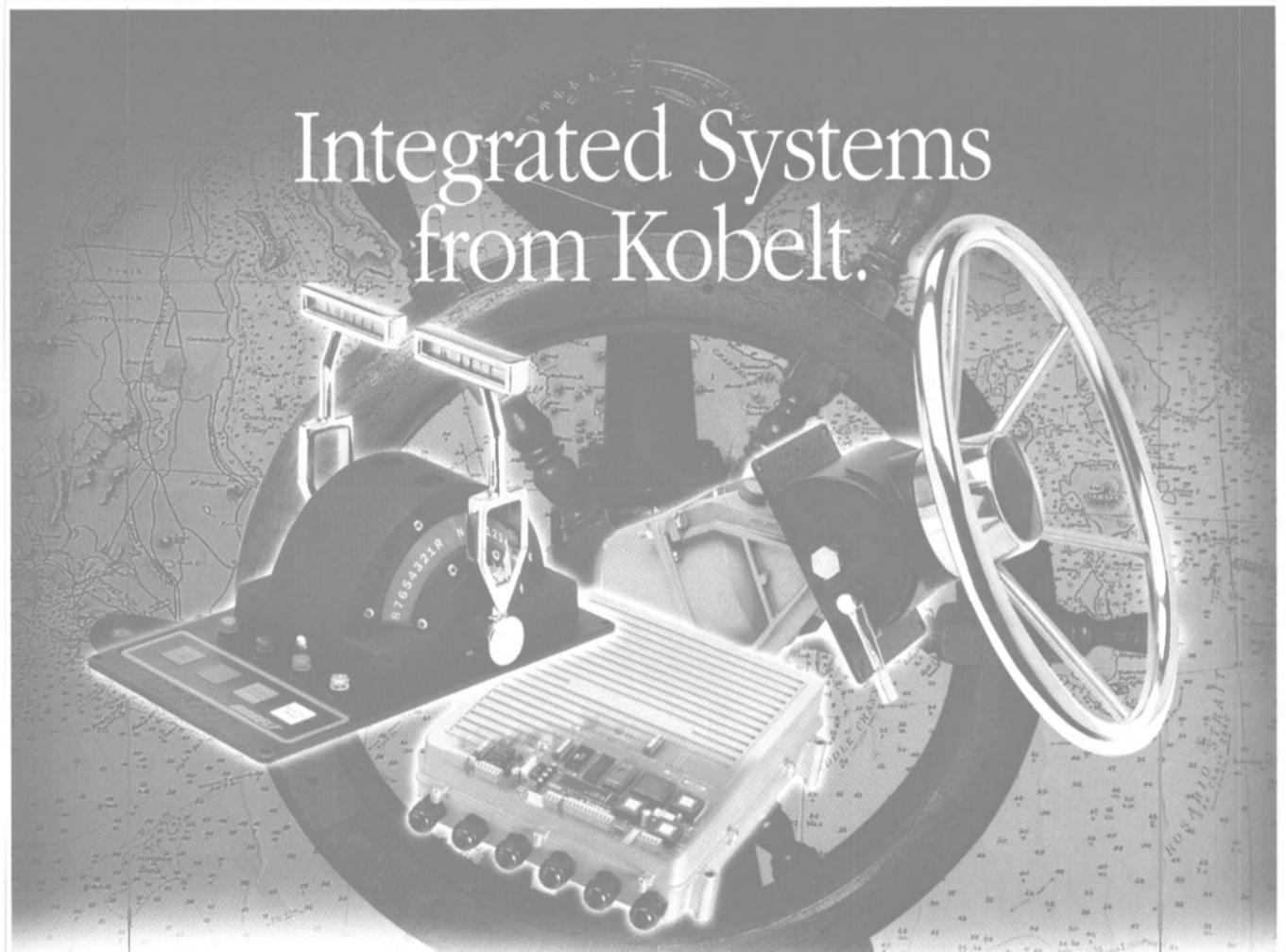
remains the same except the size of the process window is inversely proportional to the plate thickness. Prior to the invention of LASOX, it was a daunting process to cut pieces of high thickness. As a result, there is always the temptation of turning up the power and the gas and just "letting it rip. While the LASOX process, however, will reportedly have the ability to produce the fastest scrap metal production system in the world, it will not, however, solve the problem of producing laser cuts up from

50-75 mm. "A year ago, cutting steel thicker than two inches would have been unheard of with a 2kW laser - one in. being the maximum cutting depth undertaken commercially," said **Pat Cahill**, research and development manager for Bender Shipbuilding. "This process has the potential to cut steel plates as thick as four in. Currently high-powered plasma cutting is limited to three in. This development opens up the possibility of a new generation of steel ships that are stronger and cheaper to

build."

With BOC Gases and the University of Liverpool providing the basic technology and process license for LASOX, Alabama Laser Systems carried out pre-production development of the lab based process and the integration into the existing laser cutting system at Bender Shipbuilding. The installation has been so successful that full installations at Caterpillar, for their heavy duty mining

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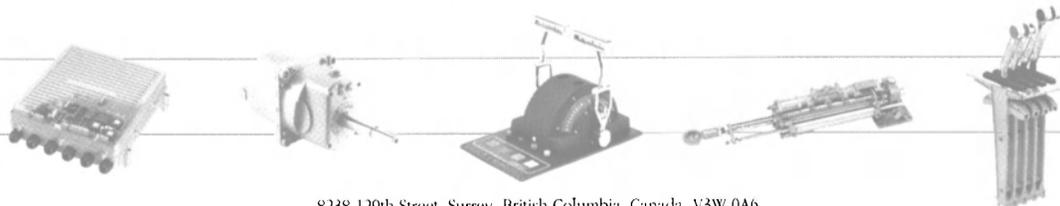
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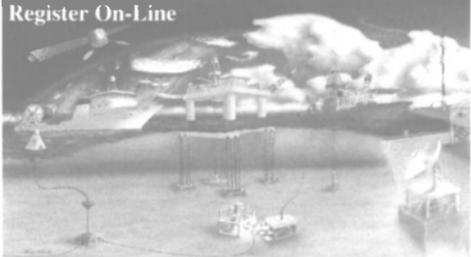


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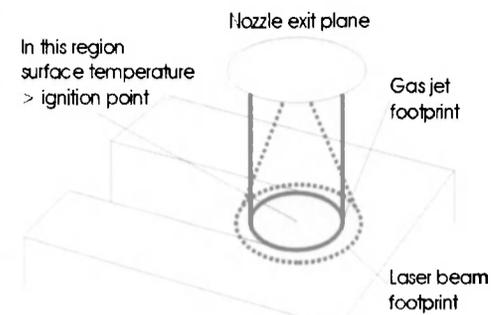
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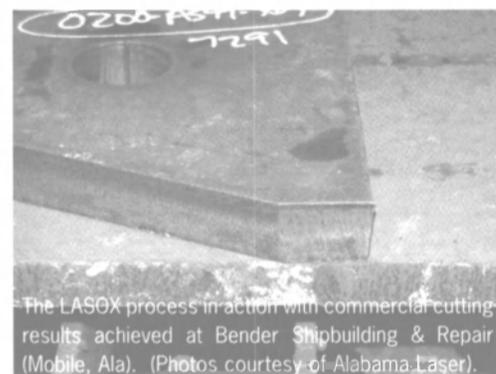
equipment; and General Dynamics - Electric Boat, for use in the building of submarines will be completed three months ahead of schedule.

In The Beginning

LASOX cutting is the result of 13 years research by Dr. Jack Gabzdyl, BOC's market development manager at the U.K.-based Fabrication Technology Center in Wolverhampton and Dr. Bill O'Neill formerly of the University of Liverpool, and now working at the Institute of Manufacturing at the University of Cambridge, UK. BOC Gases awarded O'Neill a Royal Society Industrial Research Fellowship to conduct a four-year study on laser cutting in 1990 - the outcome of his work being the LASOX process. O'Neill had been working on the thick section cutting



A schematic of the process configuration.



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problem by examining the dynamic effects of melt and gas flow through deep section kerfs and became convinced that the problem could be solved by forgetting the conventional laser cutting approach. "In 1990 the Holy Grail at that time was the ability to cut thick plate steel. In the early 1990s, laser cutting was very much limited to about 12 to 15 mm (0.48 to 0.6 in.). That's when we started looking at ways in which we could assist the thickness capability of laser cutting materials. We were quite convinced that the gas played a significant role," said Gabzdyl. So we turned the basic principles of laser cutting on its head, and looked to our expertise in oxy-fuel cutting where we realised that the oxygen is really the process workhorse," he said.

He continued: "In traditional laser beam cutting, the laser is the workhorse while the oxygen assists in the process. The oxygen just helps. We inverted that philosophy in laser cutting and made the oxygen jet the workhorse and the laser beam the assist."

The LASOX cutting process is an exothermic burning reaction in which the heat of the laser beam is only used to bring the steel to ignition temperature at approximately 1,832°F (1,000° C). A specially designed nozzle is used to deliver a supersonic stream of oxygen to the heated spot, resulting in ignition and

then sustained burning. LASOX combines the benefits of lasers and oxyfuel cutting by using a very modest amount of laser energy by conventional standards, about 1kW, so the process can be operated with relatively small low cost lasers. This laser beam in effect replaces the fuel gas in oxy-fuel cutting. The laser beam is then combined with a high pressure supersonic oxygen gas jet,

which provides the cutting energy. Thicker material has traditionally been cut with oxyfuel and more recently with plasma torches but both processes suffer from quality issues. "When we started in the early 1990s, we would have been happy to cut one-in. steel plate. But as it happens, we've been able to cut increasingly thicker plate. By careful manipulation of the nozzle geometry and the

beam characteristics, we can cut very thick material - up to about four in. plate," said Gabzdyl. Another advantage of LASOX is that it is instantaneous. "There is no preheating element required to start the piercing

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Bender Pioneers LASOX Cutting in Production

At the end of 2002, following 10 months' worth of research and development via a National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP)-funded project, the team of Bender Shipbuilding (including Cutting Edge Metal Processing), Alabama Laser Systems and BOC Gases, successfully installed and tested the only production LASOX system. Test cuts, which were performed on November 12, 2003 using 1.5-in. mild steel demonstrated excellent results.

According to **Pat Cahill**, R&D manager at Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co., the company's existing equipment can "achieve laser quality cuts through at least 2-in. steel." Cahill added that further R&D work has a goal of 4-in. steel. Additional team members on the project include General Dynamics Electric Boat and Caterpillar, Inc., both of which will receive the next installment of the LASOX system. All have already implemented new laser technologies currently in production with other NSRP projects. This new technology was developed to meet the needs of cutting thick steel (from 50 mm min. up to 100 mm), using a relatively low laser power of less than 2 kW. LASOX is an exothermic burning reaction where the heat of the laser beam is utilized to bring the steel to ignition temperature. A specially-designed nozzle is then used to deliver a stream of oxygen to the heated spot - resulting in ignition and sustained burning.

Bob Lewis, general manager of Bender's metal processing facility, Cutting Edge Metal Processing, was equally impressed by the process, which allowed the piercing of 50 mm plate steel in less than two seconds.

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process. In cutting two-in. steel with oxy-fuel, you would need to put the flame on the surface for about 30 seconds before hitting the cutting oxygen jet to make the pierce. Whereas with the LASOX

process, because the laser heats the surface instantaneously to the ignition temperature, as soon as you turn the laser on, you can turn on the gas stream and start piercing," explained Gabzdyl.

In January 2001, Gabzdyl and O'Neill were invited to present their findings on LASOX at a meeting at Caterpillar in Peoria, Ill. "We turned everything on its

head. We explained that the laser is not the important thing, it's actually the gas that does the trick. This astonished the laser community there, because they tend to be very laser-centric people who feel that the laser is always the most important thing," recalled Gabzdyl. "It definitely caught my eye," said Cahill, referring to the presentation. Later that

evening, Gabzdyl, O'Neill, Cahill of Bender Shipbuilding and Penn of Alabama Lasers had discussions with the view to establishing this process in the shipbuilding industry.

In February 2001, Cahill pulled together the team of Bender Shipbuilding, Alabama Laser and BOC Gases, and wrote a proposal to the National Shipbuilding Research Program, (NSRP). "The proposal got selected and we moved forward. Less than a year after we started real work on it, we were using LASOX in production. We went from the laboratory to production at almost lightning speed," said Cahill.

Penn, who serves as president of Alabama Laser agreed. "What we brought to the equation was taking LASOX out of the lab and making it work on the industrial floor. There's a big difference in doing something once in a lab and doing it a thousand times on the industrial floor," he said. "I've been working with lasers for 30 years and every now and then I see a quantum leap and LASOX fits into that category."

Penn continued: "An important aspect of LASOX that isn't often mentioned is its ability to do intricate detail even on thick plate. We've been able to cut webs that just can't be achieved with other methods. The LASOX process supplies just enough heat to drive the reaction and a lot of that heat energy is removed through the kerf. Plasma cannot do the square cuts that allows you to do common line cutting with feature detail and a minimum amount of distortion, those features alone solve certain categories of problems. This is a tool to give you more capability, not a tool to displace other technologies. It gives someone that is going to invest a million dollars in a laser system with a new tool. It allows him to cut thicker plate without having to go out and buy a plasma or oxyfuel system and making a lot of redundancy and using up a lot more floor space."

According to Pat Cahill of Bender, "LASOX is going to completely change the way people look at lasers as a cutting tool," said Cahill. "We're saving hours and hours of machine shop time because we're able to cut holes that are of machine quality. In the past we would cut the blanks out with an oxy-burner and take them to the machine shop and drill them." "LASOX has an almost zero kerf angle, an inch and a half material with less than one degree of a kerf angle. So you have a straight edge. It has almost no top edge melting at all."

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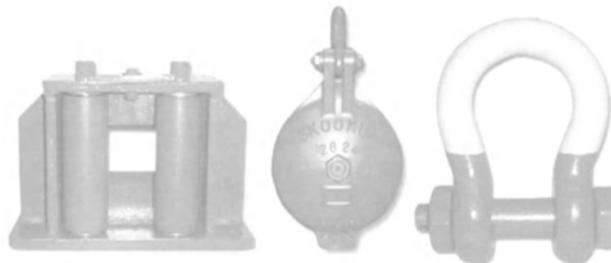
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CP Ships Posts 1Q Loss

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Arkell Named Ops Director at Graig

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			No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons	No.	Tons
Grand Total	3,869	30,495	2,196	15,714	759	5,889	123	3,108	791	5,784
Foreign Trade	268	5,319	53	946	116	1,115	61	2,510	38	748
Oceanborne	263	5,214	51	927	113	1,029	61	2,510	38	748
Great Lakes	5	105	2	19	3	86	0	0	0	0
Domestic Trade	3,430	21,921	2,116	13,887	643	4,774	57	512	614	2,748
Coastal	1,344	13,299	567	8,770	355	2,146	57	512	365	1,871
Inland Waterway	2,000	6,454	1,542	5,075	227	576	0	0	231	803
Great Lakes	86	2,168	7	42	61	2,052	0	0	18	74
Government	171	3,255	27	881	0	0	5	86	139	2,288
Total Self-Propelled	462	14,914	114	6,230	69	2,600	90	2,898	189	3,186
Foreign Trade	127	4,588	17	771	12	579	61	2,510	37	728
Oceanborne	127	4,588	17	771	12	579	61	2,510	37	728
Great Lakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Trade	164	7,071	70	4,578	57	2,021	24	302	13	170
Coastal	105	5,063	68	4,559	2	71	24	302	11	131
Inland Waterway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Lakes	59	2,008	2	19	55	1,950	0	0	2	39
Government***	171	3,255	27	881	0	0	5	86	139	2,288
Total Non-Self-Propelled**	3,407	15,581	2,082	9,484	690	3,289	33	210	602	2,598
Foreign Trade	141	731	36	175	104	536	0	0	1	20
Oceanborne	136	626	34	156	101	450	0	0	1	20
Great Lakes	5	105	2	19	3	86	0	0	0	0
Domestic Trade	3,266	14,850	2,046	9,309	586	2,753	33	210	601	2,578
Coastal	1,239	8,236	499	4,211	353	2,075	33	210	354	1,740
Inland Waterway	2,000	6,454	1,542	5,075	227	576	0	0	231	803
Great Lakes	27	160	5	23	6	102	0	0	16	35

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Foreign Trade	109	50	3	1	106	49	0	0	0	0
Oceanborne	109	50	3	1	106	49	0	0	0	0
Great Lakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Trade	32,120	46,331	2,211	3,964	22,904	36,389	4	2	7,001	5,976
Coastal	3,930	3,562	241	982	573	741	1	1	3,115	1,838
Inland Waterway	27,890	42,394	1,961	2,975	22,211	35,478	3	1	3,715	3,940
Great Lakes	300	375	9	7	120	170	0	0	171	198
Total Self-Propelled	384	948	77	797	4	2	0	0	303	149
Domestic Trade	384	948	77	797	4	2	0	0	303	149
Coastal	256	902	71	795	0	0	0	0	185	107
Inland Waterway	109	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	107	27
Great Lakes	19	19	4	2	4	2	0	0	11	15
Total Non-Self-Propelled	31,845	45,433	2,137	3,168	23,006	36,436	4	2	6,698	5,827
Foreign Trade	109	50	3	1	106	49	0	0	0	0
Oceanborne	109	50	3	1	106	49	0	0	0	0
Great Lakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Trade	31,736	45,383	2,134	3,167	22,900	36,387	4	2	6,698	5,827
Coastal	3,674	2,660	170	187	573	741	1	1	2,930	1,731
Inland Waterway	27,781	42,367	1,959	2,975	22,211	35,478	3	1	3,608	3,913
Great Lakes	281	356	5	5	116	168	0	0	160	183

* Includes General Cargo, RoRo, Multi-purpose, LASH vessels, and Deck Barges; Excludes Offshore Supply Vessels.

** Integrated Tug Barges of 1,000 grt & greater are contained in non-self-propelled categories as follows: Foreign Trade - 1 dry bulk (36,686 tons), 1 other freighter (20,000 tons); Domestic Coastal - 11 liquid (449,370 tons), 3 dry bulk (111,000 tons); U.S./Translakes - Great Lakes 2 liquid (18,955 tons) and 3 dry bulk (85,514 tons).

*** Self Propelled Vessels => 1,000 Gross Tons; excludes one Domestic Coastal Passenger vessels of 3,988 Dwt and eleven other Passenger vessels of 96,474 Dwt.

Sources: U.S. Maritime Administration - www.marad.dot.com - Adapted from Corps of Engineers, Lloyds Maritime Information Service, U.S. Coast Guard and Customs Service Data

Top 20 World Merchant Fleets by Country of Owner

Self-Propelled Oceaongoing Vessels 1,000 Gross Tons and Greater
As of January 1, 2003
(Tonnage in Thousands)

Country	No.	Tanker Dwt	No.	Dry Bulk Dwt	No.	Full Container Dwt	No.	Other* Dwt	No.	Total Dwt
Greece	807	64,967	1,301	72,285	146	4,709	661	6,913	2,915	148,873
Japan	767	37,110	868	51,891	219	7,132	868	8,236	2,722	104,368
China	314	7,200	578	24,398	210	4,401	931	7,630	2,033	43,629
Norway	425	24,956	168	10,552	19	623	463	6,570	1,075	42,701
Germany	179	6,488	156	6,097	793	21,382	896	6,285	2,024	40,252
United States	337	27,378	115	5,563	84	2,893	354	4,412	890	40,247
Hong Kong	142	14,546	260	17,794	37	1,416	112	1,617	551	35,372
Korea	215	7,638	178	13,422	97	2,486	265	1,521	755	25,067
Taiwan	43	3,532	167	10,279	201	7,016	105	818	516	21,645
Singapore	287	10,268	64	2,518	135	2,993	125	1,009	611	16,788
Denmark	155	7,480	23	1,449	130	6,239	243	1,351	551	16,518
United Kingdom	136	7,198	45	4,018	83	3,227	244	1,949	508	16,392
Russia	389	>7,637	115	1,855	33	793	1,124	4,466	1,661	14,751
Italy	232	5,160	66	4,509	13	322	155	2,209	466	12,200
Saudi Arabia	74	10,588	1	2	1	68	17	305	93	10,963
India	106	5,471	111	4,461	3	87	57	348	277	10,366
Turkey	95	1,464	138	5,357	34	383	257	1,654	524	8,858
Iran	32	4,428	43	1,915	7	179	43	725	125	7,247
Sweden	123	5,345	8	67	-	-	160	1,490	291	6,901
Belgium	61	4,736	16	1,859	2	13	37	255	116	6,863
All Other	2,372	72,601	1,363	58,767	687	18,222	5,635	33,686	10,057	183,276
Grand Total	7,261	336,189	5,784	299,059	2,934	84,583	12,752	93,448	28,761	813,279

1 Based on parent company nationality.

(Dwt) = Deadweight Tons

* Roll-on/Roll-off, Passenger, breakbulk ships, partial containerships, refrigerated cargo ships, barge carriers, and specialized cargo ships

Source: U.S. Maritime Administration - www.marad.dot.com

Top 20 Maritime Shipping Nations

There are an estimated 28,296 oceaongoing ships in the world. The following provides a snapshot of their "distribution" by Flag State, No. Ships (% world fleet) and DWT.

Flag	No. Ships	DWT
Panama	4727 (16.7%)	180,170,000
Liberia	1509(5.3%)	78,490,000
Greece	707(2.4%)	47,168,000
Bahamas	990(3.6%)	44,928,000
Malta	1319(4.7%)	44,198,000
Cyprus	1222(4.4%)	35,686,000
Singapore	852(3.0%)	32,365,000
Norway (NIS)	651(2.3%)	28,480,000
China	1453(5.1%)	22,480,000
Hong Kong	419(1.5%)	22,387,000
Marshall Islands	258(0.9%)	18,787,000
U.S.A.	443(1.6%)	14,960,000
Japan	603(2.2%)	14,095,000
India	298(1.0%)	10,271,000
St. Vincent & The Grenadines	740(2.6%)	9,815,000
Italy	420(1.5%)	9,783,000
Isle of Man	205(0.7%)	9,288,000
South Korea	485(1.7%)	8,907,000
Turkey	541(1.9%)	8,856,000
Bermuda	97(0.1%)	8,405,000

Source: U.S. Maritime Administration - www.marad.dot.com

World Order Book

Merchant Vessels 10,000 DWT and Over Tankers, Bulk Carriers and Full Containerships — As of January 1, 2003

Vessel Type	World Order Book		World Merchant Fleet		Order Book Percent of World Total
	Number of Vessels	Total DWT (Millions)	Number of Vessels	Total DWT (Millions)	
Tankers					
Total Dwt	746	63.1	3,871	320.8	19.7
10,000 - 69,999	414	16.8	2,446	83.4	20.1
70,000 and over	332	46.3	1,425	237.4	19.5
Bulk Carriers	390	28.6	5,294	296.4	9.6
Full Containerships					
Total TEU's	261	978.8	2,322	5,698.90	17.2
under 2,000	55	72.1	1,163	1,461.20	4.9
2,000 - 3,999	85	234.6	745	2,095.30	11.2
4,000 and over	121	672.1	414	2,142.40	31.4

Source: U.S. Maritime Administration - www.marad.dot.com

Age Profile of World Merchant Fleet

Greater than 10,000 DWT — (Million DWT)

	< 1972	1972 - 1981	1982 - 1991	> 1991
Containerships ¹	0.7	5.8	16.9	57.3
Other General Cargo ²	3.6	18.7	14.7	13.5
Dry Bulk ³	3.7	44.7	100.9	147.1
Tanker ⁴	3.1	63.3	73.8	180.7
< 70,000 DWT	2.6	22.4	27.1	31.4
>= 70,000 DWT	0.6	40.8	46.8	149.3

1 Includes fully cellular containerships

2 Includes general cargo ships, partial containerships, reefer ships, RoRo ships, barge carriers, heavy-lift ships and vehicle carriers.

3 Includes dry bulk carriers, ore carriers and combination carriers.

4 Includes petroleum tankers, chemical tankers, LNG and LPG carriers.

As of January 1, 2003, approximately 27 percent (DWT) of the world merchant fleet greater than 10,000 was built before 1981. In contrast, only 11 percent of the containership fleet was built before 1981. The other general cargo fleet was the oldest segment with 48 percent built before 1981.

Source: U.S. Maritime Administration - www.marad.dot.com

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 (Prices are in U.S. Dollars) (NOTE: Contracts are February, March and April 2003)

OWNER OPERATOR	SHIPYARD	TYPE	No	DWT	DELIV PRICE M \$	OWNER OPERATOR	SHIPYARD	TYPE	No	DWT	DELIV PRICE M \$
ASTROMARITIMA	EISA SHIPYARD	AHTS	1		06	D OLTSMANN SEESCHIFFAHT	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	CONTAINER	1		04
CHINA OFFSHORE OIL NORTHERN	WUCHANG SHIPYARD	AHTS	1		03	DAULSBERG	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	1		05
LABROY MARINE	NANINDAH MUTIARA	AHTS	1		03	ER SCHIFFAHT	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	CONTAINER	3		04
MAERSK SUPPLY SERVICE	VOLKSWERFT STRALSUND	AHTS	1		03	ER SCHIFFAHT	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	3		05
SOLSTAD SHIPPING	KLEVEN SHIPYARD	AHTS	1		03	GERMAN INTERESTS	J.J. SIETAS	CONTAINER	3		03
ANGLO SWISS MARITIME	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	83,000	05	HANSA TREUHAND	HANJIN	CONTAINER	2	94.0	
ARKLOW SHIPPING	KYOKUYO ZOSEN	BULK CARRIER	2	13,000	03/04	HANSA TREUHAND	HANJIN	CONTAINER	2		04
ARTIC SHIPPING	HAYARD LEIRVIK	BULK CARRIER	1	1,500	04	JAN PETER ROED	GUANGZHOU	CONTAINER	2		05
BOCIMAR	HUDONG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	1	74,000	04	JORG KOPPING	DAMEN GALATZ	CONTAINER	2	04/05	16.5
BOCIMAR	SHANGHAI WAIGAOQIAO	BULK CARRIER	2	176,000	05	K LINE	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	5	04/05	225
CHINA SHIPPING GROUP (CSG)	BOHAI SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	2	57,300	04	MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING CO.	HANJIN	CONTAINER	3		05
CHINA SHIPPING GROUP (CSG)	SHANGHAI SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	2	57,300	04/05	MSC MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING CO	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	4		05
CIDO SHIPPING	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	2	55,500	05	OLTMANN VERWALTUNG	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	1		05
CIDO SHIPPING	SHIN KURUSHIMA	BULK CARRIER	1	32,500	05	P&O NEDLLOYD	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA H.I. (IHI)	CONTAINER	4		05
CIDO SHIPPING	SANOYAS CORP	BULK CARRIER	3	76,000	04	PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LINES	SHIN KURUSHIMA	CONTAINER	2	05/06	29.0
CIDO SHIPPING	SASEBO	BULK CARRIER	3	76,000	04	PETER DOHLE SCHIFFAHTS	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	CONTAINER	3		05
COSCO	NANTONG COSCO KHI	BULK CARRIER	2	55,500	05	PETER DOHLE SCHIFFAHTS	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	CONTAINER	2		05
EFNAV	STX (DAEDONG)	BULK CARRIER	1	75,000	06	RICKMERS BERTRAM	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	1		05
EGON OLDENDORFF	XIAMEN	BULK CARRIER	2	32,000	04/05	RICKMERS BERTRAM	HANJIN	CONTAINER	6	04/05	261
FOREMOST MARITIME	SHANGHAI WAIGAOQIAO	BULK CARRIER	1	175,000	05	SAFMARINE	VOLKSWERFT STRALSUND	CONTAINER	3		04
FRED CHENG	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	2	55,000	05/06	SEASPAR INTER.	SAMSUNG	CONTAINER	2		05
FUKUJIN KISEN	TSUNEISHI CEBU	BULK CARRIER	1	52,800	04	SHANDONG YANTAI MARINE SHIPPING	WEIHAI	CONTAINER	2		05
GENEL DENIZCILIK GROUP (GEDEN LINE)	NANTONG COSCO KHI	BULK CARRIER	2	55,500	04	TOM WORDEN	JINGJIANG	CONTAINER	3		05
GLEAMRAY MARITIME	HUDONG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	1	74,000	05	TURKISH INTERESTS	TORGEM GEMI	CONTAINER	1	12,500	03
GRAIG SHIP MAN'T	NEW CENTURY	BULK CARRIER	4	53,000	04	UNKNOWN	PEENE-WERFT	CONTAINER	2		04
GREEK INTERESTS	SUMITOMO	BULK CARRIER	1	76,500	04	WAN HAI LINES	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	CONTAINER	3		06
JAPANESE INTERESTS	HAKATA ZOSEN	BULK CARRIER	1	18,000	03	YANG MING MARINE CORP	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	CONTAINER	1		04
JAPANESE INTERESTS	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	11	74,300	05	ZIM ISRAEL (OFER GROUP)	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	CONTAINER	3		05
JAPANESE INTERESTS	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	1	88,000	04	SPANISH INTERESTS	IZAR	CRUISE SHIP	1		04
JAPANESE INTERESTS	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	1	53,500	04	SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY	IHC HOLLAND	DREDGER	1	545	03
JAPANESE INTERESTS	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	1	53,500	04	IRAN GOVERNMENT	IRAN MARINE INDUSTRIAL	DREDGER / CUTTER	1	0	03
JAPANESE INTERESTS	KAWASAKI H.I.	BULK CARRIER	1	50,326	04	DREDGING INTERN. & DECLOET	IHC HOLLAND	DREDGER SUCTION HOPPER	1	7,400	04
KOREA LINE	UNIVERSAL	BULK CARRIER	1	174,000	05	NETHERLANDS INTERESTS	DAMEN SHIPYARDS	DREDGER SUCTION HOPPER	1	5,000	04
LAUTERJUNG,MANFRED	GUANGZHOU	BULK CARRIER	4	27,000	04/05	AREMTI CRUISE	AUSTAL SHIPS	FERRY	1		04
LAUTERJUNG,MANFRED	WENCHONG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	2	27,000	04	VISAKHAPATNAM	COCHIN SHIPYARD	FIRE FIGHTING VESSEL	1	108	03
mitsubishi corp.	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	82,000	05	JAPANESE INTERESTS	NIIGATA ENG	FISHERIES RESEARCH	1		04
mitsui warehouse	SHIKOKU DOCKYARD	BULK CARRIER	2	28,900	04	SILRASIL FISKEBATREDERI	ESTALEIRO SAO JACINTO	FISHING	1	1,119	03
MIYAWA KAIUN	SASEBO	BULK CARRIER	1	76,500	04	ARKLOW SHIPPING	BARKMEIJER STROOBOS	GENERAL CARGO	4	4,400	04
NISHIN KISEN	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	82,500	05	CHINESE INTERESTS	FUJIAN SOUTHEAST	GENERAL CARGO	1	3,000	03
NORDEN AS	mitsui	BULK CARRIER	1	56,000	04	HONG KONG INTERESTS	JIANGMEN	GENERAL CARGO	1	1,027	03
OSAKA ASAH KAIUN	TSUNEISHI CEBU	BULK CARRIER	1	52,800	03	JAPANESE INTERESTS	NISHI	GENERAL CARGO	1	7,500	03
PACIFIC BASIN BULK SHIPPING	XIAMEN	BULK CARRIER	3	53,000	04/05	JAPANESE INTERESTS	NISHI	GENERAL CARGO	1	6,850	03
PACIFIC CARRIERS	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA H.I. (IHI)	BULK CARRIER	1	86,000	05	SINGAPORE INTERESTS	TIANJIN SHIPYARD	GENERAL CARGO	1	6,800	03
PACIFIC CARRIERS	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA H.I. (IHI)	BULK CARRIER	1	82,000	05	BRIESE SCHIFFAHT GMBH.	XINGANG SHIPYARD	HEAVY-LIFT CARGO	1		03
PARAKOU SHIPPING	TIANJIN XINGANG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	2	35,000	04/05	MALAYSIAN INTSHPG. CORP. (MISC)	SAMSUNG	LNG	1		05
PETER DOHLE SCHIFFAHTS	JINGJIANG	BULK CARRIER	4	7,600	05	MOL/NYK/K LINE/EXMAR/QATAR	SAMSUNG	LNG	1		05
POLISH STEAMSHIP COMPANY (PZM)	XINGANG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	4	38,000	05	NATIONAL IRANIAN TANKER CO (NITC)	FARA SAHEL	LNG	5		900
REDROSE NAVIGATION	SHIN KURUSHIMA	BULK CARRIER	1	32,200	05	RAS LAFFAN	SAMSUNG	LNG	1		05
REEDEREI KARL SCHLUTER	GUANGZHOU	BULK CARRIER	1	27,000	05	BERGESEN	DAEWOO	LPG	2	05/06	83.0
RESTIS	XIAMEN	BULK CARRIER	4	50,000	04/05	EXMAR	DAEWOO	LPG	2	05/06	83.0
SAMOS STEAMSHIP	SUMITOMO	BULK CARRIER	1	76,500	05	GEOGAS TRADING	DAEWOO	LPG	1		05
SCANDINAVIAN INTERESTS	NEW CENTURY	BULK CARRIER	3	53,300	05	NORSK HYDRO	DAEWOO	LPG	2		05
SHINYO INTERNATIONAL	ONOMICHI	BULK CARRIER	2	75,000	05	NORSK HYDRO	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	LPG	2		04
SINCERE NAVIGATION	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	BULK CARRIER	1	175,000	05	SONATRANCH	KAWASAKI H.I.	LPG	1		05
SPAR SHIPPING	CHENGXI SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER	3	53,000	05	YUYO STEAMSHIP	mitsubishi h.i.	LPG	1		05
SUNSHIP	GUANGZHOU	BULK CARRIER	2	29,000	04	YUYO STEAMSHIP	VOLKSWERFT STRALSUND	LPG	1		05
TAIWAN NAVIGATION	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	BULK CARRIER	1	77,500	04	YUYO STEAMSHIP	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	LPG	1		05
THEMAMARIS MARITIME INC.	NEW CENTURY	BULK CARRIER	2	53,300	05	UNKNOWN	BARKMEIJER STROOBOS	MULTI-FUNCTION SERVICE	1	4,400	03
TRASMED	SHANGHAI WAIGAOQIAO	BULK CARRIER	1	175,000	05	BERTLING	KOUAN	MULTI-PURPOSE	2	32,000	04/05
UNIVAN SHIP MANAGEMENT	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	1	76,500	05	GERMAN INTERESTS	J.J. SIETAS	MULTI-PURPOSE	2		04
UNKNOWN	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	82,500	05	REEDEREI KLAUS HESSE	ROUSSE SHIPYARD	MULTI-PURPOSE	1		04
UNKNOWN	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	3	75,600	03/04	SPLITHOFF'S	SZCZECIN SHIPYARD	MULTI-PURPOSE	4	21,250	04/05
UNKNOWN	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	82,000	06	US INTERESTS	AUSTAL SHIPS	PASSENGER	1		03
VAN OMMEREN	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	1	55,000	05	BUILDER'S ACCOUNT	CANTIERI NAVALE VISENTINI	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	1		04
YASA SHIPPING	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	3	82,500	05/06	KANGAROO ISLAND SEALINK	AUSTAL SHIPS	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	1		04
INTEROCEAN SHIPPING	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	2	52,300	05	SHIN NIKON-KAI FERRY	mitsubishi h.i.	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	2		05
JAPANESE INTERESTS	SANOYAS CORP.	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	4	75,500	04	WESTERN FERRIES	CENTROMOST PLOCKA	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	1		03
mitsubishi ore transport	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	2	76,500	06	MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT	SCHELDE MARINE	PATROL VESSEL	1	560	04
PARAKOU SHIPPING	XINGANG SHIPYARD	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	2	35,000	04	GRIMALDI	ULJANIK	PCTC	1		05
UNKNOWN	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	7	82,000	05	GRIMALDI	ULJANIK	PCTC	1		05
DOUN KISEN	mitsui	BULK CARRIER/ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	56,000	04	ZODIAC MARITIME (OFER GROUP)	XIAMEN	PCTC	2		70.0
JAPANESE INTERESTS	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER/ORE STRENGTHENED4	1	52,200	05/06	LABROY MARINE	NANINDAH MUTIARA	PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL	1		03
JAPANESE INTERESTS	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER/ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	52,200	06	NORWEGIAN INTERESTS	AKER BRATVAAG	PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL	1		03
KIFUNE	mitsui	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	56,000	04	SURF	AKER BRATVAAG	PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL	2		04
MIZUHO SANGYO	mitsui	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	177,000	04	A. P. MOLLER	GUANGZHOU	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	45,000	05
MIZUHO SANGYO	mitsui	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	56,000	04	ANCORA	SHIN-A SHIPBUILDING	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	37,000	05
NIPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	89,999	03	ANDROMEDA SHIPPING	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	37,000	05
OSKAR WEHR	mitsui	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED2	1	56,000	04	ASAHI LINE	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	PRODUCTS TANKER	3	47,000	05/06
PACIFIC BASIN BULK SHIPPING	HAKODATE DOCK	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED1	1	32,000	04	ASAHI LINE	MINAMI NIPPON	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	47,000	05
Z&G HALCOUSSIS	NEW CENTURY	BULK CARRIER ORE STRENGTHENED2	1	43,780	04	ASAHI LINE	SHIN KURUSHIMA	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	47,000	05
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT	NIIGATA ENG	BUOY TENDER	1		03	AUGUSTA DUE	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	05
WILHELMSEN LINES	mitsubishi h.i.	CAR CARRIER	2		04/05	BOTTIGLIERI NAV.	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	37,000	05
ALEYNA DENIZCILIK TURIZM	AYKIN DENIZCILIK	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	2,332	03	BP SHIPPING	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	6	46,000	05/06
ANCORA INVESTMENT TRUST	SHIN-A SHIPBUILDING	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	37,000	05	BP SHIPPING	DAMEN SHIPYARDS	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	4,500	04
ARCO IN SRL	CANTIERI NAVALE DE POLI	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	16,000	04	BP SHIPPING	DAMEN SHIPYARDS	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	3,100	04
ATHENIAN SEA CARRIERS	HYUNDAI MIPO	CHEMICAL TANKER	4	46,000	05	BYZANTINE	STX (DAEDON)	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	72,300	05
BESIKTAS SHIPPING	CELIKTEKNE SANAYII	CHEMICAL TANKER	2	7,100	05	CHANDRIS	DAEWOO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	105,000	05/06
BROSTROM TANKERS	JINLING	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	37,300	05	CHEMIKALIJEN SEATRANSPORT	SHIN-A SHIPBUILDING	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	37,000	05
BUENA FORTUNA MARITIME	SHIN KURUSHIMA	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	8,600	05	COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	05
GERHARD WESSEL	FUKUOKA SHIPBUILDING	CHEMICAL TANKER	2	19,500	04	CRIO MARINE	SHIN KURUSHIMA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	46,000	05
UNO KAIUN	KITANIHON	CHEMICAL TANKER	2	19,500	04	D'AMICO	NAIKAI	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	45,900	04
INTERORIENT NAVIGATION CO.	HYUNDAI MIPO	CHEMICAL TANKER	3	37,000	05	D'AMICO	STX (DAEDONG)	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	45,600	05
RIGEL	JINLING	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	37,000	05	EAGLE MARITIME	ONOMICHI	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	47,000	04
SEYCHELLES PETROLEUM	LINDENAU	CHEMICAL TANKER	2	34,200	04/05	EUROCEANICA	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	3	53,000	05
SINGAPORE INTERESTS	FUKUOKA SHIPBUILDING	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	15,200	03	EUROPEAN NAVIGATION	SPLIT	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	95,000	05
WONDERLAND MARITIME	SHIN KURUSHIMA	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	19,200	05	GOLDEN ENERGY (RESTIS)	STX (DAEDON)	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	74,000	05
APL	KOYO DOCK	CONTAINER	3	66,500	03/04	GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING CO. GESCO	HANJIN	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	45,500	04
BERNHARD SCHULTE	GUANGZHOU	CONTAINER									

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OWNER OPERATOR	SHIPYARD	TYPE	No	DWT	DELIV PRICE M \$
MONTANARI GROUP	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	05 52
NATIONAL IRANIAN TANKER CO (NITC)	ISOICO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	06
NISSHO SHIPPING	NAIKAI	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	45,900	04
NITC	FARA-SAHEL	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	06 50.0
NORDEN AS / DENHOLM	GUANGZHOU	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	38,500	05 50
ORIENT STEAMSHIP (JOHN KOO)	GUANGZHOU	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	45,000	04 35.0
PACIFIC CARRIERS	SAMSUNG	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	72,700	04 60.0
PACIFIC CARRIERS	SAMSUNG	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	70,000	05 64
RAVENNAVI	NEW CENTURY	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	73,000	06 58.0
SCHOELLER HOLDINGS	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	35,000	05 50.0
SEATRANS SHIPPING	STX (DAEDONG)	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	46,000	05 28.5
STENA BULK	SPLII	PRODUCTS TANKER	4	49,000	05 140
SUN ENTERPRISES (S LIVANDS)	STX (DAEDONG)	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	46,000	05 58
SWISS INTERESTS	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	3	53,000	05 96
TAIHEIYO KAIUN	IWAGI	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	48,000	05 28.0
TEEKAY SHIPPING	DAEWOO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	115,000	05 76
TRANSPETROL	STX (DAEDONG)	PRODUCTS TANKER	4	74,000	05/06 130.0
TRANSPETROL	STX (DAEDONG)	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	45,800	05 54.0
TSAKOS GROUP	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	2	37,000	04/05 49
TURKISH INTERESTS	TURKTER-TERSANE	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	4,900	04
UNKNOWN	CELIKTRANS	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	2,650	04
WAH KWONG SHIPPING	ONOMICHI	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	47,000	05 28.5
WESTERN PETROLEUM	HYUNDAI MIPO	PRODUCTS TANKER	3	52,800	05 95
YAMAMOTO KAIUN	ONOMICHI	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	47,000	04 28
YUYO KAIUN	MITSUBISHI H.I.	PRODUCTS TANKER	1	50,000	05
OCEANEX	JIANGSU YANGZIJANG	RO-LO	1	11,300	05 30
CANADIAN INTERESTS	YANGZIJANG SHIPYARD	RO RO	1	11,000	05
CHILEAN INTERESTS	DETROIT CHILE	RO RO	1		03
CHINA SHIPPING PASSENGER LINER	JIANGNAN	RO RO	2	16,000	04
KYUSHU KYUKO FERRY	SHIN KURUSHIMA	RO RO	1	4,800	03
OGASAWARA SHIPPING	MITSUI	RO RO	1	2,000	05
UNKNOWN	ULJANIK	RO RO	4	5,400	05/06 80
A. P. MOLLER	CASPIAN SHIPYARD	SSMOD	1		03
CHINA OFFSHORE OIL NORTHERN	WUZHANG SHIPYARD	SUPPORT VESSEL	1		03
AEOLIS MANAGEMENT	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65.5
AMERICAN EAGLE TANKER	SAMSUNG	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65
AMERICAN EAGLE TANKERS	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	3	300,000	04/05 196.5
ANDRIAKI SHIPPING	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	2	300,000	05 130.0
ARCADIA SHIPMANAGEMENT	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	2	165,000	05 88.0
BESIKTAS SHIPPING	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	152,500	05 46.0
CHINA INTERESTS	ZHEJIANG	TANKER	1	9,800	03
CHINA SHIPPING GROUP (CSG)	DALIAN NEW	TANKER	2	300,000	05
COSCO	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	300,000	05
COSCO	DALIAN NEW	TANKER	2	74,000	05 60
DENSAN SHIPPING	XIAMEN	TANKER	4	35,000	04/05 68.0
DORIAN	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	318,000	05
DORIAN	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65.5
DUNYA DENIZCILIK	SAMSUNG	TANKER	1	115,000	05 36.5
DYNACOM	UNIVERSAL	TANKER	1	153,000	05 46.5
DYNACOM	SUMITOMO	TANKER	1	105,000	03 41.5
EASTERN MED MAR	SAMSUNG	TANKER	1	308,500	06 65
EUROCEANICA	SAMSUNG	TANKER	1	160,000	05 46.0
EUROCEANICA	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	105,000	05 36.5
GOLANORIS	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65.0
GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING CO. GESCO	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	159,000	05 45.0
GUNGEN DENIZCILIK	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	152,500	05
HADJIPATERAS & SONS	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	2	300,000	05 130.0
INDIAN GOVERNMENT	CENTRAL INLAND WATER TRAN	TANKER	1	1,200	04
IRAN MARINE SERVICES	IRAN MARINE CO.	TANKER	1	4,000	04
JAPANESE INTERESTS	SHIN KURUSHIMA	TANKER	1	1,840	03
JAPANESE INTERESTS	USUKI	TANKER	1	19,500	04
JAPANESE INTERESTS	USUKI	TANKER	1	8,700	03
K LINE	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	TANKER	2	105,000	04/05 70.0
KRISTEN NAVIGATION	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65.0
KRISTEN NAVIGATION	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	306,000	05 65.5
KUMIAI SENPAKU	UNIVERSAL	TANKER	1	105,000	05
LOLLI-GHETTI	SAMSUNG	TANKER	2	115,000	05 72.0
MALAYSIAN INT.SHPG. CORP. (MISC)	SAMSUNG	TANKER	2	105,000	05
MALAYSIAN INT.SHPG. CORP. (MISC)	UNIVERSAL	TANKER	1	300,000	05 65
MARMARAS NAVIGATION	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	4	115,000	04/05 146.0
MING WAH	UNIVERSAL	TANKER	2	300,000	05/06 128.0
MITSUI O.S.K. LINES (MOL)	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	4	105,400	04/05 144.0
MITSUI O.S.K. LINES (MOL)	MITSUBISHI H.I.	TANKER	1	300,000	04 50
MIYAGAWA KAIUN	HAKATA ZOSEN	TANKER	1	2,394	03
MONTANARI GROUP	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	160,000	05
MONTANARI GROUP	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	105,000	05 35
NAVIERA F TAPIAS	DAEWOO	TANKER	2	159,000	05 93.0
NIPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	TANKER	1	300,000	04
NIPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	MITSUBISHI H.I.	TANKER	1	300,000	04
NIPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	UNIVERSAL	TANKER	1	300,000	04
NS LEMOS	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	319,000	05 64.8
OAK MARITIME	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	306,000	04 66
PARADISE NAVIGATION	HUDONG SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	73,000	05 29.0
PERTAMINA	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	2	300,000	05
PETER DOHLE SCHIFFAHRTS	JIANGNAN	TANKER	2	74,000	05
PETROLMAR	MADENCI GEMI	TANKER	1	5,400	04
PLEIADES SHIPPING	SUMITOMO	TANKER	2	71,000	04 58
SHIPPING CORP. OF INDIA (SCI)	COCHIN SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	110,000	05 35
SINGAPORE INTERESTS	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	318,000	04
SOVCOMFLOT	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	4	154,000	05 180.0
"STEALTHSTEALTH"	SHANGHAI WAIGAOQIAO	TANKER	2	105,000	05 70
STENA BULK	DALIAN SHIPYARD	TANKER	2	72,000	05 65
TAI CHONG CHEANG STEAMSHIP (TCC)	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	105,000	05 34.8
TAI CHONG CHEANG STEAMSHIP (TCC)	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	105,000	05 35.0
TAI CHONG CHEANG STEAMSHIP (TCC)	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	105,000	05 36
TARGET MARINE	STX (DAEDONG)	TANKER	1	45,000	05 27.8
TEEKAY SHIPPING	SAMSUNG	TANKER	2	115,000	05 76
THEMAMARIS MARITIME INC.	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	2	105,000	05 74.0
THEMAMARIS MARITIME INC.	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	318,000	05 65.0
THEMAMARIS MARITIME INC.	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	TANKER	2	88,000	05 71
VALLES STEAMSHIP CO	DALIAN NEW	TANKER	1	110,000	05 36.6
VALLES STEAMSHIP CO	HUDONG SHIPYARD	TANKER	1	110,000	05 36.6
VALLES STEAMSHIP CO	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	TANKER	1	107,000	03 38.0
WAH KWONG SHIPPING	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	TANKER	1	317,000	04 65.0
WORLD-WIDE SHIPPING	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	300,000	05
SERGEANT MARINE	KRALJEVICA B	TANKER / ASPHALT CARRIER	2	10,000	04 31
WW MARPETROL	SELAH MAK SANAYI	TANKER/ASPHALT CARRIER	2	5,850	03/04
BUKSER OG BJERGNING	MOEN SLIP AS	TUG	1		03
PKL	CHEKROMORSKY	TUG	1		03
PSA MARINE	ANG SIN LIU (ASL)	TUG	4	200	03
SEASPEC MARINE SERVICE	NANINDAH MUTIARA	TUG	1		03
ZIM ISRAEL NAVIGATION	XIAMEN	VEHICLE CARRIER	2	12,000	05/06
UNKNOWN	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	WOOD CHIP CARRIER	1	55,100	04

Recent Ship Sales

Name	Type	DWT	YB	Price (M\$)	Name	Type	DWT	YB	Price (M\$)
Cynthia	Bulker	4,827	1985	\$1.10	Eastern Victory	Bulker	38,888	1986	\$6.60
Wilma	Bulker	6,317	1985	\$1.50	Costis	Bulker	39,670	1985	\$6.30
Asian Splendor	Bulker	10,053	1991	\$3.40	Med Unity	Bulker	40,683	1980	\$2.30
Lara Bay	Bulker	12,768	1984	\$2.30	Idee Fixe	Bulker	41,377	1985	\$6.50
Ariston	Bulker	17,000	1981	\$2.10	Skaustrand	Bulker	41,824	1986	\$6.80
Rubin Eagle	Bulker	18,315	1995	\$6.50	Nand Neeti	Bulker	42,129	1985	\$6.00
Ocean Queen	Bulker	21,317	1982	\$2.00	Matru Kripa	Bulker	42,842	1985	\$6.20
Teo	Bulker	21,344	1984	\$3.90	Sigana	Bulker	42,842	1985	\$6.40
Easy Rider	Bulker	22,271	1989	\$5.90	Zenovia	Bulker	43,595	1992	\$11.00
Bright Nextage	Bulker	23,000	1993	\$8.50	Jag Raksha	Bulker	45,345	1985	\$6.50
Daoyang Glory	Bulker	25,525	1985	\$4.70	Stellar Light	Bulker	46,747	1998	\$16.00
Orchid Bay	Bulker	28,000	2003	\$15.50	Bateen	Bulker	50,900	2001	\$20.00
Guardian Angel	Bulker	28,458	1995	\$10.40	Icl Parthiban	Bulker	58,822	1979	\$2.50
Red Stag	Bulker	28,500	1993	\$9.10	Kamsar Voyager	Bulker	63,261	1984	\$4.90
Dimi P	Bulker	29,000	1984	\$4.50	Fanari	Bulker	65,164	1982	\$5.00
Heng Shan	Bulker	31,501	1980	\$2.75	Ialcas Sapphire	Bulker	68,200	1988	\$9.30
Daoyang Winner	Bulker	40,016	1986	\$6.20	Apostolos Andreas	Bulker	70,000	1995	\$15.00
Elena Heart	Bulker	41,385	1983	\$4.25	Wiltrader	Bulker	73,726	1997	\$17.50
Multi-purpose 3	Bulker	41,455	1995	\$12.00	Wilrider	Bulker	74,044	1995	\$15.75
Multi-purpose 4	Bulker	41,455	1995	\$12.00	Danae	Bulker	75,000	2001	\$22.60
Star Libra	Bulker	42,000	1985	\$6.50	Belmaj	Bulker	149,516	1990	\$16.50
Multi-purpose 5	Bulker	42,004	1990	\$10.00	Kinko Maru No 21	Tanker	1,431	1995	\$1.70
Med Carrara	Bulker	43,300	1981	\$3.50	Capbreton	Tanker	6,710	1983	\$1.30
Bright Haio	Bulker	45,320	1995	\$12.90	Rebecca	Tanker	10,079	1981	\$1.40
Senatosa Hawk	Bulker	46,600	1995	\$13.50	Vanessa	Tanker	23,745	1983	\$2.20
Glorious Marine	Bulker	47,200	1997	\$14.90	Victoria	Tanker	23,745	1983	\$2.20
Ling Xian	Bulker	52,540	1990	\$6.35	Hawaiian Express	Tanker	29,998	1990	\$9.45
Mermaid Star	Bulker	68,000	1994	\$13.25	Nordscot	Tanker	35,770	2001	\$27.00
Four Coai	Bulker	74,000	1999	\$20.00	Shoritusu Maru	Tanker	81,278	1979	\$3.50
Dione	Bulker	75,000	2001	\$22.30	Alrappearl	Tanker	86,417	1981	\$4.50
Hyundai: Giant	Bulker	259,587	1985	\$14.00	North Sea	Tanker	89,992	1980	\$4.00
Siti Narjas	Bulker	6,519	1983	\$1.20	Navion Viking	Tanker	130,700	1983	\$6.90
Oriente Hope	Bulker	26,842	1986	\$5.50	Kimolas	Tanker	150,812	1998	\$44.00
Ageli	Bulker	26,855	1977	\$1.45	Atlantis	Tanker	150,841	1998	\$44.00
Diana Z	Bulker	28,973	1978	\$1.95	Pacific Power	Tanker	245,000	1988	\$15.00
Nst Challenge	Bulker	29,192	1984	\$4.50	Nichiah	Tanker	248,976	1989	\$22.50
Azalea	Bulker	30,255	1976	\$1.50	World Prince	Tanker	265,322	1988	\$18.80
Alberni Dawn	Bulker	31,000	1980	\$4.10	Southern Lion	Tanker	10,600	1997	\$12.50
Pan Express	Bulker	36,486	1977	\$1.80	Rita Maersk	Tanker	29,999	1999	\$27.00
Anangel Faith	Bulker	37,611	1984	\$5.20	Quiri	Tanker	32,135	1978	\$1.85
Prabhu Jivesh	Bulker	37,571	1983	\$4.50	Aruba	Tanker	69,118	1980	\$3.20
Sanmar Pageant	Bulker	41,808	1986	\$6.50	Gelibocu	Tanker	89,960	1987	\$13.80
Fikret Manogiu	Bulker	42,842	1985	\$6.20	Orchid	Tanker	96,530	1976	\$3.25
Oreintal Hope	Bulker	43,000	1995	\$12.75	Morning Glory	Tanker	100,486	1991	\$13.30
United Ocean	Bulker	45,600	1997	\$14.75	British Strength	Tanker	127,575	1983	\$5.50
Lepta Mercury	Bulker	46,670	1997	\$15.25	Polar	Tanker	153,471	1987	\$11.00
Ocean Gold	Bulker	46,745	1982	\$4.30	Otawasan	Tanker	239,783	1986	\$13.50
Capt Alex	Bulker	52,420	1985	\$3.80	Nichiwa	Tanker	249,107	1992	\$22.50
Captain John L	Bulker	64,000	1982	\$4.50	Tamba	Tanker	264,158	1994	\$27.30
Captain George L	Bulker	64,584	1982	\$4.50	Picardie	Tanker	299,164	1999	\$63.00
Montauk	Bulker	64,974	1982	\$4.50	Zeeland	Tanker	305,704	2001	\$67.50
Angelica Faith	Bulker	65,767	1984	\$6.70	Victoria Lily	Tanker	3,785	1992	\$3.50
Silverstone	Bulker	71,800	2000	\$20.50	Promor	Tanker	39,989	1988	\$8.40
Bulktiger	Bulker	134,806	1982	\$5.90	Hambisa	Tanker	44,549	1997	\$25.00
Donau Ore	Bulker	149,000	1992	\$20.10	Minerva Concert	Tanker	96,828	1992	\$26.00
World Nord	Bulker	1							

Crowley Expands Presence

Crowley Maritime Corporation expanded its international presence with the formation of Crowley Far East Services. This new company, formed and incorporated in Sakhalin State, Russia, on April 9, 2003, offers marine and shoreside logistics and transportation services to the energy and construction industries in the region.

McElroy/Catchot to Work on PSVs

McElroy/Catchot Winch Company will design and supply the deck machinery for the 10 new Rigdon Marine 210-ft. (64-m) PSV's currently are being built at the Bender Shipbuilding & Repair facility in Mobile, Ala.

Oceaneering Utilizes VitalLink 1200

Oceaneering International recently purchased VitalLink 1200, a new innovation in medical technology from TeleMedic Systems for use in remote medical emergencies. VitalLink has been installed on board FPSO Ocean Producer providing the crew with access to 24 hour a day medical advice from International SOS, the world's largest medical and security assistance company.

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UMC Appoints New Manager

UMC has recently appointed **Alan Trevarthen** to the newly created position of business development Manager — Defense, thus spearheading UMC's efforts to capture the worldwide Naval market for reducing dock dependency through the application of waterborne maintenance.



SeaWave Introduces Integrator 3.0i

SeaWave LLC added the Integrator 3.0i, which features a built-in Iridium voice and data modem that allows any vessel to combine Integrator's Least Cost Routing and SeaWave's signature Throughput Technology with the service fees of the Iridium constellation creating a low cost, highly available communications system.



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Dr. Clifford Whitcomb Joins UNO

Northrop Grumman Corporation and the University of New Orleans announced jointly that Dr. **Clifford Whitcomb** has accepted the Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Endowed Chair in Engineering and Shipbuilding at the University of New Orleans. Dr. Whitcomb fills the

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second of two UNO Endowed Chairs that the company committed \$2 million to sponsor.

CAE To Supply Destroyer Systems

CAE has been selected to supply ship-board control systems for the fourth in a series of KDX-II class destroyers des-

tined for the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN). The CAE IPMS is a digital control system for naval ships.

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Seabulk Reports 1Q Results

Seabulk International, Inc. reported net income of \$1.6 million for the quarter

ended March 31, 2003. In the year-earlier period, the company had a net loss of \$2.3 million. Revenues totaled \$77.2 million compared with \$83.2 million one year ago. Operating income was \$10 million in the current quarter compared with \$12 million in the prior year. Revenues from Seabulk Offshore, the

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company's largest business with a fleet of 125 offshore energy support vessels, fell to \$37.8 million from \$43.3 million in the year-earlier period and accounted for 49 percent of total company revenues.

AMSC Appoints New CFO

American Superconductor Corporation (AMSC), has appointed **Kevin Bisson** as senior vice president and CFO.

ACM, Medfin Form Joint Venture

A new ship sale and purchase joint venture has been established between Medfin Ltd., the Turkish affiliate of London-based ship finance consultant Eurofin, and shipbroker ACM S&P Projects, a division of ACM Shipping Services London. The joint venture, which began operations on May 1, 2003, will conduct business from Medfin's offices in Istanbul in conjunction with

ACM. **Cemil Gucuyener**, who has been recruited by Medfin to spearhead the operation, will manage the new venture.

Salvage Assoc. Opens in Houston

The Salvage Association (a trading style of BMT Salvage Ltd.) has established an office in Houston to provide full marine and offshore consultancy services with **Robert Hoppell** and **Allan Schultz** as resident surveyors.

LaBarge Awarded \$1.3M Contract

LaBarge, Inc. has been awarded a \$1.3 million contract from Lockheed Martin, Syracuse, N.Y., to manufacture Integrated Electronics Mast (IEM) cable assemblies and interconnect devices for the U.S. Navy's next-generation attack submarine, the Virginia class.

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NI Validates Singapore DP

Dynamic Positioning Center (in conjunction with Singapore Maritime Academy) announced the validation of its new dynamic positioning (DP) training school in Singapore by the Nautical Institute (NI).

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Sperry to Supply for RoRo

Northrop Grumman's Sperry Marine business unit received an order from Jinling Shipyard, Nanjing, to supply navigation and communication systems for a new RoRo vessel being built for a joint venture of French shipowner Louis-Dreyfus Armateurs and Norwegian shipowner Leif Hoegh.

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GENMAR Announces 1Q Results

General Maritime Corporation reports it had net income of \$34.4 million for the first quarter 2003 compared to net income of \$575,000 for the prior year period. Total vessel operating expenses, which are vessel operating expenses and general and administrative expenses, increased 8 percent to \$17.8 million for the first quarter 2003 from \$16.6 million for the prior year period. Total daily vessel operating expenses increased to \$6,851 per vessel day during the first quarter of 2003 from \$6,345 per vessel day during the prior year period.

MEP Expands and Relocates Facility

Marine Environmental Partners, Inc. (MEP), a Dania Beach, Fla.-based developer of ballast water and wastewater treatment systems, relocated and expanded its operational facilities to a 12,000 sq. ft facility at 3874 Fiscal Court, West Palm Beach, effective May 1, 2003.

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Nera Gets Type Approval for F33

The Nera F33 maritime communications terminal has received fully type approval from Inmarsat. The approval was given on May 9, 2003, and Nera F33 is the first and only terminal to be approved for the Inmarsat Fleet F33 service concept.

The F33 system is mainly targeted at yachts, fishing and vessels operating within the Inmarsat spot beam areas.

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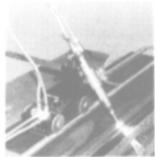


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Bug-O Systems

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From Bug-O Systems comes the Light'n Bug multipurpose burning and welding travel carriage that runs at precise speeds from four to 85 (IPM). This lightweight machine can produce high quality cuts and bevels, and uniform welds. It is a compact friction drive that will ride on any standard 6-in. v-groove track, - designating it an ideal replacement for older, obsolete cutting machines. Light'n Bug can also be used without track for fillet welds.

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Cutting Edge Metal Processing

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Cutting Edge supplies blasted and primed, cut and formed mild steel parts to shipbuilding and manufacturing companies throughout the Southeastern and Central U.S. Employing a Tanaka 6 kW CO2 laser cutting, machine, Cutting Edge, which has been instrumental in the research and development of LASOX technology (see article on page 77) in U.S. shipyards, also cuts aluminum up to 3/8" (10 mm) and stainless steel up to 5/8" (16 mm). In order to stay in touch with this technologically-driven industry, Cutting Edge has also upgraded its software applications to AutoCad 2000 and SigmaNest 5.0. The AutoCad 2000 upgrade allows the company to receive Parts drawings from customers in several formats including .dxf and .dwg formats.

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Clad Metal Div. of Dynamic Materials

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DMC, Clad Metal Division is the manufacturer of genuine Detacouple transition joint material allowing a welded joint between aluminum and carbon steel sections in marine applications. DMC produces many other welded bimetallic systems for a variety of industrial applications including chemical and refinery process equipment requiring corrosion resistant solutions in rigorous service.

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Gardner Denver Water Jetting Systems

www.waterjetting.com

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Now known as a brand name under Gardner Denver Water Jetting Systems, Inc., Jetting Systems and Accessories provides a variety of industries, specifically maritime, with its expanding line of water jetting acces-



sories. Designed to fit with the Partek line of pumps and the Liqua blaster line of waterjetting units, the Jetting Systems line of wet abrasive cutting systems, solves a variety of industrial tank and pipe cutting issues that could arise. The Jetting System's wet abrasive provides a solution that is both cooling and safe due to the minimal amount of sparks and heat that it generates.

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Hypertherm, Inc.

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e-mail: peter.officerf@hypertherm.com

Hypertherm has released its HySpeed HT2000 200-amp oxygen plasma cutting system. Modeled on the successful of its original HT2000, this newly reconfigured mechanized system instills Hypertherm's patented coaxial-assist jet technology to boost cutting speeds on mild steel by as much as 50 percent. Featuring proven LongLife oxygen technology and SilverPlus electrode technology, HySpeed HT2000 delivers precise control of cutting parameters and reduce overall operating costs.

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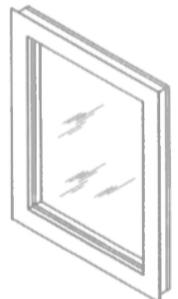
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Products



Agfa

Agfa NDT, Inc. introduced the new model USN 5 8L. It is a portable ultrasonic flaw detector with color transreflective LCD display, fast 60 Hz update rate, and optimum viewing in direct sunlight. The USN 58L replaces the popular USN 50L and 52L instruments.

Circle No. 101



AMI

AMI Exchangers manufacture replacement marine charge air coolers. They also manufacture other types of heat exchangers for marine applications. A personal service together with excellent product quality is of paramount importance. Whether you operate a large tanker, container ship, cruise ship or land based power plant, AMI Exchangers have the heat exchanger solutions for you.

Circle No. 102



Ancor

Ancor Marine Grade Products has released its 2003-2004 product catalog, as well as the publication of a newly improved web site located at www.ancorpproducts.com. The catalog features their newest products including an upgraded selection of Heat Source Tools, originally designed Stainless Steel and Velcro Cable Ties, and a number of inventive Electrical Meters/Testers.

Circle No. 103



Ansul

Ansul has a long history of protecting commercial marine and naval vessels. They provide type approved INERGEN Clean-Agent and Carbon Dioxide Systems to satisfy the fire suppression requirements for tug and tow boats.

Circle No. 104



Cantieri

Cantieri del Mediterraneo was founded in 1911, is located in the Port of Naples. The Shipyard facilities include workshops, service buildings, drydocks and repair quay. The Shipyard owns all infrastructures and equipment for the ship repair purpose including slop collections facilities. A total of four drydocks are available to dock ship up to 80,000 DWT.

Circle No. 105



Dolphin

In 1991 the Dolphin-1 started with repair contracts with Messrs Navigation Maritime Bulgare (the Bulgarian state-owned merchant fleet) and since then more than 150 such contracts on their vessels were completed in our facilities. The M/V Bella was designed for servicing passenger flow from cargo and passenger ferry-boat complex, as well as for charter within the country territorial waters.

Circle No. 106



Draeger

Draeger Safety has introduced a series of X-plore masks and filter respirators offering comfort and protection from hazardous compounds. The lightweight masks use new materials and the new design provides for a uniquely comfortable face-seal. A two-point bayonet connection allows both filters to be attached to the mask so the filters will always be placed correctly and quickly onto the mask.

Circle No. 107



MMC

International manufactures restricted and closed portable gauging tapes designed for speed, simplicity and accuracy. The Flexi-Dip Trimode measures ullage, interface and temperature in a single dip through an MMC vapor control valve. Ideal for both marine and land based applications.

Circle No. 108



Fleet55

LandSea Systems introduces the latest technology in maritime satellite communications, the Capsat Fleet55. The new high-speed terminal provides cost effective voice and data communications based on either MPDS or a 64K ISDN connection. The smaller dimensions of the random antenna makes the Fleet55 particularly well suited for yachts, patrol boats and fishing vessels.

Circle No. 109



NLB

NLB has released a new catalog highlighting the company's expanded line of high-pressure and ultra-high pressure water jet accessories. New additions include lances and foot control valves with a quick-change cartridge seal, a 20,000-psi 3-D tank cleaning head and automated systems for tube lancing and stripe removal.

Circle No. 110



FSL

FSL is a joint venture between BAE SYSTEMS and Vosper Thornycroft, two suppliers of ships and system to the UK Royal Navy. While improving the efficiency of shiprepair and support activities for the Royal Navy, FSL has increased the throughput by marketing the extensive facilities and skills of its workforce for commercial shiprepair and general engineering.

Circle No. 111



GMMOS

GMMOS Dubai is a general engineering and fabrication company, established to provide maintenance and support services in the oil and gas industries in the Middle East and Gulf region. The GMMOS yard has 700 ft. waterfront, 425 ft. bulkhead and a 25,000 sq. ft. workshop equipped the cold rolling machines, a plate shear press, an iron worker and two 10 ton overhead cranes.

Circle No. 112



GMMOTECH

GMMOSTECH provides services in the field of tanker, gas carrier and dry cargo repair and maintenance from its base in Dubai.

The company was formed in 1988 to provide a complete range of repair and maintenance services to international ship owners for afloat repairs at Port Rashid and Jebel Ali Port.

Circle No. 113



Goltens

Goltens has completed of a new range of Crankshaft Repair Tools capable of slashing large crankshaft repair time by 50 percent and fully undertaking insitu repairs on new slow speed stroke engines. Produced by the Goltens R&D center in Rotterdam, the Crankshaft Repair Tools will be featured at Nor-Shipping this June to a group of selected clients, only.

Circle No. 114



Lantec

Lantec has introduced its newest product, the LH Series Hoist. Specifically designed for Offshore Cranes, this new hoist series includes more than 10 models to suit nearly any crane. Features include long-life gearing, improved high-capacity sprag clutch, stable and reliable brake valve, and footprints identical to competitive models for easy field replacement.

Circle No. 115



HBM

HBM, Inc. is a supplier of complete systems solutions for industrial and laboratory measurement applications, including force, torque, weight, strain, displacement and pressure. Founded in 1950, HBM is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectris plc. With North American Headquarters in Marlborough, Mass., HBM has branches and representatives throughout the world.

Circle No. 116



Hilti

Hilti offers construction professionals almost everything necessary for measuring, positioning, chiseling, drilling, fastening, installation, cutting, sanding and insulation. Their range comprises positioning systems, drilling and demolition technology, diamond coring systems, direct fastening systems, screw technology, anchors, installation systems, cutting and sanding systems as well as firestop and foam systems.

Circle No. 117



Infrafone

Infrafone has developed a range of sonic cleaners and an engineering technique which has made it possible to replace soot blowers for keeping exhaust gas uptakes clean. The Infrafone sonic cleaners are designed to generate a low frequency sound, which prevents the accumulation of soot flakes. The sonic cleaners minimize the risk of soot flakes falling on deck.

Circle No. 118



Keppel

Keppel Shipyard has capabilities and expertise in the whole spectrum of repairs, conversions and specialized construction of marine and offshore vessels. With the complete integration of its three yards in Singapore-Tuas, Benoi and Gul, Keppel Shipyard is able to fully optimize its resources and yard facilities.

Circle No. 119



Kistler

Kistler Information 63 is the current issue of Kistler's customer magazine which introduces their latest products and illustrates how their measuring systems are applied in practice by major companies.

Circle No. 120



Laserpoint

Pinpoint Laser Systems introduced the new Microgage 2000 Flatness and Leveling Kit. Designed for aligning production machinery and industrial equipment. The flatness and leveling kit can operate over a 30-ft radius and is well-suited to many demanding aligning situations.

Circle No. 121



MacGregor

The MacGregor RoRo ship division is a straightforward organization that works solely with RoRo solutions. They offer the engineering skills, know-how, experience and innovative thinking to secure the right solution to any given RoRo cargo handling requirement.

Circle No. 122



MSE

Malaysia Shipyard and Engineering started operations in 1973. A major heavy industry in the domestic and international marine sector, their core business activities are shiprepair, shipbuilding, ship conversion, onshore/offshore oil and gas projects.

Circle No. 123



Midwest

The new CSA Certified Model 220 from Mid-West Instrument is a breakthrough design for explosion-proof applications. The entire gauge/switch is available with pressure containing elements in aluminum of 316 stainless steel.

Circle No. 124



Nichol and Andrew

Founded in 1952, Nichol & Andrew was the first company of its kind to carry out on site machining and repairs on marine propulsion units such as diesel engines. Their on site marine technicians have traveled around the world carrying out emergency repairs to damaged main engines, tailshafts, propeller shafts and associated marine equipment.

Circle No. 125



NLB
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expanded line of high-pressure and ultra-high pressure water jet accessories. New additions include lances and foot control valves with a quick-change cartridge seal, a 20,000-psi 3-D tank cleaning head and automated systems for tube lancing and stripe removal.



Northwestern Shiprepairers Limited has over 20 years experience of service to the marine industry.

They operate out of four sites with additional engineering workshops; they are fully equipped, both in terms of the wide range of facilities at their disposal, and the broad scope of skills of workforce.

Circle No. 127



Odessos
Odessos Shiprepair Yard S.A. - Varna is a specialized Bulgarian yard that is capable of dry-docking vessels up

to 35,000 DWT and afloat repair of vessels up to 150,000 DWT. The yard is located to the south of Varna on the island between the new and the old channel connecting the Black Sea and the Varna Lake about a mile from the Port Varna entrance.

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Premet
Premet's new software, designed in close cooperation with several fleet managers and engine

engineers, meets market demands for exact, high resolution display measurements and rapid identification of engine malfunctions.

Lehmann & Michels will feature Premet software in association with Golten at Nor-Shipping.

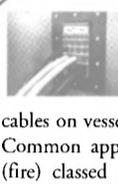
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Richards Dry Dock and Engineering Ltd. offers diverse operations into all types of ship repairs, conversions and maintenance.

Along with the fabrication of steel structures and general engineering, mainly allied to the offshore oil gas and civil engineering industries.

Circle No. 131



Roxtec
Roxtec's products are used to seal all types of cables on vessels and offshore units.

Common applications are A or H (fire) classed and watertight bulkheads or decks. The products are suitable for small signal cables as well as large power cables. Typical marine & offshore installations are welded frames in various combinations. Roxtec's products are also highly suitable to seal pipes.

Circle No. 132



R&R
R&R's Marine Fabrication and Drydock takes great pride in its ship and barge

hull-module fabricating, assembly and full service barge repair. They boast a 14,000 sq. ft. full service machine shop and an addition of a heavy lift drydock allows them to take on medium to large-scale custom fabricating on-site.

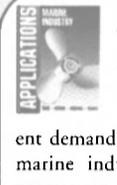
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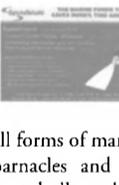
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SIFCO
The SIFCO process of selective electroplating is a versatile method of repair for many different demanding applications in the marine industry.

This portable process can be used in the shop to repair worn bearing journals and housings on small generators, pumps and fans. It can be taken aboard a ship for in-place repairs of large, hard-to-move components such as turbine casings.

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Speedblade
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Superior Energies
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Trelawny
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Turner Diesel
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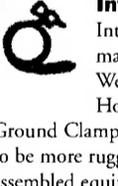
WSF
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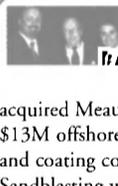
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Muhlhan Group
The Muhlhan Group has acquired Meaux Sandblasting, a \$13M offshore surface preparation and coating contractor. Meaux Sandblasting was established in 1984 under the ownership of Tim Meaux. Stephen Domingue joined Meaux in 1996. Meaux Sandblasting provides surface preparation and coatings on offshore platforms, drilling rigs and semi-submersibles.

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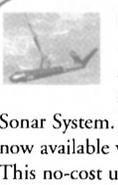


ARL
Albacore Research develops ShipConstructor, an AutoCAD based product-modeling tool for ships and offshore structures of all sizes. ShipConstructor integrates functions for External Curved Plate Production, Internal Structure, Piping, HVAC, Nesting and NC Processing with a central database that can be tied to purchasing and planning.

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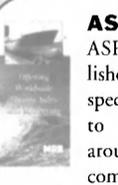


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Klein
Klein Associates has made changes to their Model 3000 Side Scan Sonar System. The System 3000 is now available with XTF data format. This no-cost upgrade to Klein's SonarPro software has recently completed extensive field testing and is now available to all Klein System 3000 customers. The XTF format is in addition to Klein's current SDF format.

Circle No. 147



ASRYMAR
ASRYMAR was established in 1974 to provide specialist marine services to owners and agents around the world. The company currently represents eleven ship repair and conversion yards and is able to undertake work on all types of vessels ranging from VLCCs through to offshore jack-up and production platforms.

Circle No. 148



Refman
Refman is a computer-based refit/repair management system. Refman consists of three software modules; specification generator, cost control for recording, analyzing and reporting on the cost of jobs and shipboard defect recording for recording defects.

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Damen Shipyards Group
Damen Shipbuilding Group's shiprepair services ranges from ocean-going fleet owners to small tug operators. Maritime services including technical co-operation, designs, parts- and component deliveries, field services, training, chartering and second-hand trading.

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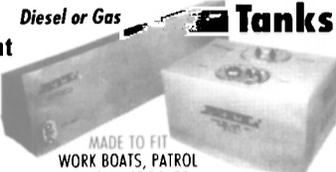
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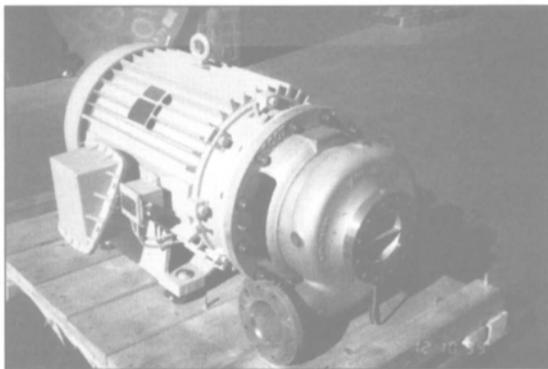
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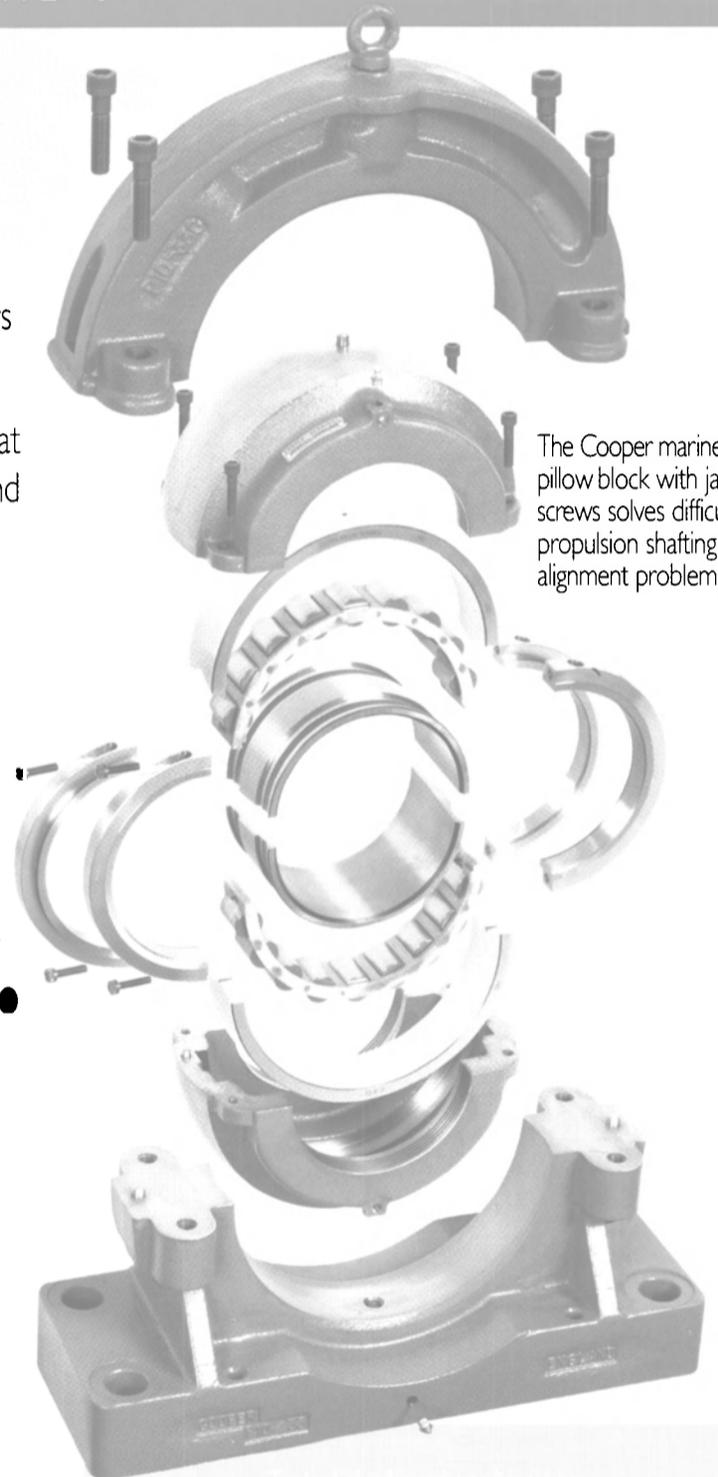
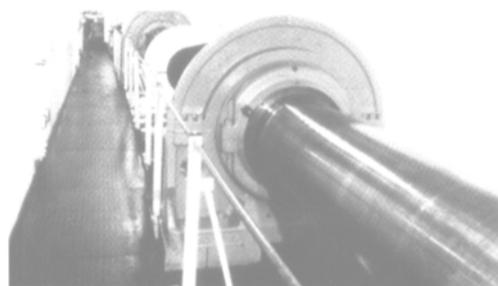
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