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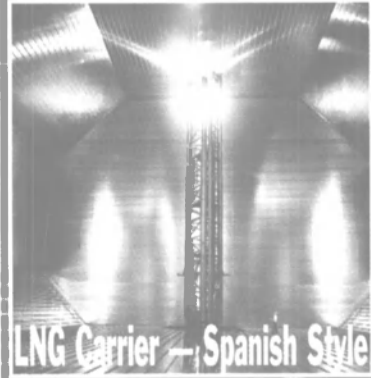
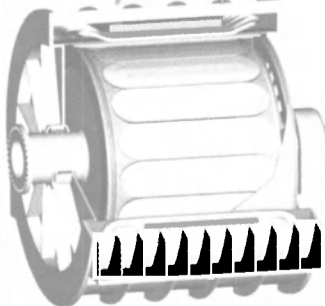
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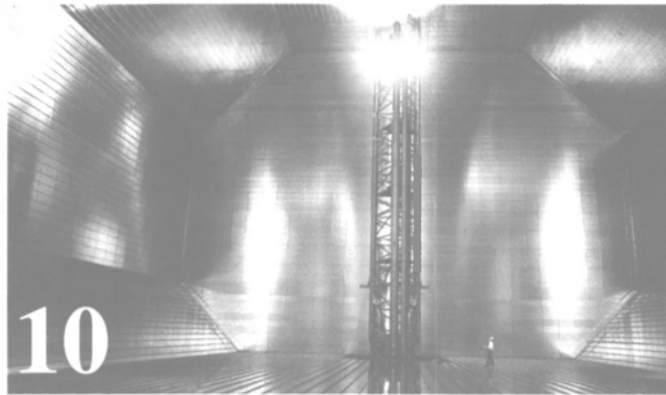
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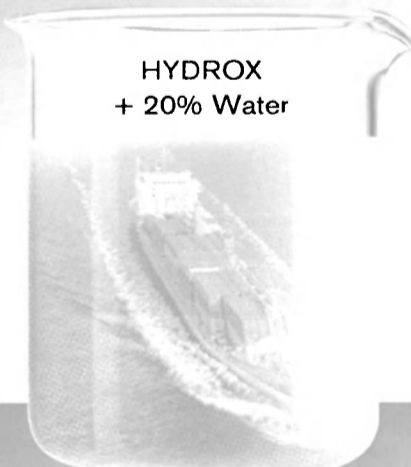
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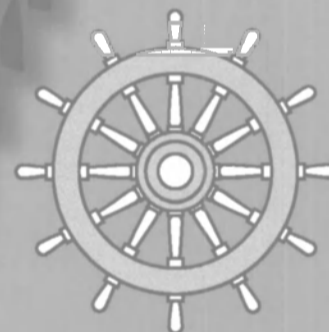


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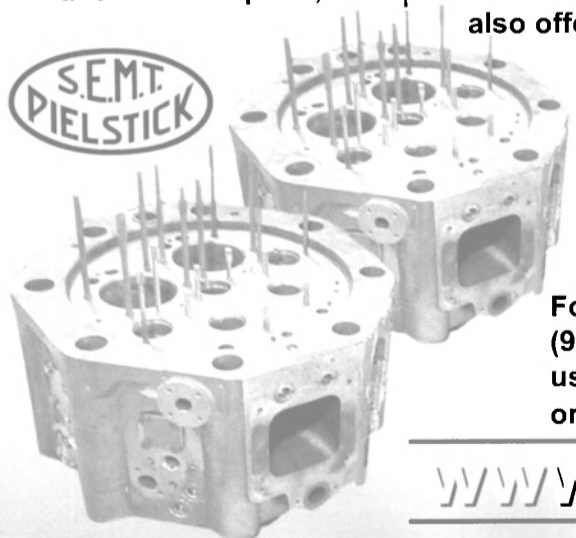
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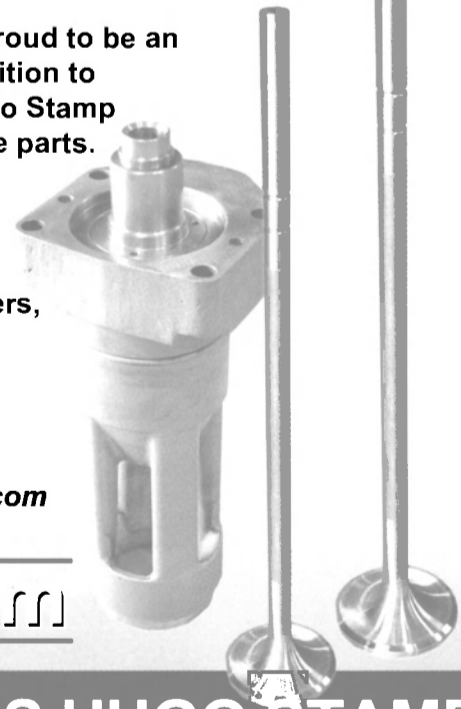
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From the Snapple "Real Fact" bottle cap series:

**"The first lighthouse to use electricity was the statue of liberty in 1886."**

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**Maritime Meanings**

**SOS** The internationally agreed distress call made by a ship requiring assistance; it was adopted in 1908. These three letters were chosen because in Morse Code they were easy to read and transmit - three dots, three dashes, three dots. Contrary to popular belief, these letters do not stand for "save our souls" or save our ship." The expression now means any call for help.

Source: *An Ocean of Words: A Dictionary of Nautical Words and Phrases*, by Peter D. Jeans; Birch Lane Press, 1998.

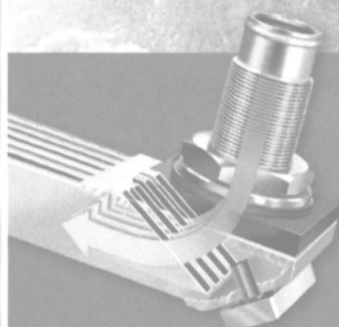
**Cartoon**



It was the height of WWII, the heyday of American shipbuilding and the maritime industry was cranking out ships at break-neck speed. Shown here is a photo that appeared on the front page of the January 7, 1943 issue of this publication, which was then published weekly and known as *Maritime Activity Reports*. President **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** (pictured), accepts on behalf of the workers of California Shipbuilding Corporation in Wilmington, Calif., a six-ft. scale model of the Liberty Ship John Bidwell. The vessel was the 109th Liberty Ship to be delivered into active service by the California yard. Standing behind FDR, (l to r): Rear Admiral **Howard L. Vickery**, vice chairman of MarAd; **Jack Adams**, California Shipbuilding Corp.; **Graham Spickard**, Calship Washington Representative; and **John A. McCone**, Executive V.P. of Calship.

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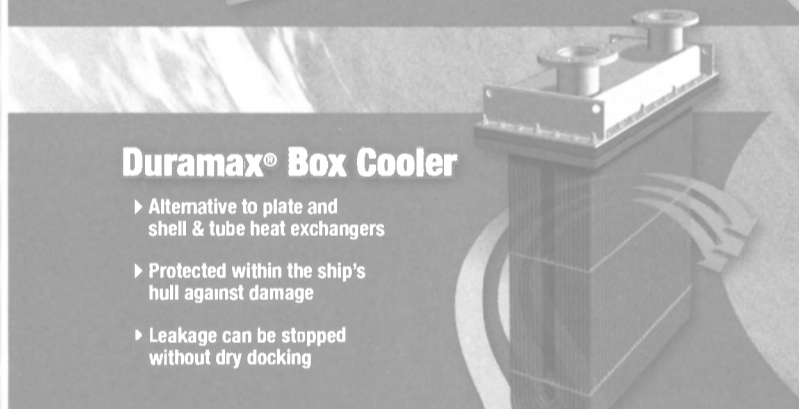
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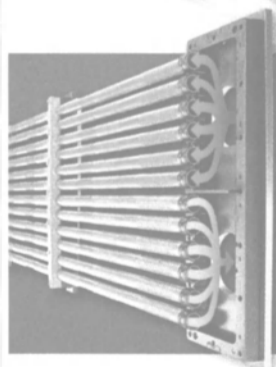
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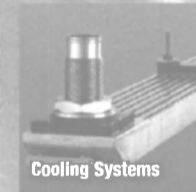


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## Editor's Note

I talk a lot.  
Perhaps too much.  
But it is an inherent element of my profession in the timely collection and dissemination of information.



More importantly, though, is that I know when to shut up and listen. No matter how many hours I spend on the phone or in myriad meetings during a given year, there is always one conversation that stands out; one conversation that conveys more than the others combined. I had the pleasure of that conversation last month in a conference call with Admiral **Robert E. Kramek**, (USCG retired), President and COO, ABS Americas, and co-chairman of the conference's technical committee, and Dr. **Henry S. Marcus**, Professor of Marine Systems in the Ocean Engineering Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ostensibly arranged to discuss the forthcoming World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC), the name for this year's conference portion of the SNAME 2003 Annual Meeting and Exhibition scheduled for October 17-20 in San Francisco, I was pleased to receive information and insights that transcended a simple question and answer session, allowing me to tap the considerable fount of knowledge and decades of experience before me. For the record, WMTC is an ambitious endeavour to bring the world together in San Francisco to discuss the many challenges, present and future, that will shape the maritime industry. Adm. Kramek and Dr. Marcus, co-chairment of the WMTC technical committee, have helped to amass arguably the most impressive and most extensive base of marine expertise under one roof. Read the overview of the program, starting on page 34, or visit [www.worldmaritimetechnology.org](http://www.worldmaritimetechnology.org) for complete details. *Off-the-record*, they provided to me opinions and insights on pressing technical issues, such as ...

... I guess I can't share that here, remember, I also know when to shut up. Maybe they'll provide more exclusive insights in San Francisco.

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## On the Cover



Pictured is an architectural gem, the San Francisco ferry terminal. The World Maritime Technology Conference is set to take place in San Francisco in mid-October, and the stage has been set for a truly international program. For an overview of the conference, please turn to page 34. (Photo credit: Tom Paiva). ALSO on the cover, bottom, from left: Floating Production System analysis (p. 52); Richard Fain, Whoopi Goldberg and Capt. Nikolaos ("Nick") Antalis celebrate the new Serenade of the Seas (p. 57); American Superconductor works to get electric on ships (p. 26); and Izar delivers a spectacular new LNG carrier (p. 10)

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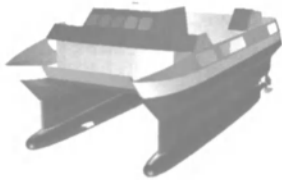
## Vessels

### New SWATH From ACMA

Alan C. McClure Associates (ACMA) has completed the design development of a new SWATH (Small Waterplane Area, Twin Hull) vessel that will be completed with a variety of operations options. The proposed vessel will be 92 ft. (28 m) with a beam of 47 ft. (14.3 m) and displacement of 240 LT. It is based

on a variation of the technology used by ACMA's in the development of the 120-ft. Stillwater River, a SWATH crewboat built for Trico Marine Operators, Inc.

The speed of ACMA's new SWATH has been reduced from 28+ knots to 20-25 knots to accommodate a variety of



propulsion system combinations (diesel/reduction-gear w/CP or FP wheels). The flexibility of this design will allow the vessel

to perform a variety of missions including offshore personnel transport, harbor ferry, oceanographic, dinner cruise/excursion, rescue and light

cargo/emergency equipment transportation. Designed to meet the latest USCG, IMO, SOLAS and other class and flag rules, the vessel can be configured with crew accommodations for six, with a functional galley and a full HVAC system for the comfort of the crew and passengers.

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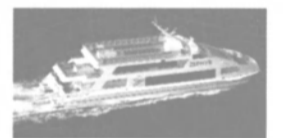
Maritime Pte Ltd. Measuring 111.5 ft. (34 m) with bollard pull in excess of 64 tons, Pisces 53 is on a long term charter through Briny Marine Services Sdn Bhd to support Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd's exploration and production activities.

Following its naming, Pisces 53 will join its sister vessel Phoenix 52 and an utility tug Pegasus 51, two other Maju Maritime tugs that were delivered in early June 2003, at the Brunei Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal in Lumut, Brunei; these vessels were contracted to Keppel Singmarine in May 2002.

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### Austal USA Delivers Zephyr

Austal USA delivered the 143-ft. (43.5-m) passenger catamaran Zephyr to Circle Line-



Statue of Liberty Ferry, Inc. in New York City. Zephyr is Circle Line's first aluminum high speed vessel, and the second Austal USA has delivered to the New York area in the last three months. The new cat meets Circle Line's requirements for a vessel capable of fulfilling a variety of roles. With a service speed of 29 knots and COI for 600 passengers, the vessel has been developed through close co-operation between Austal USA and Circle Line and will expand the owner's harbor sightseeing cruises, and evening charter operations as well as providing speed and comfort on longer distance runs. The vessel will also be able to operate alongside Battery Park — the traditional home of Circle Line Statue of Liberty Ferry — where pilings and dock heights posed specific challenges. The vessel is powered by four Cummins KTA38M2 diesel engines, each coupled to a Hamilton 571 waterjet through a Reintjes WVS 440 reversing gearbox. This configuration allows the catamaran to be operated with either two or four engines, giving the vessel two distinct service speeds to match its varied operating profiles.

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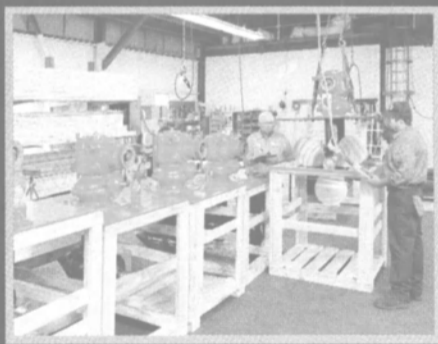
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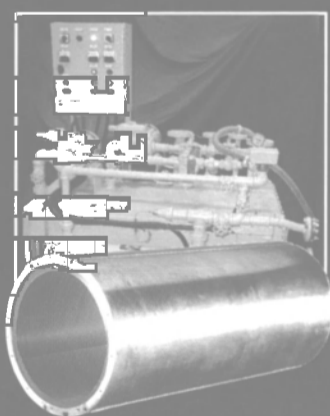
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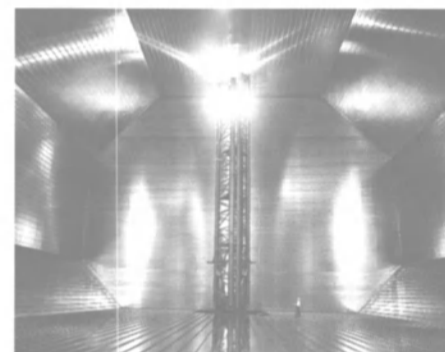
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Above, Inigo Tapias after its delivery. Below, the inside of one of its massive tanks.

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Diesel Engines Factory in Manises provided five deck cranes, three hose handling cranes type GPH 500-1224 and two service cranes type GPS 320-1218.

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## Seaspan Container Lines Orders Nine Ships

Seaspan Container Lines has placed an order for nine new 4,250 TEU container ships, which will be chartered to the Canadian shipping company, CP Ships. As the 36th large containership Seaspan has ordered from Samsung Heavy Industries over the past three years, the new ships will be built at Samsung Heavy Industries, in South Korea.

## Wallace McGeorge Modified for Deep Dredging

Two Bollinger shipyards teamed to increase the dredging depth of the Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Co. dustpan dredge, Wallace McGeorge, from 62- (18.8-) to 75 ft. (22.8 m), enabling it to dredge at higher river stages and dispatch sooner on a falling river.

In the process, Bollinger Quick Repair, Harvey, La., fabricated and installed 45-ton, 36 x 20-ft. (10.9 x 6 m), port and starboard sections to the horn of the dredge, increasing the vessel's overall length from 252.5 ft. (76.9 m) to 288.5 ft. (87.9 m). The shipyard then installed a new 46-ton, 40- x 15- x 30-ft. (12.1- x 4.5- 9.1-m), A-frame that it had pre-fabricated for the dredge. The A-frame, which more closely resembles an inverted "U", is used to accommodate a new "ladder" that was fabricated at Bollinger Gulf Repair, New Orleans and installed at Bollinger Quick Repair. An EMD 20-645-E4-diesel engine powers the pumping and suction systems and the boat's propulsion is supplied by two Caterpillar 3516 diesels driving through Ulstein Z-drive units. Ducote Engineering Associates, Inc. of Jefferson, La. provided design and engineering services for the project.

The Wallace McGeorge is under contract with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Memphis District,

to help maintain Mississippi River deep draft crossings between Baton Rouge and the Gulf of Mexico. According to **Mark Lemoine** of Pine Bluff's Alexandria, La. office, Brown and Root built the Wallace McGeorge, whose original name was Carl Burkhardt, in

1965 as a cutter-head dredge. Around 1980, it was converted to a dustpan dredge and renamed Lenel Bean by Bean Dredging, who had acquired the vessel. In 1991, Pine Bluff bought the vessel and later renamed it Wallace McGeorge.



The Wallace McGeorge departing Bollinger Quick Repair to assume its contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Memphis District.

### NASSCO Delivers M.V. North Star



National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO), a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics, has delivered the M. V. North Star to Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. (TOTE). The North Star is the second of two new Orca-class trailerships built by NASSCO for TOTE's service from Tacoma, Wash., to Anchorage, Alaska. Her sister ship, the Midnight Sun, was delivered to TOTE in April. Both ships are 840 x 118-ft. (256 x 35.9-m) RoRo cargo ships capable of carrying highway trailers as large as 53 ft. in length. Cargo decks total 360,000 sq. ft. and are able to carry up to 600 cargo trailers and 220 autos as well as oversized freight. The ships employ the latest in marine and environmental protection technologies, including twin-screw, diesel-electric propulsion that can achieve a speed of more than 24 knots. The speed and efficiency of the onload/offload process is an important competitive advantage for TOTE and the ships' cargo can be loaded and discharged in nine hours.

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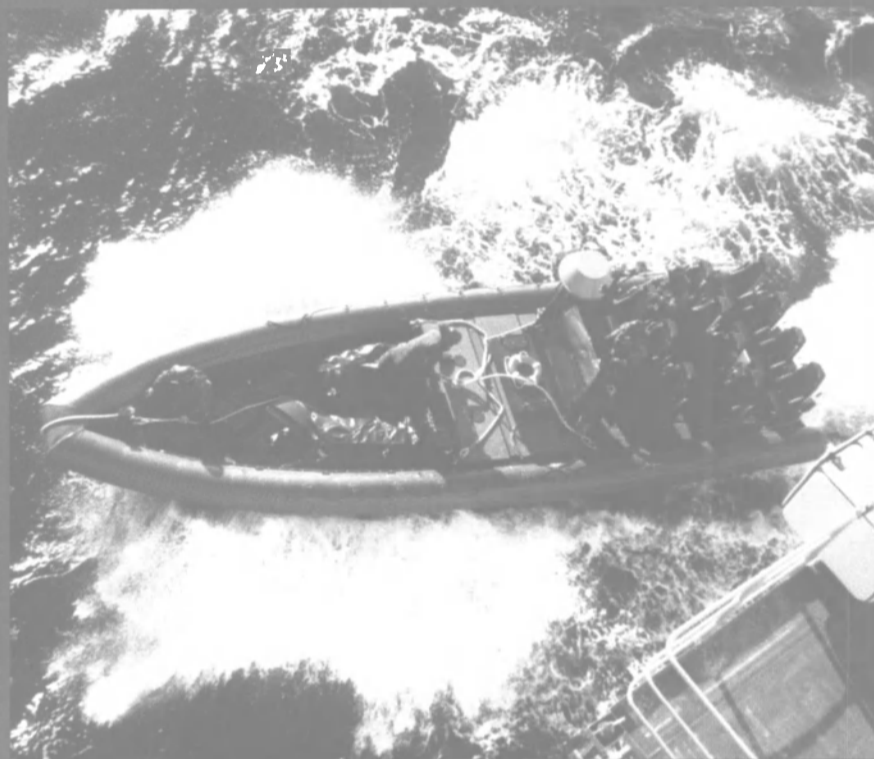
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# Careful, Your Species May Be Non-Indigenous

By Dennis L. Bryant, senior maritime counsel, Holland & Knight

Dangers posed by movement of species from one part of the world to another where they are uncommon (non-indigenous) have been recognized since the black death (bubonic plague) arrived in western Europe from central Asia in the 1300's, killing up to one-third of Europe's population. Modern medicine has been able to address most disease outbreaks, as evidenced by our recent experience with SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome). The environment has coped less successfully.

Since man began traveling long distances in relatively short time, plants and animals have also made the voyage. Some have been brought intentionally, as when European domestic animals and crops were transported to America and Australia for farming. Others, such as rats, were brought unintentionally. Regardless of why these non-indigenous species have reached a new environment, the result may be disastrous for

the native species.

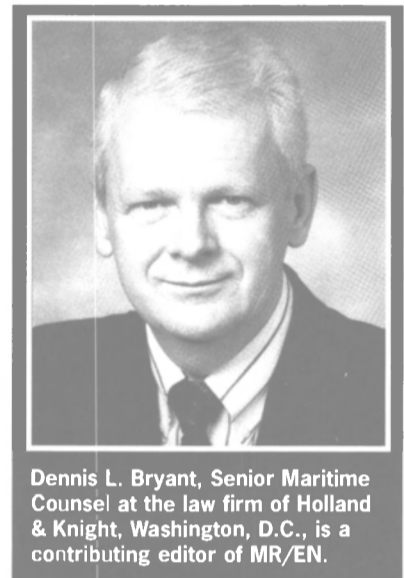
Modern large ships present a particular environmental problem in this regard, as they are both fast and carry large volumes of water when in ballast. This ballast water is commonly taken onboard when the vessel unloads its cargo in one port and discharged into local waters when the vessel is preparing to load a new cargo. As the distance between the two ports increases, the chances increase that plant and animal life in the ballast water will not be native to the waters where the ballast is discharged. Generally, the local waters where the ballast is discharged will be sufficiently different from the waters where the ballast was loaded that the plant and animals contained therein fail to survive. But, when those few non-indigenous species that do survive find a foothold, an ecological disaster is possible.

#### The Origin of the Species

It is believed that zebra mussels were transported in ballast water by ships

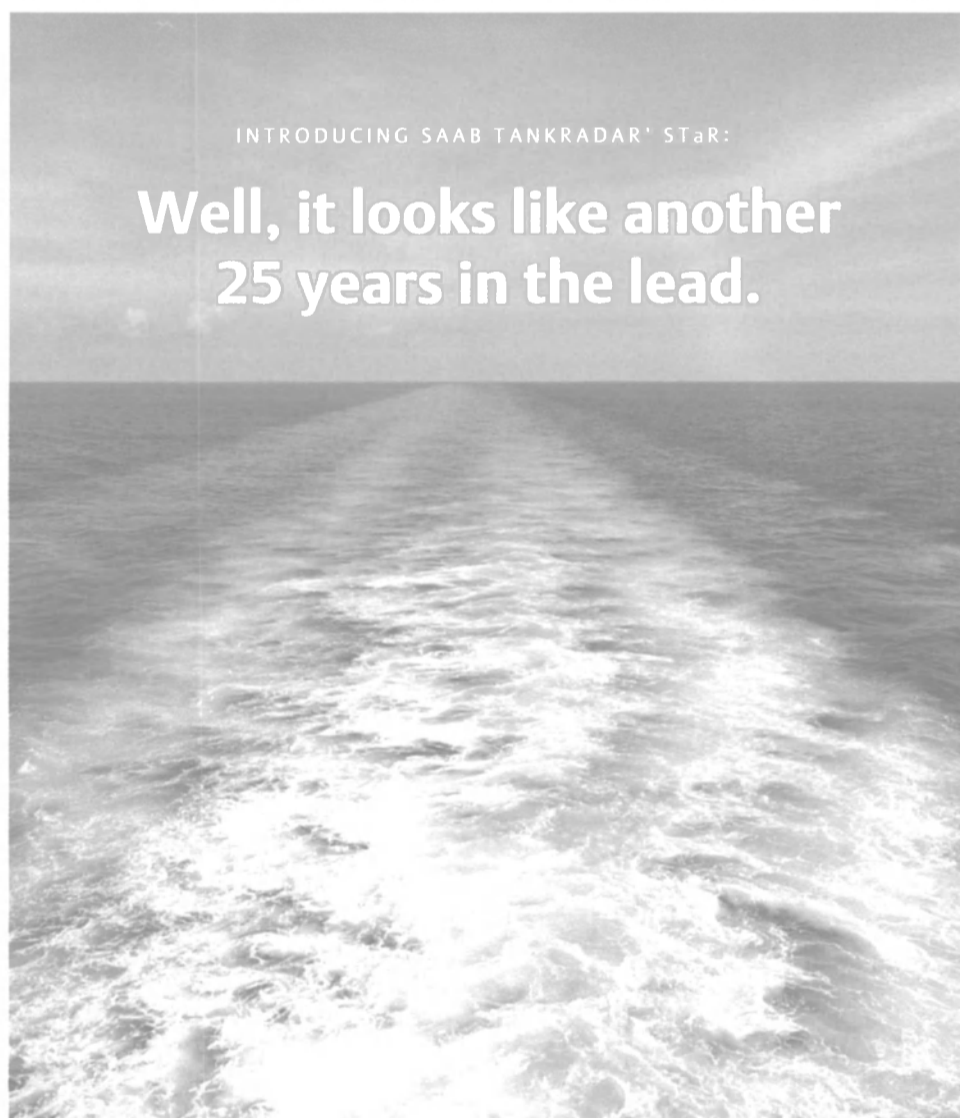
sailing from ports in the Black Sea to the Great Lakes of North America in the early 1980s. Infestations of zebra mussels were not noticed until about 1988, when they started clogging water intake pipes. Zebra mussels are such successful breeders and prodigious eaters and have so few natural enemies in their new environment that they tend to crowd out native species. Damages resulting from the spread of zebra mussels in North American waters and resultant control expenses are estimated to cost \$500 million annually.

While zebra mussels are the best known of the non-indigenous aquatic species, they are by no means alone. The European Green Crab, now found on both coasts of North America, is a voracious predator that feeds on bivalve mollusks and small crustaceans. The Chinese Mitten Crab (which may have been introduced illegally as a food source) has spread through the San Francisco Bay region, burrowing into and weakening dikes and levees, as well



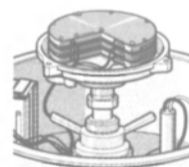
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as competing with local species. A recent study indicates that between six and 25 percent of the different species of plants and animals found in coastal waters of California may be non-indigenous. For many of these, it is too early to determine whether they will have deleterious impacts on the local bios-



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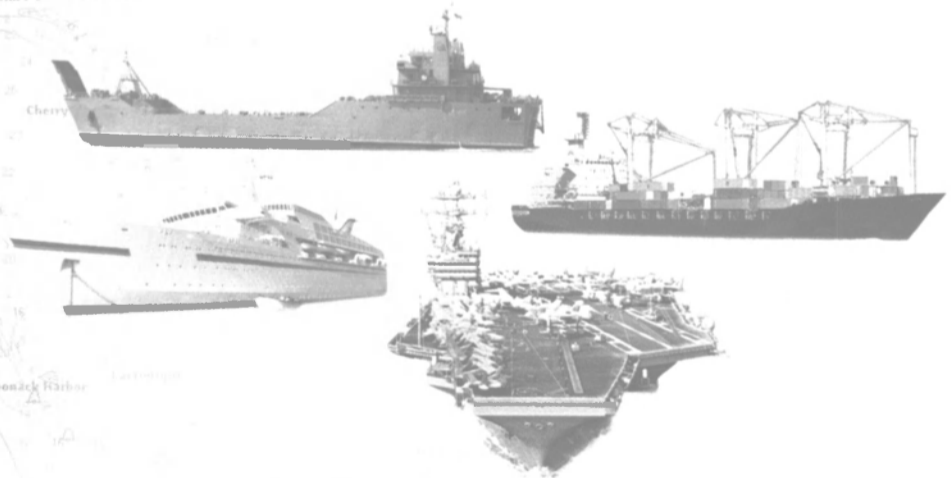
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## Government Update

phere. Other vectors for non-indigenous species to reach new environments range from intentional introduction (as when the Brown trout was brought to North America from Germany in the 1880's) to the unintentional (as when *Caulerpa taxifolia*, an exotic seaweed, was introduced into San Diego Bay by the emptying of aquariums). Recently,

the state of Virginia proposed to import Asian oysters to plant in the Chesapeake Bay in an attempt to counteract the massive decline in domestic oysters.

In an effort to slow the spread of aquatic non-indigenous species, ballast water management programs have been introduced. One of the first was mandated for ships entering the Great Lakes

from outside North America. These ships are required to demonstrate that they have exchanged their ballast water on the high seas while en route. High seas ballast water exchange remains the most widely accepted and widely utilized of the control techniques. This is true despite its downsides. Disposal of ballast water on the high seas may

expose the ship to stability risks, particularly in heavy weather. Even the best current ballast water pumping systems do not fully empty the ballast tanks, leaving some water and sediment (along with the potential for non-indigenous critters) in the tanks when they are refilled. Some ships transit exclusively in coastal or shallow-water areas where ballast water exchange may provide minimal value. Australia has introduced a ballast water management program that includes a risk analysis to determine the likelihood that a ship's ballast water might contain harmful non-indigenous species.

### Ballast Water and Other Guidelines

To reduce the probability that ballast water would contain significant numbers of non-indigenous species, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) established a set of voluntary guidelines. These include cautions against uptake of ballast water in very shallow water or in darkness when bottom-dwelling organisms may rise up the water column. These guidelines have been adopted by the U.S. Coast Guard (and have been made mandatory by the State of California).

The U.S. initially adopted a voluntary approach to ballast water management (except in Great Lakes and in the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge). The original program included a requirement that ships arriving from overseas report what ballast water management techniques were utilized on the voyage, but the techniques were only recommended and there was no penalty for not utilizing any and there was no penalty for failure to make the report. After three years, the results were not good. Only about 30 percent of arriving ships submitted the reports and only about 50 percent of the reporting ships stated that they had exchanged their ballast water or utilized other techniques. Based on these results, the U.S. Coast Guard is engaged in a rulemaking project that will establish civil penalties for failure to undertake ballast water management techniques and for failure to provide the required reports.

The IMO is engaged in a similar effort to improve ballast water management programs. A draft International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments has been prepared. An International Conference has been scheduled for February 2004 to consider and approve the Convention. Wide adoption of the Convention is expected to follow rapidly.

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In the U.S., various state governments have taken their own approach. California made the complete U.S. Coast Guard voluntary program mandatory, including the guidelines, which no one knows how to enforce. Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii largely adopted the program that is in effect on the Great Lakes. Hawaii, though, also adopted a program intended to control non-indigenous species that might attach themselves to the hulls of ships. As with the California approach to guidelines, no one knows how to enforce this particular provision. The Port of Oakland, under prodding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted a ballast water program that is separate and distinct from the one adopted by the State of California. To many, this port-specific requirement is perceived as little more than duplicative reporting, with no measurable increase in environmental protection. It is clear that ballast water management has moved from a vague concept to specific guidelines and now to mandatory requirements in rapid succession. Unfortunately, the technology has not kept pace. Ships are still relying largely on the antiquated method of ballast water exchange, with all its shortcomings and hazards. A few ships have tried experimental techniques, but none have been approved by flag or port states. Thus, these vanguard ships run the risk of having to rip out expensive equipment if the various governments refuse to 'grandfather' them at some future date. It is hoped that effective innovative technology is developed and approved in the near future and that pioneering ships are granted appropriate relief for leading the way.

### IBIA Warns on Tighter EU Sulfur Timetable

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) says revisions to the proposed EU directive on sulfur content of marine fuels published on August 8, 2003 by the European Commission do not go far enough to introduce abatement and trading as means to reduce sulfur emissions. Also, IBIA warns that new provisions bringing entry into force of the directive only six months after the date of publication are likely to be unworkable. The proposed EU directive on sulfur content of marine fuels seeks to impose a limit of 1.5 percent sulfur on all marine fuels burned in the Baltic, North Sea and Channel, and also imposes a 0.2 percent sulfur limit on all fuels consumed in EU ports.

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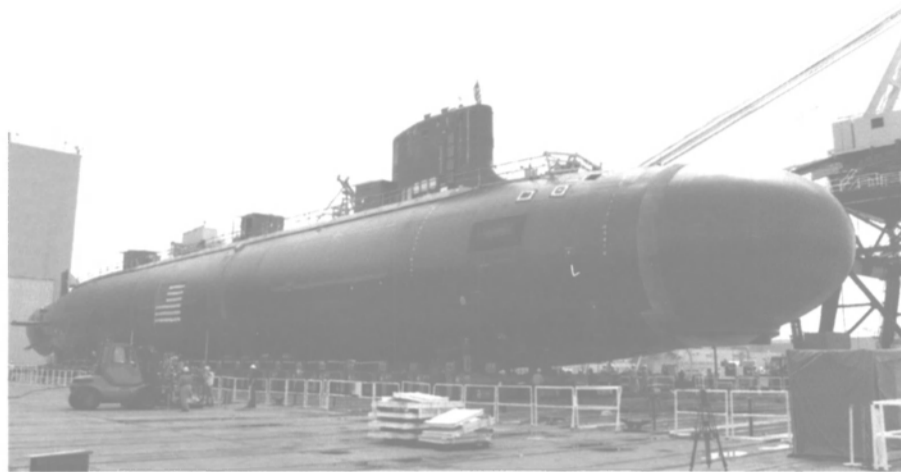
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# U.S. Sub Christened in "Home" Port

With a length of 377 ft. (114.9 m), a beam of 34 ft. (10.3 m) and a displacement of 7,800 tons, the Virginia, which is the first U.S. submarine designed to satisfy the requirements of regional and near-land missions in the post-Cold War era, was christened at Northrop Grumman Newport News on August 16, 2003. The ship is also designed with a reactor plant that will not require refueling during the planned life of the ship - reducing life-cycle costs while increasing underway time.

Unobtrusive, non-provocative and connected with land, air, sea and space-based assets, Virginia-class submarines will carry payloads that include special operations forces; unmanned undersea



The Navy's newest and most advanced nuclear attack submarine, Virginia (SSN-774), moved out of doors for the first time on August 2, 2003 at General Dynamics Electric Boat shipyard.

vehicles; mini-submarines to transport special operations personnel; and 38 weapons (torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles). These capabilities will provide the U.S. Navy with continued dominance in coastal waters or the open ocean.

The evolution of the new Virginia-Class began in 1998 when the U.S. Navy awarded a \$4.2-billion contract for the construction of the first four ships in the class. With Virginia designated as the premiere ship, it was designed by Electric Boat, the Virginia class is being built jointly under a teaming arrangement between Electric Boat and Northrop Grumman Newport News.

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## HSV 2 Swift Delivered to U.S. Navy

The new Catamaran HSV 2 Swift was delivered to the U.S. Navy on August 13, 2003, during a celebration in Hobart, Australia. High ranking U.S. Military officers joined with invited guests to witness the handover of the 321.5-ft. (98-m) Wave Piercing Catamaran HSV 2 Swift, Incat Hull 061.

Swift will serve operationally as an interim Mine Warfare Command and Support Ship (MCS), and support transformational mine warfare modular mission payload initiatives. In support of Navy experimentation, the HSV will be used to explore concepts, capabilities and military utility associated with the advanced hull and propulsion technology integrated with advanced communications in support of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program.

### Main Particulars - HSV 42

Designer/Builder ..... Incat, Hobart, Australia  
 Class ..... Det Norske Veritas  
 Length, (o.a.) ..... 318 ft. (97.2 m)  
 Length, (w.l.) ..... 302 ft. (92 m)  
 Beam, (o.a.) ..... 87 ft. (26.6 m)  
 Beam of Hulls ..... 15 ft. (4.5 m)  
 Draft ..... 11 ft. (3.4 m), loaded  
 Speed ..... approx. 38 knots @ 700 tons dwt  
 approx. 42 knots @ 350 tons dwt

For the Marine Corps, the HSV will conduct a series of limited-objective experiments, exercises, demonstrations and training events that develop interoperability potential of high-speed vessels with causeways, watercraft, amphibious ships and other shipping. Experimentation data will be used to

## Historic USS Portland Out of Service

The amphibious dock landing ship USS Portland (LSD 37) was decommissioned during a ceremony on August 4, 2003, at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va. In its last year of service, the 32-year-old ship was under the command of Cmdr. Lawrence Creevy.

LSD 37 was the second naval ship to bear the name Portland. The first USS Portland (CA 33), a heavy cruiser, was commissioned in 1933 and operated extensively in the Pacific Theater during WW II. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Portland, with its nine, eight-in. guns, was the largest gunship in the region until late 1942. Although often outgunned by the Japanese fleet and severely damaged by a torpedo in the Battle of Guadalcanal, the vessel participated in almost every major naval engagement and survived the duration of the war. While operating in the Pacific Theater, Portland was credited with sinking two destroyers, shooting down more than a dozen airplanes and assisting in the sinking of three battleships. It was also responsible for the sinking of a Japanese submarine.

access the military utility of HSVs and future joint and naval military operations or applications. The HSV is capable of maintaining an average speed of 35 knots or greater, loaded with 500 short tons, consisting of 350 personnel and military equipment. A minimum operating range of 1,100 nm at 35 knots

is required by the contract, as is a minimum transit range of 4,000 n.m. at an average speed of 20 knots. Furthermore, she must be capable of 24-hour operations at slow speeds (3-10 knots) for experimentation with unmanned autonomous vehicles, and to support dedicated and emerging organic mine

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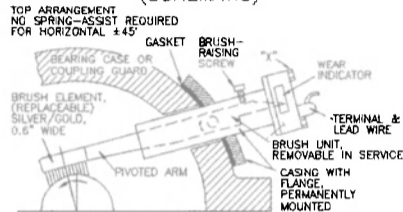
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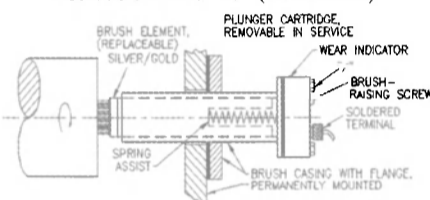
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# A Change in Course

News from BP, the world's largest oil company, that it plans to have "close control" over 50 percent of its tonnage by 2005 may bring a wry smile to more

than a few old timers. It was not very long ago at all that oil majors were systematically divesting themselves of vessels that, they said, tied up capital

unnecessarily and were not a part of their core business. At the time, they contended that they could rely on others to provide maritime transport more cheaply.

Has the wheel turned full circle? Last month BP's CFO **Byron Grote** revealed

impressive results - BP's second quarter profit was \$3.1million, up 42 percent year on year while its first half figures, at \$6.8 billion, were up 81 percent. But he also affirmed that the company intends to control more of its own tonnage, either by owning or time-chartering it.

In his speech entitled "Prestige - A Charterer's Reaction" which Captain **Noel G. Hart**, Manager, BP Shipping (USA) presented at an INTERTANKO meeting in April and was published, in part, in the June 2003 edition of this publication, Hart said:

"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?"

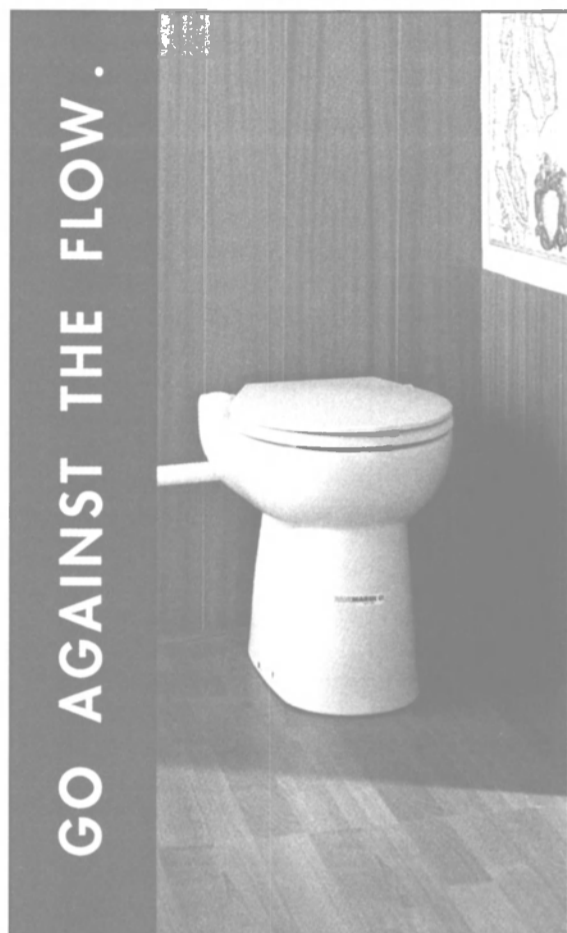
I will save you the question — we are doing it to be less dependent on a spot market that continues to disappoint — remember the figure I quoted before — only half the ships we could use, we can use. And so our assurance strategy — which was embryonic at the time of the Erika incident, and which matured 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."

Hart pointed to some sobering statistics that were used, in part, to formulate the plan:

"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."

## A Look Back

Back in the 1960s and early 1970s, oil companies owned a greater proportion of tonnage themselves than at any time since. Then they had another chunk on long-term timecharter, other vessels on medium term deals, and relied on the spot market only for unforeseen requirements. Then came the age of the tanker independent and when the tanker market crashed, it was better for oil companies to charter in large volumes of third-party tonnage at loss-making rates than continue to run their own high-cost shipping operations along traditional lines.



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## Ship Management

Now, in the wake of a number of high-profile tanker casualties but particularly the Prestige, the strategic risk associated with shipping activities, which are an essential part of any oil major's global logistics chain, is viewed completely different. Deep-pocketed oil companies simply cannot afford to risk over-reliance on independent tonnage, partic-

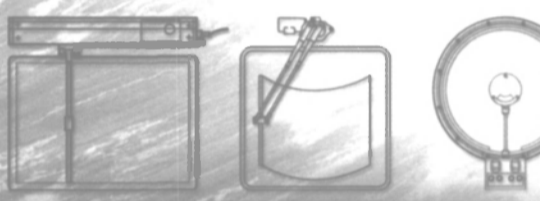
ularly in a tight market where good-quality ships are hard to find. Analysts believe that in certain sectors of the tanker market, such circumstances are now inevitable in the light of the faster phase-out of single hulled tonnage in the months ahead. Just look at the scale of the lawsuits bouncing backwards and forwards across the Atlantic between the

Spanish Government and the American Bureau of Shipping. No major corporate, forced to take whatever tonnage it can get in a tight market, would want to find itself having to charter tonnage that it knew was marginal. In practice, no oil major probably would, but then that poses a risk to the company's other fields of operation.



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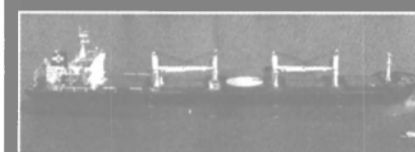
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## Univan Reports Steady Growth

The first half of 2003, under the watchful eye of Capt Vanderperre, Chairman of Univan has Univan Ship Management's fleet grow to in excess of 80 ships under full technical management. The growth has come from bulk carriers and two VLCCs (belonging to Fred Cheng/Shinyo International) and container ships, where Univan is well known for its unique expertise and dedicated technical and crewing pool.

As of June 30, Univan's fleet stood at 78 (up five from end 2002) and by end August an additional five ships will have been delivered to Univan, taking the fleet well into the 80s.

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according to Capt. Vanderperre.

"It is especially pleasing to have added two more VLCCs to the fleet and the support of an experienced tanker operator such as Fred Cheng's Shinyo Group bodes well for the company's future," he said.

In the tanker sector, the company now has four VLCCs, two Aframax, six prod-

uct and two chemical tankers under full technical management, 45 container vessels, four car and some 20 bulk carriers and multi-purpose cargo ships. On behalf of the Shinyo Group, Univan has also taken on the newbuilding supervision for three Panamax vessels at the Oshima Shipyard in Japan.

## V. Ships Appoints New Marine Services CEO

V. Ships has appointed **Richard Hext** as CEO of the Group's Marine Services Division. The move follows a restructuring of the Group into two operating divisions — Ship Management and Marine Services. Based in London, the newly formed Marine Services Division will

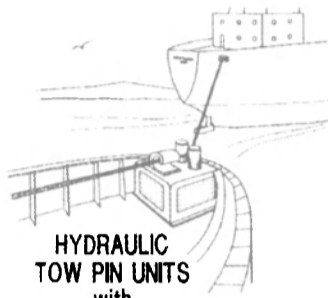
oversee all activities of the Group other than ship management, including commercial management, ship agency, consulting, travel, insurance, IT and various other support activities. **Roberto Giorgi** continues to head up the Ship Management Division, overseeing all cargo and leisure ship management activities within the group.

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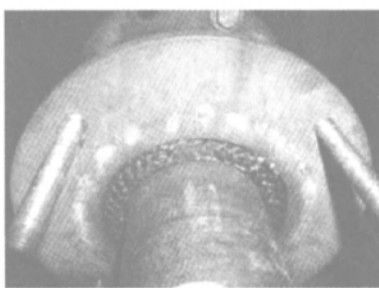
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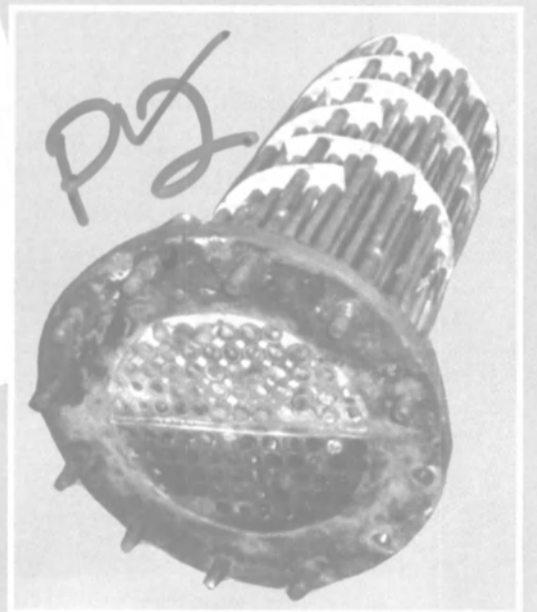
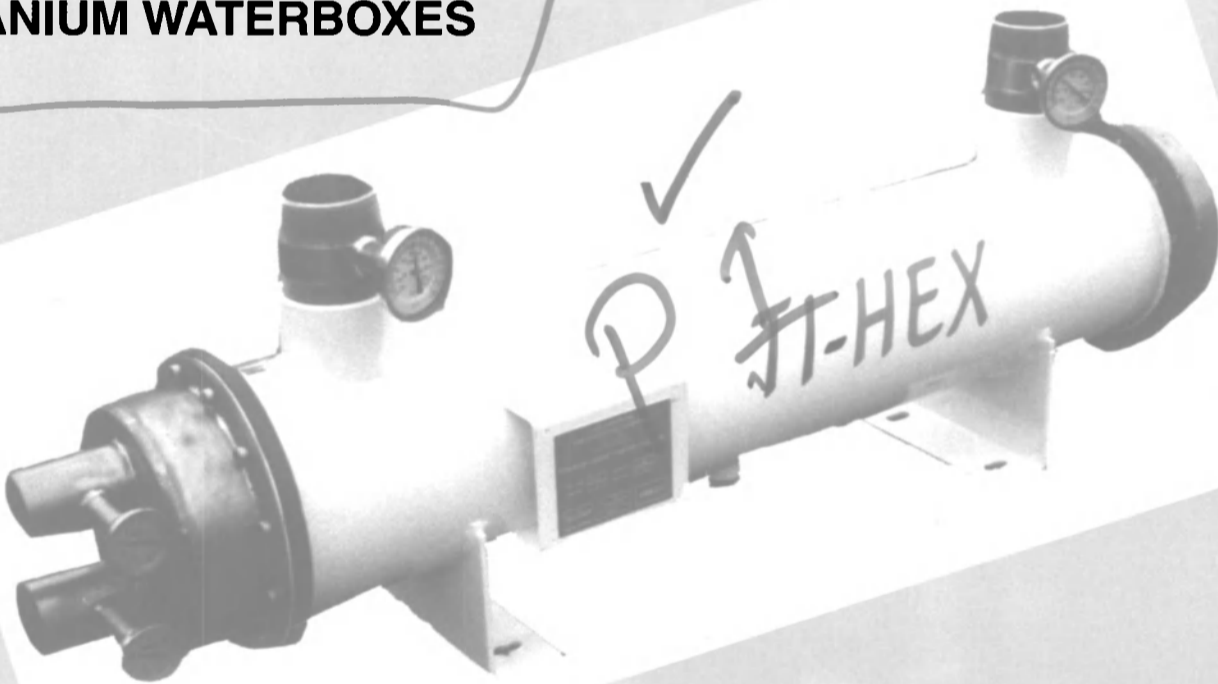
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## Stolt-Nielsen Appoints MD of Tanker Chartering

Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group (SNTG) appointed **Hans Feringa** as Managing Director of Tanker Chartering, and **Tom Monssen** has been named Managing Director of Terminals. Feringa most recently served as Managing Director of Stolthaven Terminals since July of 2000. He joined the Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group in 1996, as General Manager of Stolthaven Terminals Asia Pacific Business Development (Singapore), and was named Stolthaven Terminals Asia Pacific Director and Senior Vice President (Singapore) in 1999. Monssen was previously Managing Director SNTG South America (Brazil) from July 2000. He joined SNTG in 1984 as a Shipbroker, and was later promoted to Round Voyage Manager.

## Trico Marine Hires New CFO

Trico Marine Services, Inc. has hired **Trevor Turbidity** as the company's new CFO. Before joining Trico, Turbidity was employed by Credit Suisse First Boston as a Director in their Investment Banking Division. In addition, Trico is continuing to make progress in executing on its liquidity enhancement plan. The company has entered into a definitive agreement to sell one of its North Sea vessels for \$35.1 million — subject to customary closing conditions.

## Isaacson Joins GE US Equipment Financing



GE U.S. Equipment Financing has appointed **Steve Isaacson** as National Sales Leader. Isaacson, who is a veteran of the commercial marine finance industry, joining GE in 2001 after a 15-year career managing SAFECO Credit's national marine group in Seattle. He had

previously served the past two years as the northwest regional sales manager for GE USEF. He is a nationally recognized writer of marine finance topics, and has served as a member of the AWO.



## Smith Appointed VP at Senesco Marine

On July 28, 2003, **John Smith** was hired as V.P. of Sales Engineering for Senesco Marine based out of the company's New

Orleans office. Smith joins Senesco Marine with over 25 years experience in engineering, estimating, sales and construction of tank barges. Smith, who previously held the position of program manager and director of Barge Construction at Halter Marine, graduated from Delgado College in New Orleans with an AS in Engineering Technology.

## Bodewig Awarded Crowley Trophy

**Jose Roberto Bodewig**, Crowley's general manager in El Salvador, was awarded the 2002 Thomas Crowley Trophy, Crowley Maritime Corporation's highest honor. Bodewig, who is based in San Salvador and works for the corporation's liner services business unit, is the second trophy recipient this year.

Bodewig joined Crowley in 1988 as assistant general manager of El Salvador, and was promoted to general manager in 1991. He also served as acting general manager of Guatemala for almost a year between 1997 and 1998. In 2001, Bodewig assumed additional duties as Director, Crowley Logistics El Salvador, S. A. de C.V., which is now Crowley Transportes El Salvador, S. A. de C.V.d.

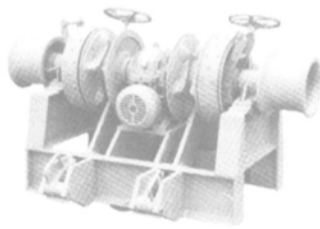


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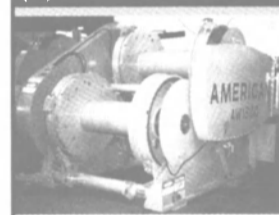


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# Payload Pivotal to Fast Sealift Ship

By David Tinsley, Technical Editor

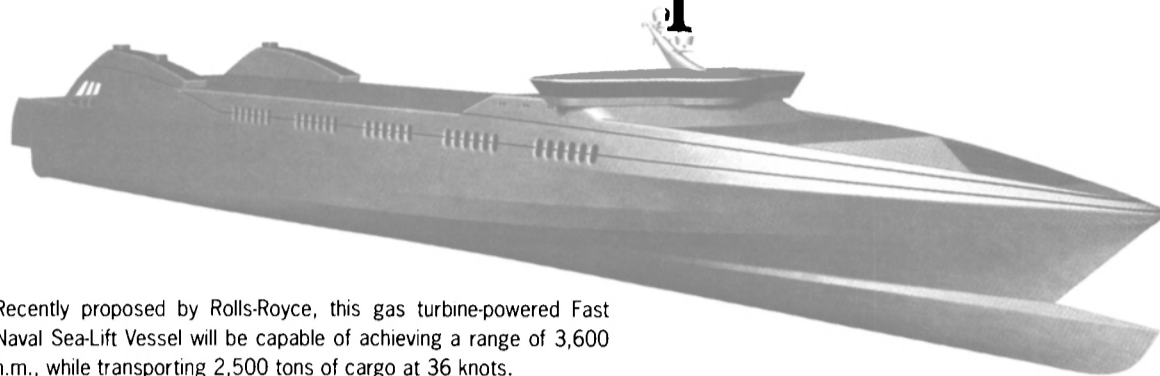
While catamaran and multi-hull vessel technology is increasingly being explored for its potential in high-speed military and logistical support applications, Rolls-Royce has unveiled a proposal for a fast naval sealift ship based on a monohull RoPax ferry design.

The impulse for developing a vessel type with that rare combination of exceptional speed and relatively high payload capacity originates from the changing emphasis in military support requirements, not least the deployment of rapid response forces to distant areas at short notice. The project has also been driven by a general trend towards faster combatants and the complementary need for a faster speed of back-up and replenishment.

The Rolls-Royce proposal entails a 4,000-dwt vessel of 581 ft. (177 m), capable of achieving a range of 3,600 n.m., transporting 2,500-tons of cargo at 36-knots. Short-haul operations, with a much decreased fuel volume, would allow shipment sizes up to 3,700-tons, in the case of sustaining a speed of 40 knots over 500 n.m. The comparatively high cargo capacity is not restricted by volumetric capacity, since the design encapsulates 1,800 lane-m for military vehicles and equipment.

The fast sealift vessel concept underscores Rolls-Royce's endeavors to transfer technology across its commercial and naval businesses. It offers a pragmatic solution to emerging military needs, with the cost and time benefits of using a commercial, off-the-shelf (COTS) design of fast ferry.

It is based on the P2500 RoPax series, formulated in the late 1990s by Nordvestconsult, one of two west Norwegian commercial ship design houses owned by the UK group. Although not built to date, the P2500 was originally developed in response to a Mediterranean ferry operator's project requirements, and the design was tank-tested and taken through the classification process. The parameters had included a speed of 42-knots, and dimensioning for 1,500-passen-



Recently proposed by Rolls-Royce, this gas turbine-powered Fast Naval Sea-Lift Vessel will be capable of achieving a range of 3,600 n.m., while transporting 2,500 tons of cargo at 36 knots.

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As well as offering commercially acceptable operating costs at a service speed of 42-knots, the monohull form had been devised to produce favorable resistance characteristics at significantly higher speeds, to as much as 60-knots. The new, fast sealift ship design is also scaleable to meet individual customers' needs.

In the context of currently available, fast commercial designs, Rolls-Royce acknowledges that aluminum catamarans have already exhibited benefits with respect to the shortsea transportation of troops and equipment, and in littoral support. The capability to transport military personnel is a factor in their operational success. Such vessels are also inherently flexible and can even provide the opportunity to deploy forces directly on to a beachhead. "The catamaran vessels currently in naval use are, however, physically limited in size (around 120 m) and cargo capacity (just over 500 tons)," observes Rolls-Royce, adding that "Their size also limits achievable range and effective operation in high-sea conditions."

By contrast, the emphasis in the fast sealift proposal has been on maximizing deadweight at the requisite speed and endurance, while allowing navies to gain advantages in reduced production times, structural weight and build and operating costs by recourse to monohull technology bred in the commercial marine environment.

Through the Nordvestconsult P2500 project and also

the group's joint work with Spanish shipyard and engineering organization IZAR on an innovative design of 37-knot shortsea freight carrier, Rolls-Royce has studied the relative merits of monohull, catamaran and surface effect ship (SES) forms for high-speed transport needs. Factors which were deemed advantageous in those projects, including deadweight to speed relationship, build techniques and cost, propulsive power requirements, cargo carrying layout, and seakeeping performance, held good in the selection of a monohull for the fast sealift concept.

The main structure would be in high tensile steel, with only the fourth and bridge decks to be fabricated from aluminum alloy. The monohull design is also considered to provide higher levels of damage stability, as flooding would occur symmetrically. By combining a wave-piercing bulbous bow with a monohull form, a longer waterline has been achieved with a very low angle of water entrance at the bow. This offers reduced resistance and minimized slamming, while producing better motions.

The nominated power plant comprises three of Rolls-Royce's newly-developed MT30 marine gas turbine, conferring a power concentration of 108-MW from less than 70 tons of installed prime movers. Propulsive effect would be delivered via Allen gearboxes through Kamewa waterjets. The MT30 is also central to the European High Speed Cargo Vessel (EHSCV) design developed by Rolls-Royce and IZAR.

## The Chairman's Influence on Design

One of the most enduring business relationships has been reinforced by the Evergreen Group's decision to entrust construction of an extensive new series of post-Panamax container-ships to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The project is distinguished not only by its scale, in calling for 10 S-class new-builds of 6,724-TEU to be delivered between September 2005 and the end of 2007, but also by the adoption of the 'Greenship' design concept proposed by Evergreen chairman Dr. Chang Yung-Fa. Through its special attention to pollution prevention, the 'Greenship' approach calls for fuel oil storage to be

protectively located within the athwartship bulkheads dividing the cargo holds. "We don't want fuel oil tanks to be located at the sides and at the bottom of the ships," commented Dr. Chang.

"If fuel oil tanks are located inside the hulls along the transverse bulkhead, damage to tanks and oil leakage incidents caused by grounding and collisions can be dramatically reduced," he added.

The new generation of 984-ft. (300-m) S-type vessels will become the largest ships in the Evergreen-owned fleet, stowing 15-wide rows of contain-

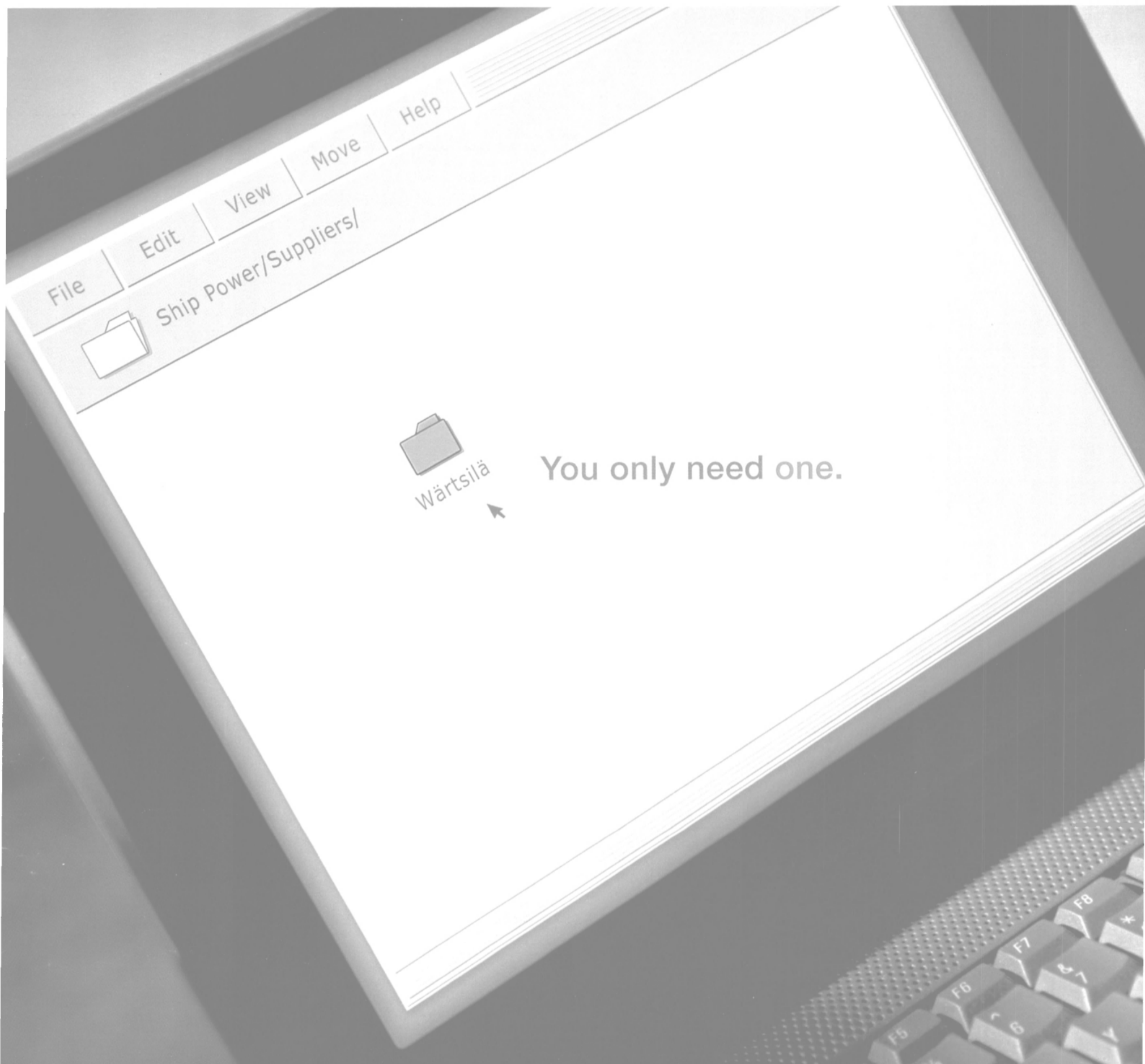
ers in the holds and carrying deck stacks in 17 rows. Promising a service speed of 25.3-knots from a 74,700-bhp Sulzer 10RTA96C engine to be produced by Mitsubishi under license, the series will be well-suited to the group's express liner operations between the Far East and Europe.

Evergreen's design move in eschewing the conventional practice of carrying heavy fuel oil for the main engine in the double bottom or hull sides gives added momentum to the industry's re-think of such arrangements in large container-ships.

Recent months have seen the intro-

duction into service of the first vessels in Mitsui OSK Lines program of Panamax containership newbuilds, in which the internal structure has similarly been used to provide bunker capacity.

The policy applied in eight vessels of around 4,600-TEU has meant that at least 50-percent of each vessel's total fuel capacity, sufficient for a 10,000-mile voyage, has been transferred from the double bottom to transverse bulkheads. Mitsubishi was assigned four of the new, 25-knot MOL class, while the other quartet was placed with IHI Marine United.



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# The Lure of the Electric Drive

By Stuart C. Karon and Dr. Swarn Kalsi, American Superconductor

In the September 2002 issue of *Maritime Reporter and Engineering News*, a detailed discussion was featured on the advantages of future High Temperature Superconductor (HTS) machinery for propulsion of electric drive ships. Since then, development of HTS ship propulsion motors has moved ahead — at a rapid pace — specifically in three areas:

- **Motors** A 5-MW 230-rpm machine for the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) is undergoing factory tests. ONR is now funding the next step — design, fabrication and factory testing of a 36.5-MW 120-rpm machine to prove the technology at full-scale for warships.

- **Generators** Development of HTS generators has also leapt ahead with the initial production of 10-MVAR synchronous condensers for utility voltage adjusting service. These condensers are very similar in design and operation to 10-MW, 1,800-rpm generators.

- **Very large systems** HTS technology is particularly well-suited to high torque marine propulsion systems, and the small size, light weight, high efficiency and inherent quietness offer unique solutions to propulsion of very fast and very large ships.

While diagnostic devices using superconducting magnets are common in hospitals and some industrial applications, virtually all rely on low temperature superconductor wire that must be maintained within a few degrees of absolute zero to function. Commercially avail-

able high temperature superconducting wire, developed over the past decade at American Superconductor Corporation (AMSC), achieves superconductivity at temperatures up to 100 degrees above absolute zero, in the vicinity of the temperature of liquid nitrogen. While very cold by human standards, this temperature is easy and inexpensive to achieve and maintain. Commercially available refrigerator systems and straightforward insulation systems combine to make HTS superconducting machinery practical and affordable in any industrial setting, including ship propulsion.

## Motors

AMSC and ALSTOM Power Conversion have teamed to design and build the Navy's 5-MW 230-rpm marine propulsion motor, now undergoing factory tests at ALSTOM's facility in Rugby, U.K. (see figure 1 below)

The HTS field coils on the rotor are cooled by a small quantity of helium gas, using commercial off-the-shelf Gifford-McMahon refrigerators, that is fed to the rotor through a rotating seal at the non-driven end on the far side of the motor shown in Figure 1. The refrigerator system used in this prototype motor has several times more capacity than is required for a 5-MW motor, and was purposely designed in this manner to demonstrate the refrigeration system required for a large marine propulsion motor. (see figure 2 below).

A brushless exciter power is used to energize the HTS coils in a manner analogous to conventional synchronous

motors. This same circuit is also used to quickly de-energize the coils if needed in response to a system casualty or for machine performance monitoring. The stator is liquid-cooled for maximum power density. The motor is a six pole, 4.2kV machine, and has characteristics as outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1

List of Parameters	Value
Geometric scaling from 25 MW	~0.7
Estimated weight	26 tons
Number of poles	6
Motor Outside Diameter	1.6 m
Motor length over end turns	1.6 m
Number of phases	3
Speed at full-load	230 rpm

Table 1: The US Navy's 5-MW HTS motor is approximately one-half the size and weight of a similar conventional synchronous motor.

Because of the very high magnetic flux densities provided by the HTS rotor coils, the stator requires no iron teeth to distribute the flux. A primary source of noise is thereby eliminated, and additional stator copper can be packed into the space formerly occupied by the stator iron teeth to further enhance the machine's power density. Other than their extraordinary advantages, AMSC's HTS motors are essentially common AC synchronous electric motors, and can therefore be driven by standard electronic motor drives. The AMSC 5-MW motor will be delivered to the Navy with an ALSTOM VDM 5000 commercial electronic drive system.

Preliminary 5-MW motor testing results confirm the motor's design basis.

Efficiency is extremely high, as predicted. Other machine operating parameters are also as expected, including the performance of the HTS coils, the coil exciter, and the refrigeration system. Factory testing will be completed shortly, and HTS motors in the 5-MW size range will soon be available for commercial delivery.


Conventional motors of this size are already used in thousands of moderate-sized ships, of which more than 100 are powered by diesel electric propulsion systems. Among these ships in this size range are cruise ships, product and chemical tankers, RoRo passenger ships, cable layers and icebreakers. Each of these ship types, as well as many others, will benefit from the small size and weight of HTS motors, and any that spend a significant time operating at part load will also see a substantial gain in fuel efficiency.

The commercialization of HTS marine propulsion motors comes at a time when both naval and commercial ships are rapidly transitioning from mechanical to electric propulsion. The Navy recognizes the extraordinary capabilities of HTS technology to deliver (in small, light, quiet and affordable packages) the very large power warships require. It therefore recently conducted a competition for the design, fabrication and factory testing of a large HTS ship propulsion motor. This Navy solicitation set rigid requirements for a 36.5-MW motor's performance and physical characteristics, particularly weight.


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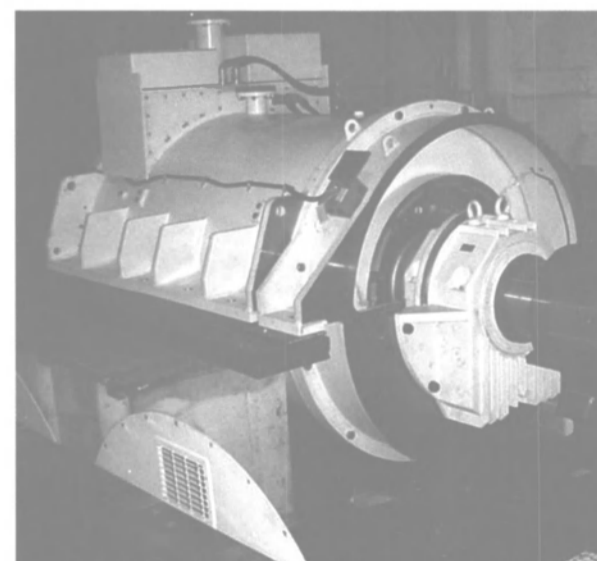


Figure 1 Variants of the HTS 5-MW marine propulsion motor will be available for insertion in new construction ships in 2005.



tion, has proven its HTS design algorithms and technology in the Navy's 5-MW program, and is now applying its HTS design algorithms and technology to the design and fabrication of a 36.5-MW (49,000-shp) 120-rpm motor. This motor is sized for the Navy's future DD(X) class ships, and its delivery is scheduled for spring 2006. The design effort is proceeding in accordance with the proposed schedule, and the program is on track to deliver the motor on time.

### Generators And Synchronous Condensers

At the same time, AMSC has begun fabrication of a prototype for a 10-MVAR SuperVAR dynamic synchronous condenser (DSC) ordered by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). DSC's ensure proper VAR levels are maintained in electric power transmission and distribution systems, thereby allowing the unimpeded flow of power through the lines and lowering costs. The SuperVAR machines are similar to 10-MW 1,800-rpm generators, and thus the production of these TVA machines is setting the stage for the future commercialization of HTS generators, both in marine and land-based applications. Like their motor cousins, HTS generators are smaller, lighter, and more efficient than conventional generators.

For example, a 36-MW marine generator and its support equipment will weigh about 40 tons and will measure less than 6.5 ft. (2 m) in diameter and less than 13 ft. (4 m) in length overall. Coupled with a GE LM 6000 or Rolls Royce MT-30 gas turbine (GT) at about 22 tons, a combined GT generator set will weigh only slightly more than 60 tons. These lighter and compact GT generator sets can now be located in a ship's superstructure, thereby minimizing the space requirements for the engine room and GT ducting.

Brian Ackerman, a marine propulsion consultant, recently evaluated this concept. He studied nine different diesel-direct drive container ships for the impact of a deckhouse GT generator set electric drive using conventional (and not HTS) generators. He estimated that the GT deckhouse system would make room for 4-16.4 percent more containers in the nearly vacant engine room, depending on the size of the ships. Ackerman further estimated that the added revenue from the container increase would pay back the greater first cost of the GT electric-drive and it's more expensive fuel in an average of 2.7 years, again depending on the specific ship. Ackerman noted that conventional generators control the weight of the GT generator sets and sometimes lead to

arrangement problems at the higher ratings. With HTS generators, such difficulties will be ameliorated.

### Very Large Systems

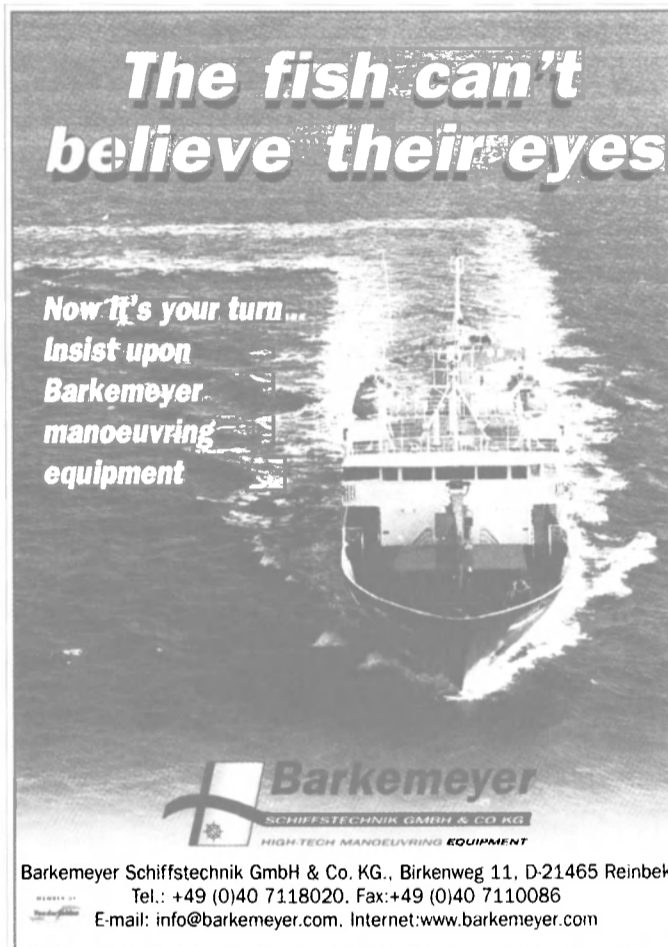
Ackerman's study also assumed electric pod drive in his analyses, which also maximized the revenue space made available in the former engine room.

What he did not discuss was the difficulty that conventional electric drive or even direct diesel drive faces at very high power — the larger ships in his study need up to 77-MW of propulsion power, preferably in a single shaft for simplicity. This much power is not available with today's electric drive technology and is also problematic with

direct drive diesels, currently the most common propulsion system in modern container ships. A recent issue of *Marine Engineers Review* suggests that direct-drive diesels may be reaching their practical size limit because of the vibration, heat stress and ship hogging they cause. Here again, HTS motors offer a solution. Because of the high

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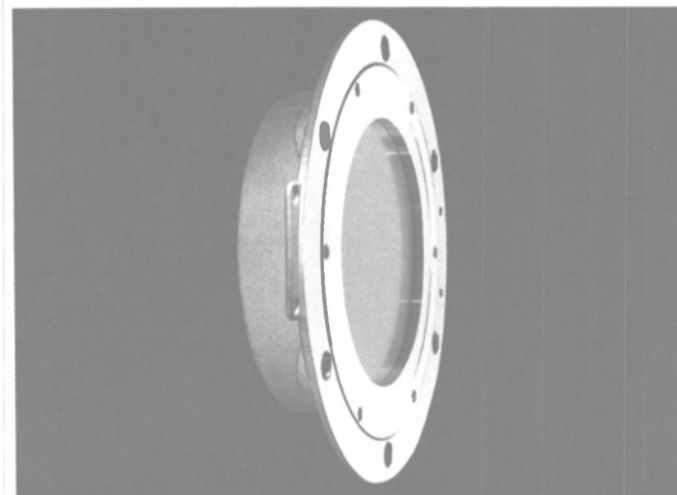
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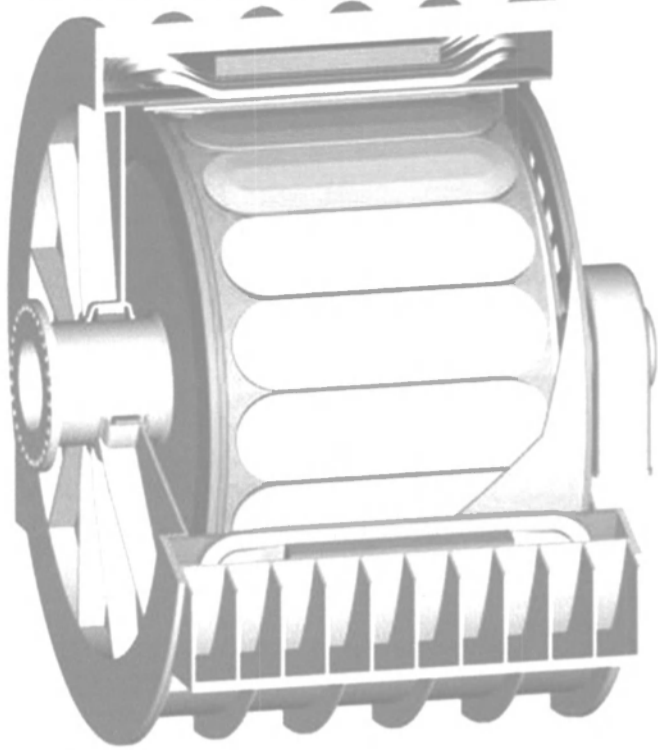
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## Marine Propulsion Annual



**Figure 3** The 36.5 MW HTS marine propulsion motor uses technology validated in the U.S. Navy's 5-MW Motor and earlier developments.

flux densities and gap shear stresses generated by the superconducting field coils. HTS motors follow fundamentally different scaling laws than do conventional motors. HTS motors scale according to a 1/5 (0.2) power rule instead of the conventional 1/3 (0.3) power rule. This means that very high horsepower HTS motors are not much bigger than more moderate-sized HTS motors. For example, a 25-MW 120-rpm will be only 1.4 times dimensionally larger than AMSC's 5-MW HTS motor, despite having five times the power and ten times the torque of the smaller machine. Replacing the diesel engine's great size and weight.

HTS technology also greatly improves today's electric ship propulsion systems. Consider the conversion to electric propulsion of the Queen Elizabeth 2 in

1987. The electric propulsion modification designers were constrained by the existing engine room layout and volume in which they could install, leading to the selection of two 44-MW 150-rpm synchronous pancake motors. Each weighs about 400 cu. tons and measures about 29.5 ft. (9 m) in width and height and about 20 ft. (6 m) in length. Each motor is so large, and the ship's installation restrictions so severe, that each was built, delivered and installed in quarters — two half stators and two half rotors. The motors and the other ship's electricity needs are met by nine 10.5-MW medium speed conventional diesel generator sets with a total weight of more than 2,000 tons.

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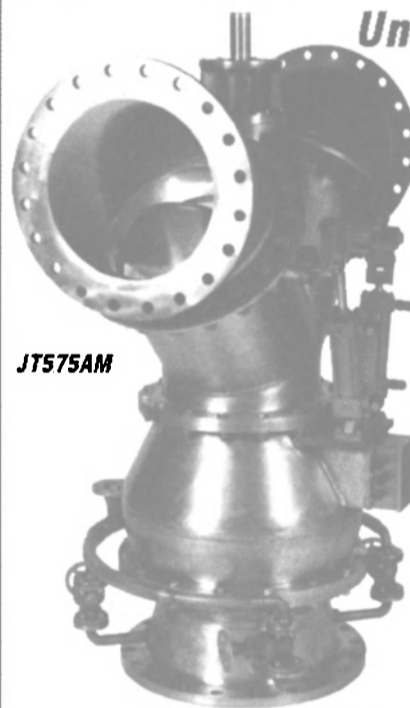
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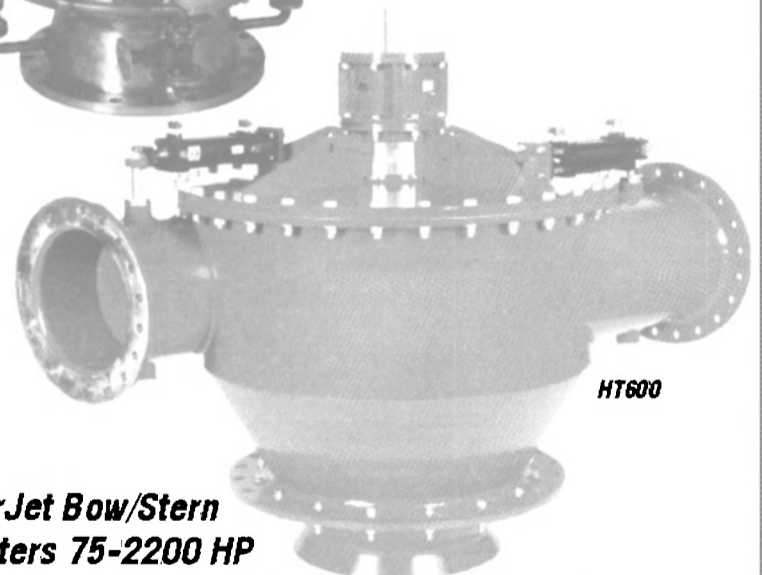
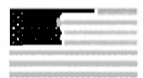
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time. But what would have been possible if HTS technology were available in 1987? An HTS 36.5-MW motor, developing the identical torque of the QE2 motors, 2.1 million ft.-lbs., would be very much smaller and lighter. Table 2 compares the pair.

	QE2 Motor	HTS Motor
Torque	2.1 Mfp	2.1 Mfp
Weight	400 tons	<70 tons
Height	9 m	4 m
Width	9 m	4 m
Length	~6 m	4 m
Volume	486 cu. m.	60 cu. m.

**Table 2:** An HTS ship propulsion motor of equivalent torque rating to that installed in the QE2 will be less than 1/5 (0.2) the weight and approximately 1/8 (.125) the volume of the ship's currently installed propulsion motors.

The HTS motor would have been far easier to ship to the construction site and install. Further, because the HTS motor is an AC synchronous machine, it can be driven by any conventional synchronous drive, including the technology used on the QE2. Nothing new is needed here.

As to the nine diesel generators, three 36-MW GT HTS generator sets would provide more power, would weigh far less at about 210 tons, and could have been mounted in the superstructure to open up vast areas in the engine room for productive revenue-generating purposes.

Water jet drive motors for large, ultra-high speed ships are another attractive target for HTS technology. HTS GT generator sets located in the ship's superstructure and HTS electric water jet drive motors below may be an enabling combination for such ships.

HTS motor and generator commercialization is occurring at a rapid rate, prompted by the Navy's marine propulsion motor development contracts and TVA's order of five SuperVAR dynamic synchronous condensers, both involving AMSC. Earlier predictions of significant size and weight benefits, as well as greater efficiency, are being validated through these efforts. Further, no technology shortfalls have been revealed and none are foreseen.

The space, weight, efficiency and quietness advantages of HTS technology can translate directly into unique propulsion system arrangements and more revenue producing space in future passenger and cargo ships, as well as spawn the development of new ship designs of novel hull forms. The benefits to the maritime industry will be profound.

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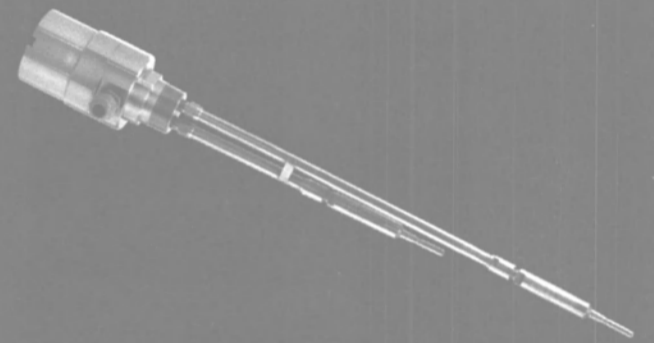
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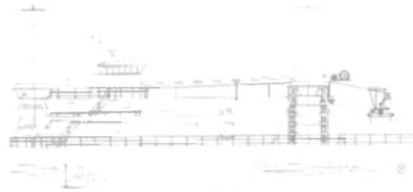
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One of the most talked about crew/supply boats this year is a new 160 x 32-ft. (48.7 x 9.7-m) vessel designed by A. K. Suda, Inc. and built in Bayou La Batre, Ala. An innovative design, the vessel has no deep tonnage frames or tonnage openings and yet is certified by the Coast Guard as under 100 grt. Deep tonnage frames have long been used by boat designers as a way of excluding areas in the hull from inclusion in the 100 grt measurement — tonnage openings on the vessel's main deck are used in the same way.

The vessel has no watertight boundary between the engine room and the passenger seating forward and yet meets or exceeds USCG stability standards. There is no need for a watertight bulkhead on the main deck to get from one personnel area to another. A lower lightship with the same deadweight gives lower displacement and hence higher stability and speed for the same power — it is that simple. The 100 GRT volumetric measurement is critical because vessels that do not meet this standard cannot be classified as either Subchapter T or Subchapter K vessels. "Passenger vessels that are not Subchapter T or Subchapter K are more expensive to build and to operate because of increased manning requirements and other factors," said **Ajay Suda**, naval



Outboard profile of the new 130-ft. by 100-ft. lift boat, designed by A.K. Suda, which features Techcrane cranes.

architect. Suda is careful not to reveal exactly how he accomplished this design innovation, but he was very complimentary to the Coast Guard and to ABS. "Who gave this design a full review and in the end were satisfied that it met all of their criteria.

Most vessel designers know that tonnage frames have no structural value and simply get in the way," Suda added "To us they are an unacceptable compromise to good design."

"We simply used the rules that the Coast Guard and the classification societies developed and with a creative approach, we were able to save considerable amounts of aluminum," Suda added. "I may have pushed the envelope slightly on various applicable rules of the U.S. Coast Guard, but the design provided an equal or greater level of safety and strength than required by ABS and Coast Guard rules," Suda said.

The absence of tonnage frames in the

hull means that tanks do not have the unnecessary obstruction caused by these frames making cleaning easier. No tonnage frames also means that crew accommodations can be larger. With a more spacious hull, passenger seating can now be on two levels... in the hull and on the main deck. A total of 81 passengers can be accommodated as well as 10 crewpersons in larger, more comfortable quarters. Four Caterpillar 3512 DITA engines generating 1,575 hp each power the vessel; ZF gears transfer this power to propellers.

## Lift Boat Tech

A.K. Suda also designed an innovative lift boat which is currently under construction, a 133 x 100-ft. (40.5 x 30.4m) lift boat with an 11-ft. (3.3-m) deep hull. The vessel is being built for C. S. Liftboats in Erath, La. Once again, Suda was able to bring the vessel in at less than 100 GRT without tonnage frames. The lift boat has 240-ft. (73.1-m) legs that can work in up to 180 ft. (54.8 m) of water. The deck area totals 8,300 sq. ft., about 50 percent of which can be used for variable loading. Loading for the cargo deck is 800 kips and the main deck loading is 400 psf. A pair of Caterpillar 3508B diesels, rated at 960 hp each, powers the vessel. Service power comes from three Caterpillar

3412 gensets, each rated at 175 kW. The vessel has accommodations for 42 persons in the hull of the vessel. Once again the absence of deep tonnage frames eliminates unnecessary weight. Classified by ABS, the vessel mounts two cranes — the main being a Techcrane Model F200-100 that can lift 100 tons at 30 ft. — the auxiliary an EBI Model C30-60 with a capacity of 17 tons at 10 ft.

## Steyr Comes to U.S.

Austria's Steyr Motors is aiming to make its mark in the U.S., as it has struck an agreement with Stewart & Stevenson to sell its modern, high-tech, lightweight marine diesel powerplant here. Steyr also forged a relationship with Mercruiser, with kits offered for Bravo I, II and III stern drives. The diesel line had its genesis with the Steyr-Daimler-Puch auto group and can now brag about an 80-year history of engine development for civil, military and marine uses. Steyr's monoblock high performance alloy material, and lightweight components are designed to provide a very favorable power to weight ratio. The 246 Steyr is a six-cylinder inline diesel, using an electronically controlled engine management system with two-stage direct injection.



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TEU containerships. Each engine, which will be built by HSD in Korea, will be able to power an 8,400 teu containership, which measure 1,099 x 140 ft. (335 x 42.8 m). The ships are to be built at Daewoo in Korea with MAN B&W Holeby GenSets, type 7L32/40.

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Crosshead bearings show a significantly different load pattern when operating in the full speed-idle load mode. At the full load condition (100 percent engine load and 100 percent engine speed) the bearing load mainly points downwards, thus creating high oil film pressures in the lower shell of the crosshead bearing.

All sizes of MAN B&W two-stroke engines may also be specified for plants in which the propeller is de-clutchable. In these installations, the engine can be operated for power generation at full speed with the propeller de-clutched at loads from 0 to 100% for prolonged periods. MC/MC-C and ME/ME-C engines applied in these plant configurations are designed for continuous operation in a flexible load range.

By far, the most complex assembly to analyze is the main bearing cap in the bedplate. An important step is evaluating the contact pressure between the bearing shell and the bearing saddle, this pressure distribution being calculated during assembly when the main bearing caps are tightened. Controlling the contact pressure distribution is crucial in avoiding fretting of the back of the bearing shell.

In other steps of the analysis, contact

pressure distribution is superimposed with the variation in contact pressure distribution originating from the various running conditions. The full speed-idle load mode is naturally of special importance, as this running condition requires the most attention in avoiding bearing shell back fretting.

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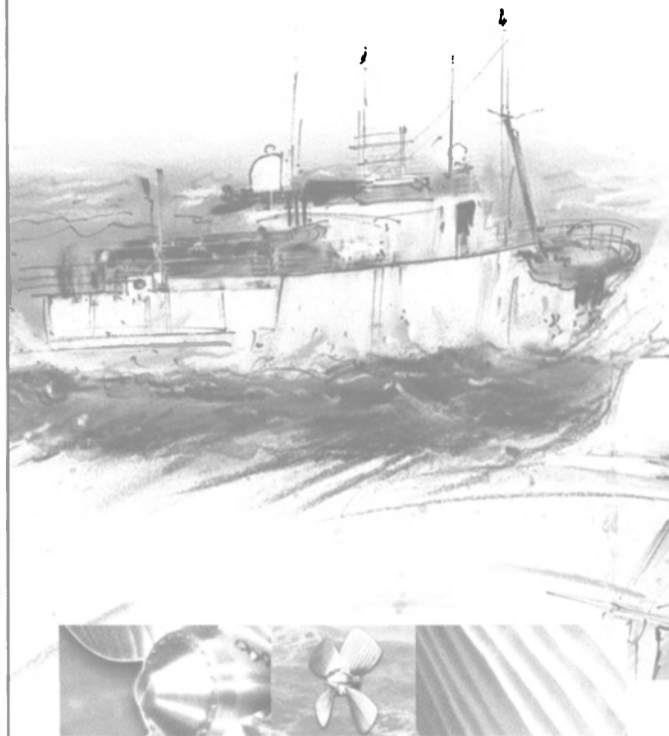
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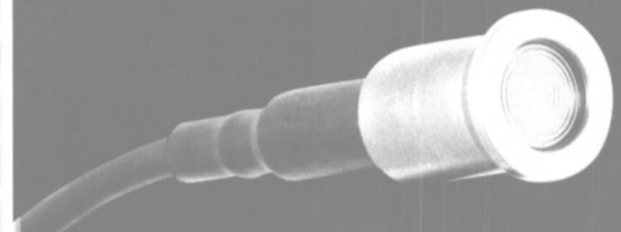
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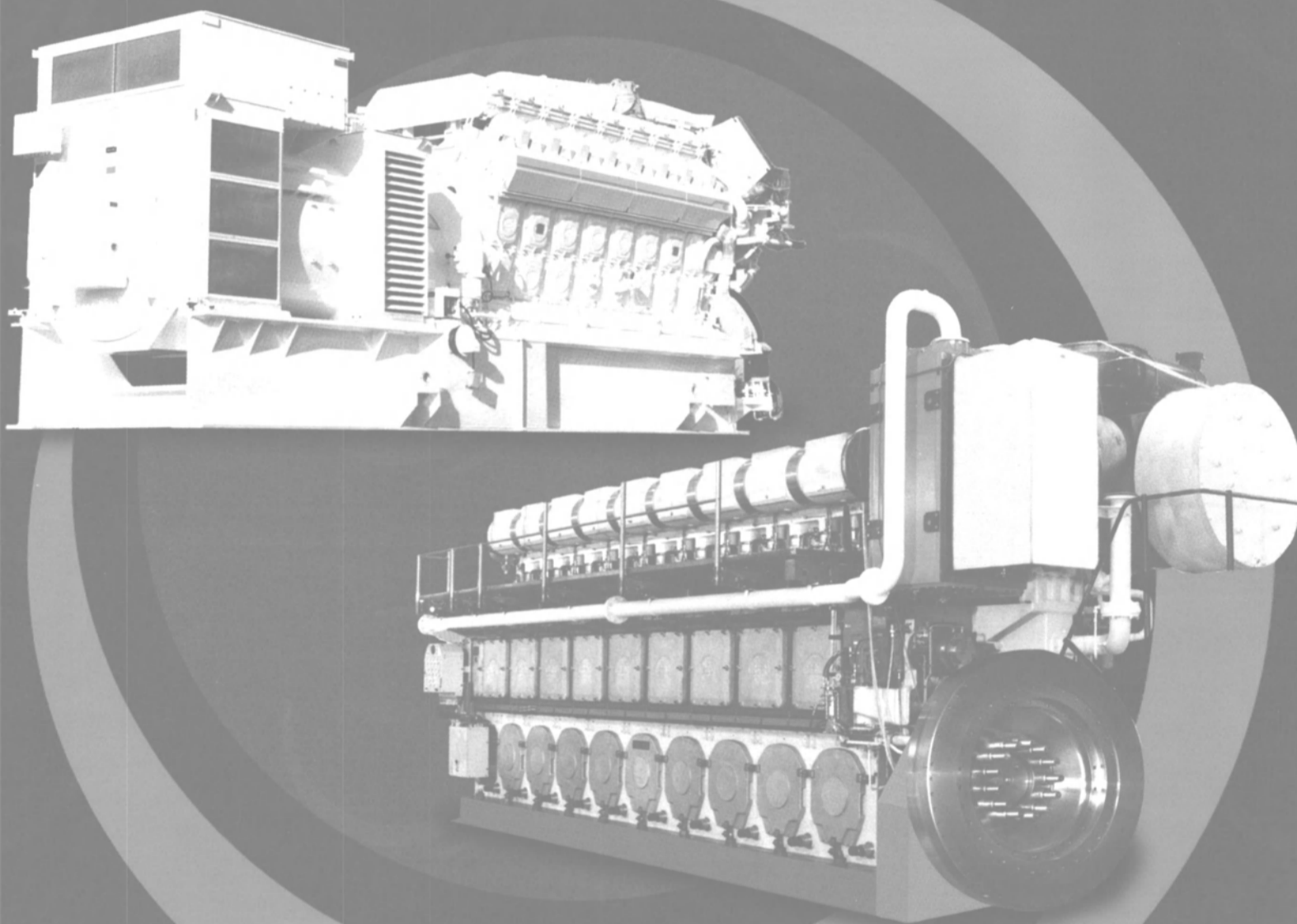
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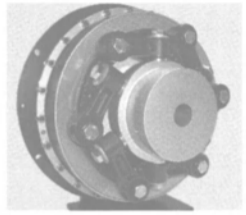
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### Siemens Promotes Fuel Cell Power

Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services Group (I&S) received an order from HDW Fuel Cell Systems GmbH (HFCS) to supply a transportable 160 kW fuel cell system for emission-free power generation on ships. The system is housed in a container, which allows it to be brought onboard for demonstrations and tests, and to be seamlessly connected to the ship's power supply. It is scheduled for delivery in spring 2005. Siemens will install the complete system in a 20-ft. transport container so that it can be made available for potential users for testing. In addition to four fuel cell modules manufactured by Siemens with a gross output of 40 kW each, the container accommodates all the process engineering and electrical engineering systems needed for operation, control and monitoring, as well as a converter, which adapts the electrical energy generated so that it can be fed into the ship's power system.

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### Unique RoPax Ferries

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was tapped by Shin Nihonkai Ferry Co. to build a pair of large, high-speed RoPax ferries, innovative concept vessels with a single-shaft system that is the combination of contra rotating propellers (CRPs) and a pod drive unit. The 17,000-gtships are due for delivery next June.

They will measure 736.5 x 85 ft. (224.5 x 26 m) and will have a maximum speed of 31.5 knots. They will be outfitted with a steerable Azipod unit from ABB Azipod, installed in a contra-rotating mode aft of the mechanically

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### Trials Begin on Unique Maneuvering Aid

The SEA-AHED — the merciful acronym for Simulation Environment and Advisory System for On-board Help, and Estimation of Maneuvering Performance During Design — was scheduled to be installed onboard P&O Princess Cruises' Golden Princess for trial this summer. The trial is a three year project funded by the European Commission Competitive and Sustainable Growth Program, which unfortunately does not have a snappy acronym. The purpose of SEA-AHED is to allow a ship's maneuvering characteristics to be determined very early in the design process; to develop a nav aid displaying, in real time, a vessel's current position together with a future position, predicted or simulated, and to develop a maneuvering training aid which allows crews to replay previous maneuvers. For additional information, contact Rory Doyle at BMT. roryd@bmttech.co.uk

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Co-chairmen of the WMTC technical committee, Admiral **Robert E. Kramek**, (left) (USCG retired), President and COO, ABS Americas, and Dr. **Henry S. Marcus**, Professor of Marine Systems in the Ocean Engineering Department at the MIT, guarantee that the WMTC in San Francisco will be an international and worthy event.

By Greg Trauthwein

Mirroring the metamorphosis of the globalization of the marine industry and seeking to stake a leadership claim atop the marine technology information heap, the World Maritime Technology Conference & Exposition will bring together the world, both literally and figuratively, in San Francisco in late October. Set in historic San Francisco and scheduled for October 17-20, this meeting is being hosted by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) but as the "World" in its title belies, includes participation from around the globe, tapping the expertise of professional marine technical organizations from 11 countries.

"This is the largest assembly of 'who's who' in naval architecture, marine engineering and ship production that we have ever had," said Admiral **Robert E. Kramek**, (USCG retired),

President and COO, ABS Americas, and co-chairman of the conference's technical committee, with Dr. **Henry S. Marcus**, Professor of Marine Systems in the Ocean Engineering Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The conference is designed to make itself relevant to a broad spectrum of the modern maritime industry, as hundreds of papers on nearly every topic are set for discussion in San Francisco. "From the perspective in someone interested in design, construction and operation, there is nothing like this in the U.S.," said Dr. Marcus. "There has been nothing like this."

The conference papers are divided into four major categories:

- Ship Operations (major security, safety, quality);
- Design & Technology (major emphasis on innovative naval design and commercial projects);
- Ship Production (there will be 29 papers with views on Ship Production from U.S. and International Yards); and
- The role of Marine Technical Societies in Meeting Industry Challenges in the New Global Economy (categorical papers on risk assessment and a very healthy Offshore Design sector).

(A full, updated listing of the conference schedule will be available on [www.worldmaritimetechnology.org](http://www.worldmaritimetechnology.org)).

#### A Meeting of Minds

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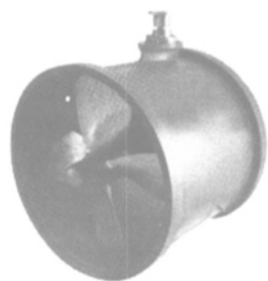
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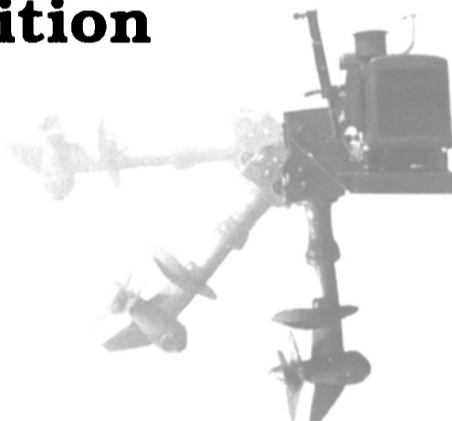


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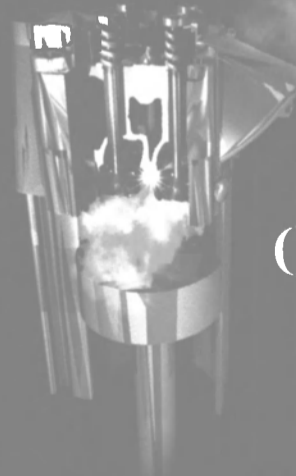
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## SNAME 2003: World Maritime Technology Conference

(SNAME, it should be noted, will continue to hold its Annual Meeting and Exposition). Admiral Kramek explained:

"There isn't a major ship built in the world today that does not include the U.S., Europe and Asia. We find ourselves cooperating globally like never

before, but we've never gotten together like this before. There is a cry (from the major maritime organizations and flag states) for more standardized cooperation and rules, and this conference is a big step in that direction."

He described the U.S. as "host" of the inaugural event, and envisions a travel-

ing conference hosted by fellow naval architecture and marine engineering technical societies in subsequent years around the world. Supporting its international feel is not only a roster of technical presentations from around the globe, but two noted maritime leaders fulfilling highly visible speaking roles: **William**

**O'Neil**, Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization will serve as the keynote speaker, while **Choo Chiau Beng**, Chairman and CEO of Keppel FELS, is the (invited) featured banquet speaker.

The process of building ships today, particularly large offshore structures is indeed an international venture, with a vessel designed in the U.S. built in Korea and outfitted in Europe, for example. "Look at the last 20 years," said Dr. Marcus. We have evolved from an environment where class societies, shipyards and countries must compete tooth and nail, to one with a changed attitude, where cooperation and information sharing is more common.

Admiral Kramek concurred, noting for example that Keppel FELS is "like the United Nations of shipyards," with 18 facilities around the world, including AmFels in Brownsville. "We're starting to see something new; shipyards in one country are cooperating with shipyards in another to improve quality." He singled out Kvaerner Philadelphia as a shining example, as it evolved from a shuttered naval facility to one of the most modern shipyards in the country.

### Technology Leads the Way

The marine industry is often saddled with the stigma that it is behind the curve technologically, which could be a factor, albeit very small, in the attrition of young engineering minds and bodies to other industries. Dr. Marcus reasons that when companies build assets that cost tens of millions of dollars and are designed for a 25+ year lifecycle, it is prudent to not always be the trying ground for new technologies. Admiral Kramek, however, dispels the notion, citing several examples in the process.

"I don't agree with that premise," he said. "Today we are designing and building LNG and CNG carriers with the highest quality stainless steel production technology, ship designed to carry LNG at temperatures -140 degree C. Just think, also, of the tremendous advances in containerization. Just 50 years ago, we were just starting to think about containers; today we are building and operating 8,000 TEU ships, and at the conference, we will be talking about 12,000 and 14,000 TEU ships.

I had a professor years ago at Michigan, and every day he would remind us about risks in the maritime area. There are great risks in making quantum leaps in technology in (this) environment. I do not think that we are risk averse. I think we are careful because failure (in our business) is so significant.



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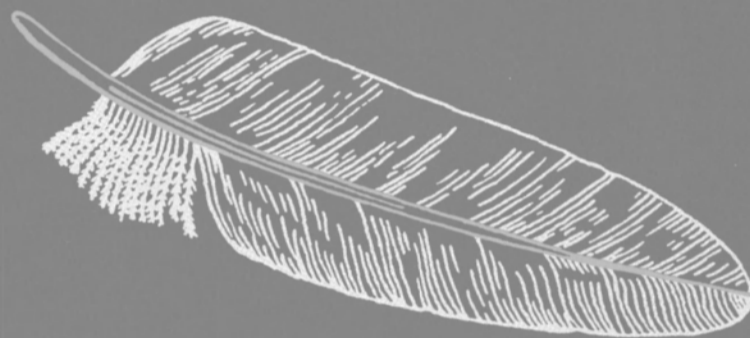
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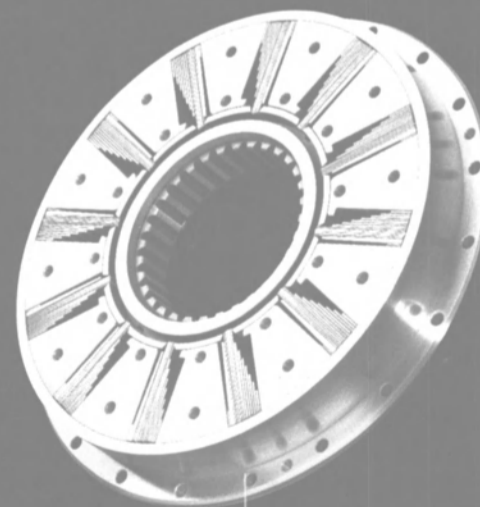
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# Guido Perla: Colombian Born, American Made

*Guido Perla has always had a love of the sea. Perla, who was born and raised in Barranquilla, Colombia, came to the U.S. in 1971 to pursue his dream of using the "tools" he was given to become a naval architect. His story is one that is marked by innovation, relationships and hard work. — By Regina P. Ciardiello, managing editor*

Guido Perla's philosophy on naval architecture and marine engineering — on life — is easily summed up: "I always follow what my father used to say," Perla said. "It is better to be wrong than to be average." Perla is not shy to admit that he's not always perfect, but that does not mean that he will not try and try again until he achieves perfection. "You don't learn anything from sitting around and doing nothing," Perla quips. "You learn from making a move and taking risks. When we came into this world, we were given a brain, hands, eyes and a body - they are tools," he continues. "You can do anything you want with these tools - you can put them on a shelf and leave them there, or you can grab your 'tools' and try."

While Perla admits that he strays from traditional, stock designs, there are some in the industry that are afraid to take these risks, or are maybe just content with traditional, conventional designs. While he's not advising that owners and operators should abandon tradition for experimentation, he's simply suggesting that some may benefit from as he puts it: "just wanting to stay on the continent rather than going across the ocean," or some may not. But, according to Perla, "if you don't try you'll never learn how to make it (the vessel design) better." Not that Perla is

trying to play the role of the preacher of technology to the marine industry; he's simply advising that you have to at least make an attempt. "I'm not trying to insult anybody," Perla says. "But there are shipyards that have fully embraced technology and are doing great, some have even improved a lot in the last 10 years. Then there are others who have just not done anything."

Perla does however acknowledge that technology as a whole is becoming more widely accepted in the marine industry in the last 10 years - even among those groups who were unofficially labeled as "traditional" and/or "cautious" companies. He does warn, however, "I have also seen companies spend millions of dollars on technology and go bankrupt."

"It's (technology) a tool, and if you don't utilize it the right way, it doesn't matter how much money you invest or how much you believe in the project - you need to make it work for you," he says.

## Go West Young Man

Born and raised in Barranquilla, Colombia to Italian parents, Guido Perla had an interest in anything that had to do with boats and ships. On the water, at



**"I owe the credit to the beginning of GPA to Peter Schmidt, the owner of MARCO who gave me my first job. The day we signed the contract is the day that I consider the start of GPA."**

• Guido Perla •

any free moment, Perla formed his love for two modes of transportation — ships and planes — an early age. Perla, who often went sailing near his home on the Caribbean Sea, often dreamt of taking his love of vessels into a profession where he could create and design them. Unfortunately though, Perla's dreams were at first squelched when he realized that no institutions of high-

er learning in his native country offered courses of study in naval architecture or marine engineering — unless he joined the Colombian Navy. Rather than give up his civilian life, Perla decided to divert his interest towards mechanical engineering instead. During his course of study, Perla landed a job at a local Colombian shipyard, UNIAL S.A., and while there he found his niche — and luckily so did his boss at the shipyard. According to Perla, the owner of the yard cut him a deal that would allow him to travel to the U.S. to live out his dream. But his were plans put on hold when the shipyard workers decided to strike. Luckily a rival area shipyard, Astilleros Magdalena, S.A., which was in need of a naval architect, knew of Perla's familiarity of the marine industry and made him a similar offer. At the urging of his boss, Perla left his native country bound for the U.S., to pursue a

degree in naval architecture and marine engineering at the University of Michigan.

It was not smooth sailing for Perla however. At the end of his first term at Michigan, the shipyard that had backed him went broke — leaving him with no tuition money. Undaunted, he found that he was eligible for a scholarship that would cover his next term's tuition. But not before, as Perla says, "immigration got in the way." Since he was not an American citizen, the University deemed he was not eligible for the scholarship unless he had a sponsor. Therefore, it came down to finding a sponsor or leaving the U.S. Ironically, he contacted the original shipyard, which by now had resolved its labor issues. His former boss offered Perla the same deal they had shaken on the year before on the condition that he would pay the yard back after he graduated.

It was also during his time at the University of Michigan that Perla not only found his niche in naval architecture, but found love as well with another student, **Karen Olsen**, who became his wife in 1973, after graduation.

Since Perla had fallen in love with both the U.S. and his wife, he had no intentions of returning to his homeland, so he began interviewing at various shipyards for positions as a marine engineer. He landed his first job at the now-defunct Jacksonville Shipyard. And in 1975, Perla headed west to a small town just north of Corpus Christi, Texas where he took a job designing OSVs and shrimp boats. While he was happy that he was doing what he had set out to do, Perla wanted more, so he and his wife traveled with their two small children, **Bianca and Guido, Jr.** in 1977 to



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All-American - GPA recently (in partnership with Lockheed Martin), provided detailed design and engineering support for R/V Kilo Moana, a 185-ft. SWATH (small waterplane area, twin hull) oceanographic ship, which is owned by the Naval Sea Systems Command and operated by the University of Hawaii. Built by Atlantic Marine.



For Crowley Maritime's subsidiary, VMS, GPA provided preliminary, contract and detail design of the Alert, Attentive and Aware, all ABS classed and USCG inspected, for service in Alaska. Propulsion is provided by two Caterpillar 3612B diesel engines driving two Kamewa Aquamaster US 5001 Azimuth Z-drives.



the Pacific Northwest to take advantage of what at that time the booming fishing industry. After several rounds of interviews, Perla received offers from most, but there were two that had the most impact. One was the position offered by **Joseph Martinac, Sr.**, owner of JM Martinac Shipbuilding in Tacoma, Wash. — a yard that specialized in Tuna Seiners; the other from **Peter Schmidt**, the owner of MARCO Shipbuilding in Seattle, Wash. Perla chose to work for Martinac, as they were known for their innovative designs of Tuna Seiners. "They (the Tuna Seiners) were sleek, good looking boats and I wanted to design them," Perla says. "So I went to work for Joe (Martinac)."

After etching a name for himself at Martinac, Perla was tapped again by Schmidt of MARCO, who had just purchased Campbell Shipyard in San Diego, Calif. He wanted Perla to design a Tuna Seiner, but there was one catch, there was no tele-commuting involved, which meant Perla would once again have to pack up and move his family down the Pacific coast. Not wanting to forego a valuable opportunity, he proposed to work for Schmidt on a consulting basis. Schmidt however was not interested. "We don't hire consultants, Schmidt had told Perla. "We do everything in-house." Two weeks later, though, on December 28, 1979 to be exact (the day is also Perla's wedding anniversary), Schmidt called Perla with an offer that he couldn't refuse. "He

(Schmidt) called me and said, 'Do you want to be in business?' Perla said. "And I said yes I would." Schmidt then told Perla to "name his price," which he did, thus beginning the evolution of Guido Perla & Associates, Inc. (GPA), with the agreement that Perla would design a 300 LT vessel simply named what its function was: "Tuna Seiner," for Schmidt for construction at Campbell Shipyard. "I owe the credit to the beginning of GPA to Peter Schmidt, the owner of MARCO who gave me my first job," Perla said. "The day we signed the contract is the day that I consider the start of GPA."

#### A Hand Shake

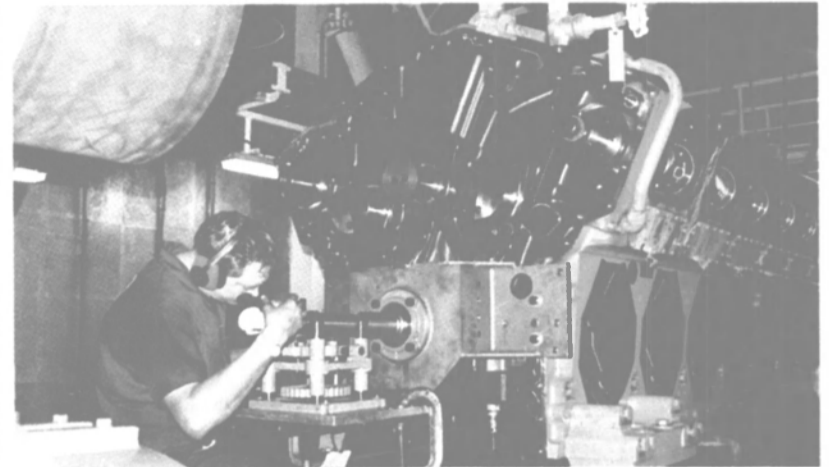
That is how, Perla admits, most of his deals have been sealed since establishing his company in 1979. While GPA has weathered the ups and downs of the marine industry and has still always managed to come out on top.

There is not one specific project that Perla could say he gained the most satisfaction from, rather he has taken each project and treated it as an individual accomplishment, each with a different meaning for different reasons, most of which are the valuable relationships that he has established with clients. "I approach jobs not because of business, but through relationships," Perla says. "Every project that we take at GPA I go for because I like the person, I like their philosophy and I like their approach and ideas.

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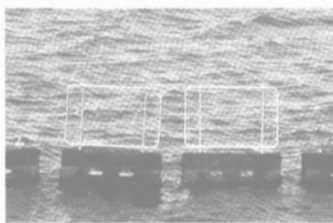
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amount of money I'll make, or because it's a large high-profile project," Perla says. "I take jobs because the only thing you have left after every project is the relationship you have with your client — money comes in and out and is forgotten quickly."

Perla shapes each project as a reflection of the person of whom he is working with, rather than just formulating a design on paper. Therefore, he tries to tailor each design based upon the specific person he's dealing with. The word "stock design" will more than likely never be uttered through the offices of GPA. "When I design a boat, it is like fitting a suit for this person," Perla says. "I will do a certain boat a certain way because the look of the boat and the operation of the boat fits that person."

It's for the satisfaction of giving to that person that boat, just to know that you have put your feelings into it. That is the only thing I will take when I die," he continues. "I could talk for hours about every project that I have worked on, and each would have a different story."

Perla admits though that the industry has changed over the years in terms of negotiating the deal. It used to be where he could have a conversation with his client about an idea for a project that would include just a handshake and parting words of confidence — specifics would be discussed later. But, Perla says that this practice is becoming more difficult to do with shorter schedules and

rising taxes and insurance costs, which have given way to thick contracts. With operating costs already on the rise, Perla is finding that more of his dollars are being spent on legal fees. Aside from the financial burden, Perla finds it frustrating that this type of business is replacing the heart and soul of the deal. "Sometimes I feel that this industry is being drowned by lawyers, that there is no dialogue anymore," he says. "It's just two businessmen sitting together and working something out - two lawyers trying to stretch their paychecks as long as they can. That's the part I don't like, that we are being dominated by the legal business."

But not all of his clients are being forced to turn this way - and still there are a few that have managed to leave the attorneys behind. "Fortunately, I have clients where we can still sit down at a table and work things out without the lawyers," Perla says.

### Technology on the Rise

Perla finds technology has simplified much of his work as a marine engineer and naval architect. The biggest change has been the use of computers," Perla says. "They have simplified quite a bit of work in the calculations of things such as stability and propulsion, which were customarily a very tedious process."

Before the advent of CAD/CAM technology most drawings were presented through 2-D images, which according to

Perla was sometimes difficult to conceptualize on a 3-D object. "We used to use 2-D, but this was difficult, especially for someone like me who likes things to look in proportion and pleasing to the eye," he says. Just a year after the start of GPA, he was instrumental in introducing CAD/CAM to small shipyards. He went on to develop NC (Numerical Control) tapes that would enable small- and medium-sized yards with the ability to burn steel. Customarily a practice that had been available exclusively to larger shipyards, Perla created a program that would produce NC tape via Auto CAD that was available to the smaller shipyards. "In my opinion, the core to shipbuilding in America are small- and medium-sized yards," he says. "They keep the biggest amount of movement and production in the U.S."

However, even with this new technology available, the yards did not have the expensive machines that were used to cut the steel. This didn't last however, as a deal was made with the steel manufacturers who would, using Perla's program, cut half the steel for the shipyards. "The breakthrough was being able to go to the steel company and say, 'Can you cut this part and deliver it to the shipyard,' that was when things started," Perla says. "For me that was a big achievement - that I was able to contribute to this technology for the small shipyards."

The first GPA-designed vessel created

with this new computer lofting was F/V Starbound, a 240-ft. (73.1-m) Factory Trawler built for Aleutian Spray Fisheries by Dakota Creek Industries. With many of these yards, such as Bender Shipbuilding & Repair, Nichols Bros., MARCO and Dakota Creek using Perla's technology, he has found that he has become a victim of his own success. "Bender is one of my original clients," Perla says. "I must have done too good of a job, because now they do all of the steel cutting themselves. For many years I did the development of all the construction and engineering for them, even NC tapes, but now they have their own engineering staff."

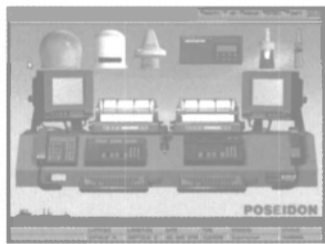
This was not always the case however. When Perla started GPA in 1979 the marine industry was down, not an ideal year to start a business. The fishing industry was drying out and with the exception of defense work, most other areas of the marine industry were headed toward a downward spiral. Perla stepped in. "One of the reasons I started my company in 1979 was with the idea to provide design and detailed construction engineering to the shipyards," Perla says. "Now we are spending a lot more on the engineering than we used to say, 10 to 15 years ago. What I have found is that for every hour of engineering you spend you are saving a minimum of five times that on the production process; the engineering is the thinking."

But with skilled engineers also comes the craftsmanship of the shipyard workers to ensure vessels are produced cheaper, faster and better - a team effort, which Perla notes can be broken down in one simple function - weeding out and laying down new roots. "Imagine you are going through a jungle, the engineers cut the trail, while the production people follow behind planting," he says. "Neither one can do the job without the other."

On the operations side, Perla has observed that many innovations that many companies were afraid to employ on their vessels are now becoming the norm, such as diesel electric and Z-drive propulsion, which are exemplified through two ground-breaking design attributed to GPA; the series of three PRT Class (Prevention and Response) 140-ft. (42.6-m) Z-drive, tugs, which were constructed by Dakota Creek for Crowley's Vessel Management Services - and Kilo Moana, a 185-ft. (56.3-m) SWATH oceanographic ship - owned by the Naval Sea Systems Command and operated by the University of Hawaii. This vessel was designed by GPA in partnership with Lockheed Martin and built by Atlantic Marine with a fully integrated electric drive system.

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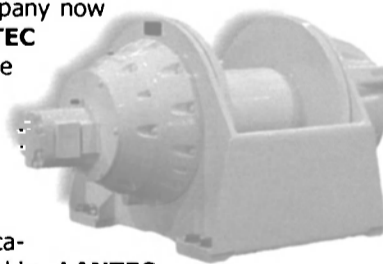
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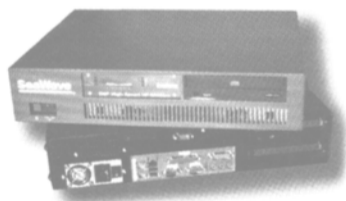


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Inmarsat spot beam area. Also, it is prepared for the Mobile Packet Data Service (MPDS) planned for introduction in the beginning of 2004. MPDS allows users to remain always connected since charges are made only for the amount of data sent and received rather than the time spent online. MPDS is therefore an ideal solution for e-mail, web and intranet access. Thrane & Thrane's Marine Sales Manager, **Kim Bille Gram** said, "Imagine being a long way from your port of call, perhaps several days outside of cellular phone or VHF coverage, and still be able to go on the Internet to get up-to-date precise weather information, send and receive e-mails or simply make quality phone or fax calls. Capsat Fleet33 does all that and more in an unprecedented compact form."

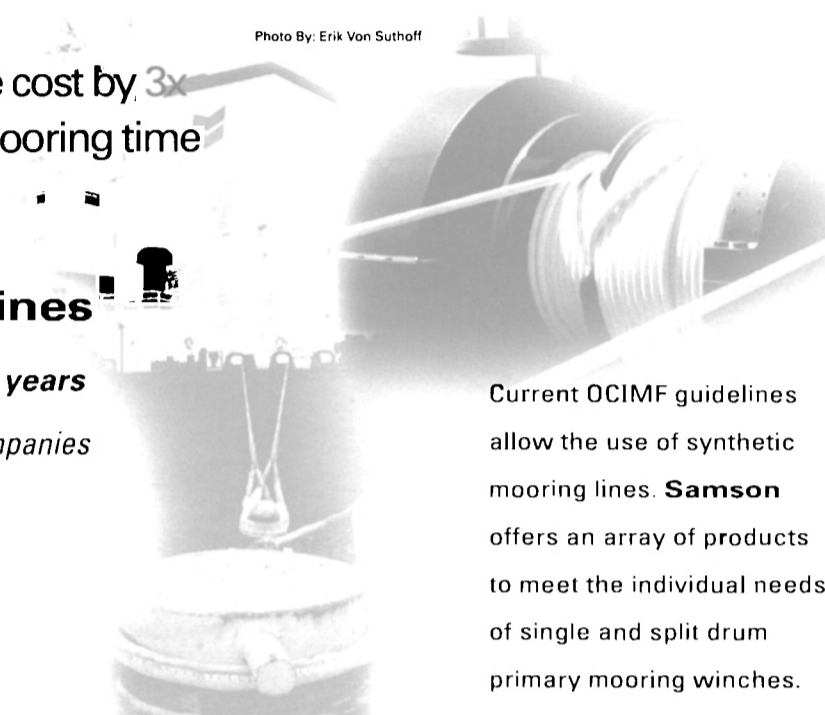
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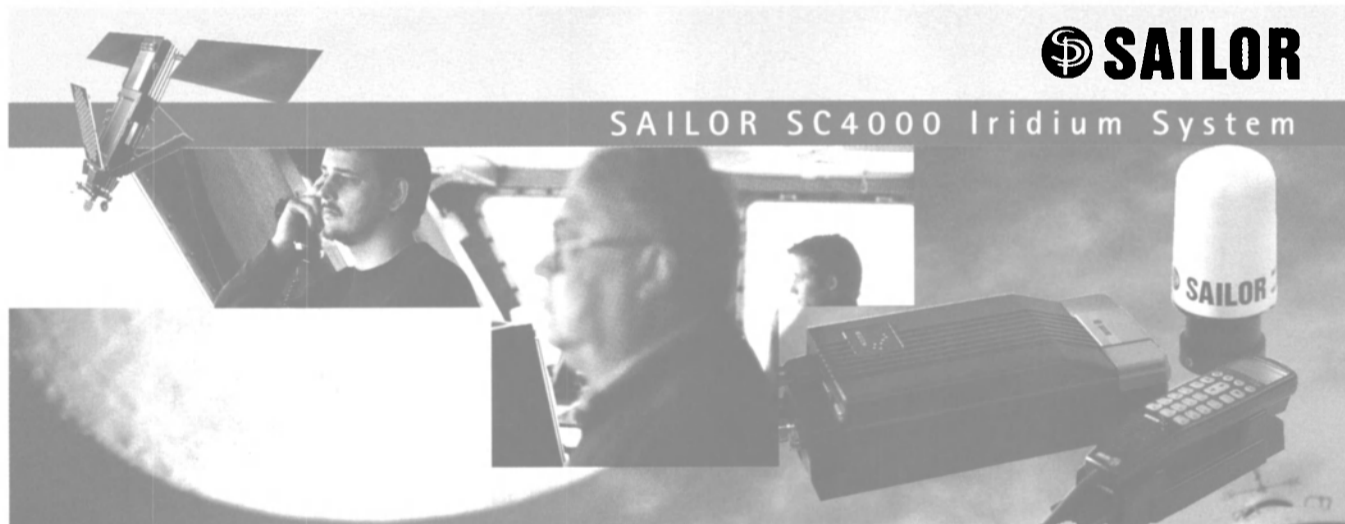
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### PGS Geophysical Renews With Telenor

Norway's PGS Geophysical renewed its global satellite communications agreement with Telenor through June 2005. The current agreement calls for Telenor to continue to provide its fully managed Sealink service to a PGS Geophysical fleet of 14 high-tech 3-D seismic vessels operating around the world. PGS Geophysical acquires,

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Developed specifically for maritime applications, a range of TFT monitors has been developed and several more models are in the pipeline. Conrac, a Data Modul company, is unique in that

all controller electronics for its monitors are developed and manufactured in-house, which translates to single-source accountability. Another key point: all of the company's units also have a modular based platform, meaning that the interface boards, LVDS adapters, dimmable backlight inverters, and software in each

of its TFT product line (15-in., 17-in., 18-in., 19-in., 23-in.) are used across the board, a trend that will continue with the company's newly developed 30-in. and 40-in. TFT display. While all of this means a strong degree of reliability and compatibility for the end customer, it also give the manufacturer a strong advantage with OEM customers, as it is able to easily implement special require-

ments and changes from customers, giving it a high degree of flexibility. Data Modul, located in Islandia, NY, is the sales agent for Conrac GmbH. Conrac GmbH is located in Weikersheim, Germany, where it operates a 180,000-sq. ft. modern production facility which can produce 4,000 TFT and 8,000 plasma displays per month.

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Panel type Full color active matrix TFT (Super Fine)  
Size ..... 23.1 in. (58 cm)  
HxWxD ..... 550 x 610 x 111.58 mm  
Weight ..... 16kg  
Resolution . . .Multiscan up to 1,600 x 1,200 (UXGA)  
Horizontal Freq. .... 30-85 kHz  
Vertical Freq. .... 50-85 Hz  
Dimming range ..... 100:1  
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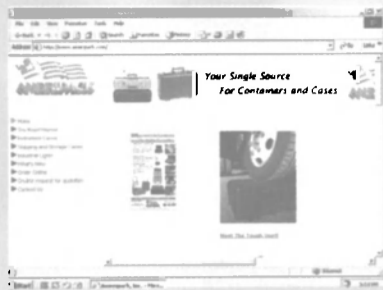
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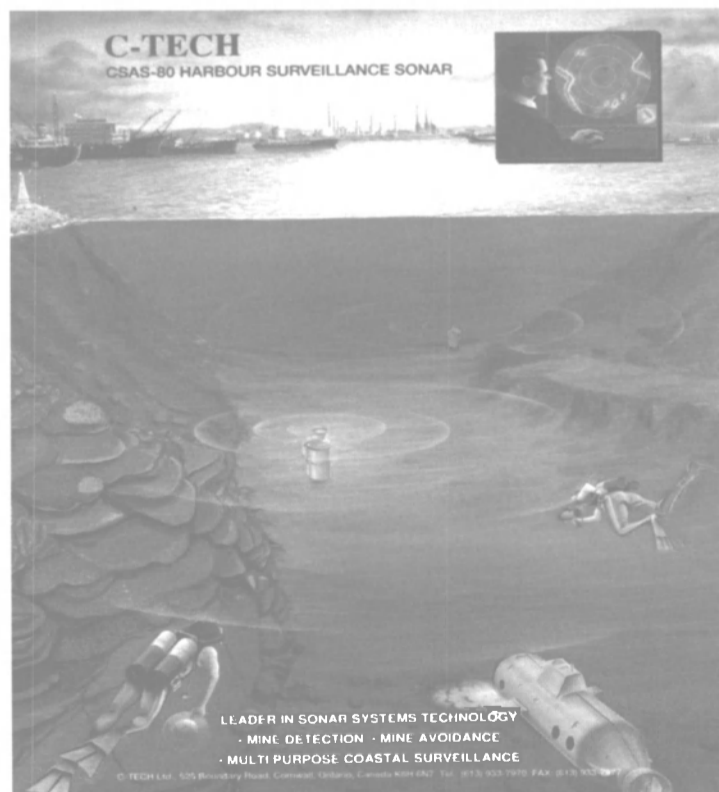
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The USCG's new Defender Class craft from Safe Boats will be powered exclusively by twin Honda BF225 4-stroke outboards. The Hondas can propel the new 25-ft. (7.6-m) Response Boat - Small, or RB-S as the Coast Guard refers to it through 30-mph winds and 6-ft. seas. The BF225s will provide a top speed of over 45 knots allowing the Safe Boat reaches plane in less than four seconds. Its marine-grade 5086 aluminum hull with integral, sealed air chamber and polyethylene, non-deflatable foam collar make the craft one of the safest boats on the water. The RB-S features an all-welded, self-bailing deck; insulated and heated full cabin; upper spotter windows; port and starboard sliding doors; marine electrical cable; stepped transom; and locking long gun storage. The boat's fuel tanks are .25 5086 rolled bottom, fabricated aluminum.

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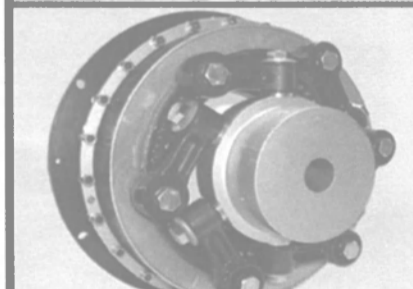
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## Columbia Research Corp Diver Mobility Platform

Columbia Research Corporation has designed a manned wet submersible for use in port security applications involving inspections of ship hulls and harbor facilities. This craft uses the latest sonar technology to scan hulls, structures and the seafloor for the presence of mines

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Gyrocam Systems

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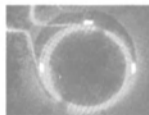


The same gyrostabilized technology used on aircraft is available to marine patrol units from GyroCam Systems. The Marine Patrol Surveillance System provides steady images even in the roughest seas.

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Intenslite

**Helps Light the Way Out**



Intenslite International has developed an Emergency Escape Path lighting system dubbed Transit, which is visible even in the densest of smoke. This product is a side emitting fiber optic rope lit by a compact green laser.

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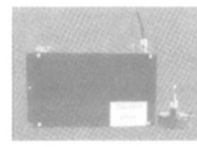
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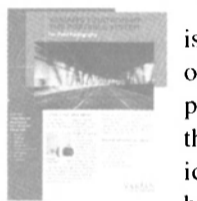


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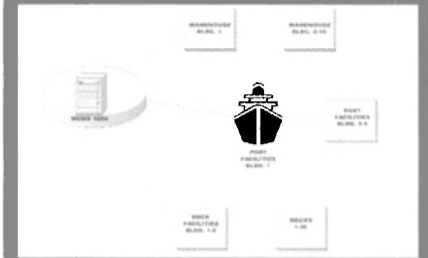
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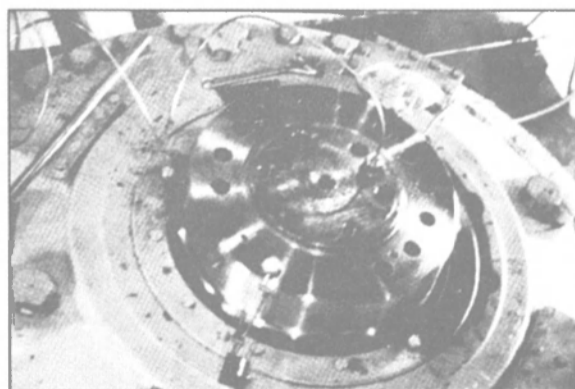
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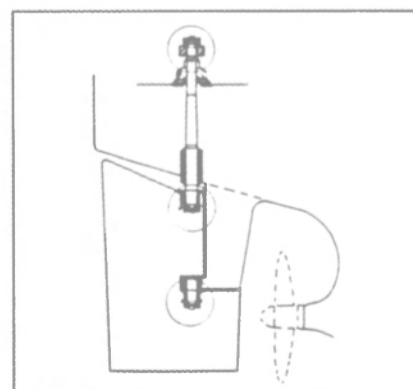
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#### Taylor Chairman of Tidewater

Dean E. Taylor has been elected as Chairman of Tidewater Inc.'s Board of Directors. Taylor, who has served as president and CEO of the company since October 2001 and March 2002, respectively, will continue to retain those positions in addition to his new post.

#### VT Halter Marine CEO to Speak in New Orleans

Ret. Gen. Boyd "Butch" E. King, CEO, VT Halter Marine will deliver a keynote address at the International WorkBoat Show. King will speak at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on December 3, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.

#### Pascoe Appointed Chief at LISCR

The Liberian Registry has appointed Captain David Pascoe as Chief, Maritime Operations & Standards. Pascoe will have overall responsibility for Maritime Safety, Security, Investigations and Marine Technical and Communications.

#### Griffin Marine, Instone Intl. form Griffin Americas

The U.S. operations of Griffin Marine Travel and Instone International Americas will merge, creating one of the of the largest competitive provider of crew travel management services in North America. The chief officers of Griffin Americas will be Robert B. Westendarp, CEO and Rod Vamosi, COO.

#### Northrop Grumman VP joins HSLA Board

The Homeland Security Leadership Alliance has

appointed Gene Kakalec, who currently serves as V.P Business Development, Northrop Grumman. Kakalec will become HSLA's 12th board member.

#### Port Of Canaveral Adds New Directors

Continued growth and organizational restructuring has prompted the Canaveral Port Authority to add three new staff directors, including two newly created positions. Margi Starkey, the former assistant director of Finance, has been promoted to the new position of Director of Accounting; Jerry Simon, the former Chief of Security, has been promoted to the new position of Director of Security in a reorganization of the Operations Department; and Mark Blake, a former construction engineer with the North Carolina State Port Authority, joins the staff as the new Director of Construction. He replaces Richard Lombroia.

#### Senesco Wins NY Ferry Terminal Contract

Senesco Marine is also working on a piece of a major construction project in New York City — the building of the Pier 79 Ferry Terminal. Senesco Marine has been contracted to build three of the main passenger floats for the Pier 79 Terminal. When complete, the passenger floats will be 104 x 35 ft. (31.6 x 10.6 m).

#### Sonsub and Torch Offshore Sign Frame Agreement

Sonsub has signed a one year Frame Agreement with Torch Offshore, L.L.C to provide ROV support onboard the Midnight Wrangler. The agreement calls for Sonsub to supply its 200 hp, in-house designed and

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#### Laurin Maritime to Utilize Bass' SAFIR

BASS reported that Laurin Maritime has signed an agreement for delivery of SAFIR for optimizing the administration of reporting according to the chapter nine of the ISM code. Laurin Maritime will also utilize the system further by including internal audits, inspections and other company specific procedures.

#### SUNY Maritime Goes International

In its efforts to make quality education more convenient and cost effective, the SUNY Maritime College will begin offering its Masters Degree in International Transportation Management on-line beginning with the spring 2004 semester. For Course descriptions and more information about these classes can be found on-line at [www.sln.suny.edu](http://www.sln.suny.edu).

#### PMI to Train AMHS Personnel

Pacific Maritime Institute (PMI), the West Coast affiliate of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) will be providing Fast Rescue Boat training for marine personnel of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS).

#### CP Ships Commits to Newbuild Charters

CP Ships Ltd. has signed an agreement to the long-term charter of nine 4,250 teu newly built container-ships from Seaspans Container Lines for a term of up to ten years. Scheduled for delivery between late 2005 and early 2007, the ships will be built by Samsung Heavy Industries of Korea.

#### Conrad Reports 2Q Results

Conrad Industries reported a net loss of \$726,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2003 compared to net income of \$300,000 for the second quarter of 2002. The loss for the six months ended June 30, 2003 was \$1.05 million compared to net income before a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$758,000 and earnings before a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle per diluted share of \$0.10 for the first six months of 2002.

#### OSG Reports Record First Half Results

Overseas Shipholding Group, Inc. reported \$86 million of net income for the first six months of 2003, the highest earnings during the first six months of any year in the company's history.



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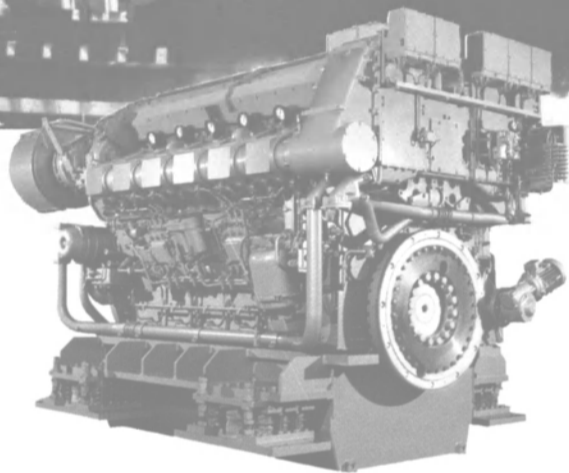
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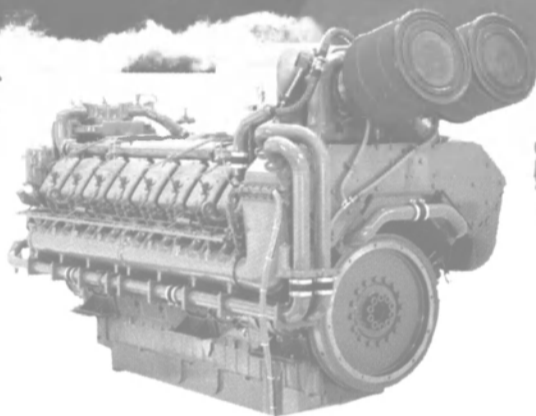
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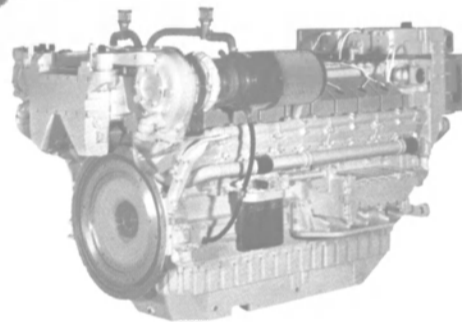
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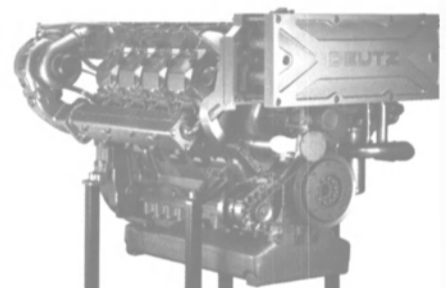
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# Outlook for Floating Production Systems

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Floating production has evolved to a mature technology that opens for development oil and gas reservoirs that would be otherwise impossible or uneconomic to tap. The technology enables production far beyond the depth constraints of

fixed platforms, generally considered to be 1,400 ft. (426.7 m), and provides a flexible solution for developing short-lived fields with marginal reserves and fields in remote locations where installation of a fixed facility would be difficult.

## Types of Floaters

Floating production systems vary greatly in appearance - from ship-shape FPSO vessels to multi hull production semis to cylindrical shaped production spars. But common to all is machinery and equipment to lift oil and gas from seabed wells and perform initial processing of the raw production. Here's a rundown of the systems in operation.

**FPSO Vessels** 89 FPSOs are in service, another 24 on order. Fourteen of the units on order are purpose built hulls, 10 are conversions of vintage tankers, mostly VLCCs. FPSOs are found in all offshore areas where floating produc-

Built by Keppel Offshore & Marine Limited (Keppel O&M) and due for delivery to Maersk Contractors two weeks ahead of schedule in mid August 2003, this new generation semi-submersible rig was named LIDER at Caspian Shipyard Company (CSC) in Baku, Azerbaijan. Capable of operating in water depths of up to 1,000 m and drill depths of up to 9,140 m, LIDER has a variable deck load of 4,000 tons and is able to accommodate 130 people. It is specifically designed to handle large water depths and high formation pressures, which are anticipated at the first well in the Zafar Mashal structure.



## Cargo Offloading Pumps for FPSO's



## New and recent contracts

PROJECT	OPERATOR	LOCATION	STORAGE CAPACITY
Girassol FPSO	TotalFinaElf	Block 17, Angola	2.2 mill bbls
Bohai Bay QHD32-6 FPSO	ChevronTexaco	Bohai Bay, China	1 mill bbls
EA FPSO	Shell	Block 79, Nigeria	1.5 mill bbls
Bonga FPSO	Shell	Block 212, Nigeria	2 mill bbls
Amenam FSO	TotalFinaElf	Block 99, Nigeria	2.4 mill bbls
CPTL 137B FPSO	CPTL	Libya Block 137B	1 mill bbls
Bijupira&Salema FPSO	Shell	Bijupira&Salema, Brasil	1 mill bbls
Kizomba A FPSO	ExxonMobil	Block 15, Angola	2.2 mill bbls
Erha FPSO	ExxonMobil	Block 209, Nigeria	2.2 mill bbls
CFD FPSO	CNOOC/Kerr McGee	CFD, Bohai bay, China	1 mill bbls
Kizomba B FPSO	ExxonMobil	Block 15, Angola	2.2 mill bbls
Albacora Leste	Petrobras	Albacora Leste, Brasil	2.0 mill bbls
Bozhong FPSO	CNOOC/Chevron Texaco	Bozhong field, China	1 mill bbls
Dalia FPSO	TotalFinaElf	Block 17, Angola	2.2 mill bbls
Baobab FPSO	Modec/CNR	Ivory Coast	2.0 mill bbls

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## Floating Production Systems

tion is used — with the notable exception of the Gulf of Mexico where FPSOs have still not been employed. The largest presence of FPSOs is in the North Sea and off Africa. Nineteen units are now operating in each area. They range in size from 50,000 bbl tankers with capability to process 10,000 to 15,000 b/d - to VLCC size units able to process more than 200,000 b/d and store two million barrels (e.g., the Bonga FPSO off Nigeria will be able to produce 225,000 b/d).

Some are held in place with a simple spread mooring system; some are fitted with a turret system that allows the vessel to weathervane. A few small units are held in place by dynamic positioning. The choice of mooring system depends on local weather and sea conditions. As many as 60 to 70 subsea wells can be tied back to the production unit (e.g., Dalia FPSO off Angola will be tied to 67 wells through nine manifolds) or the unit could be producing from only one well. Off-take and delivery of oil is accomplished using shuttle tankers, typically using tandem stern loading on weathervaning units and transfer via CALM buoy on spread moored units, with tandem loading usually provided as

backup.

Cost of FPSOs varies greatly. Capital expenditure for a high production purpose built FPSO for a large field offshore Africa can exceed \$700 million, with the hull costing \$100 to 120 million, the topsides \$500 to 600 million. The Girassol FPSO, now operating off Angola, cost \$756 million. The hull cost

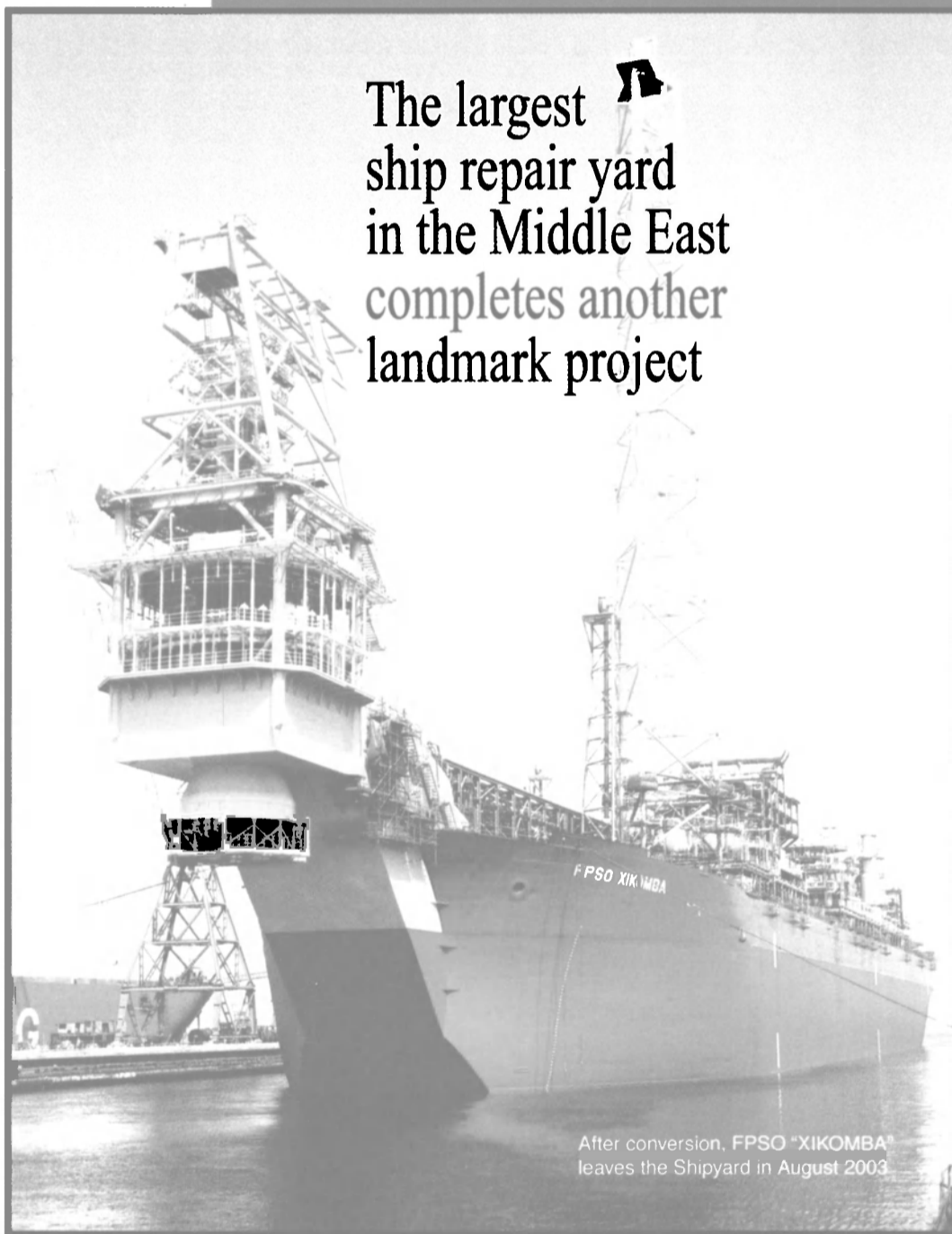
\$150 million, topsides \$520 million and project management and delivery comprised the balance. A more recent project, the Erha FPSO being built for offshore Nigeria, carries a total contract price of \$700 million, with the hull costing \$110 million, topsides and delivery the balance. At the other extreme, an FPSO for a marginal field utilizing a

second hand tanker and fitted with a 50,000 b/d plant could entail a capex of one-tenth this amount. The operator of the Okwori field off Nigeria is planning to use an FPSO for production, but only if total capex for development is within \$120 million. An FPSO operating offshore Libya since 2001 began producing on the field for a capital expenditure of



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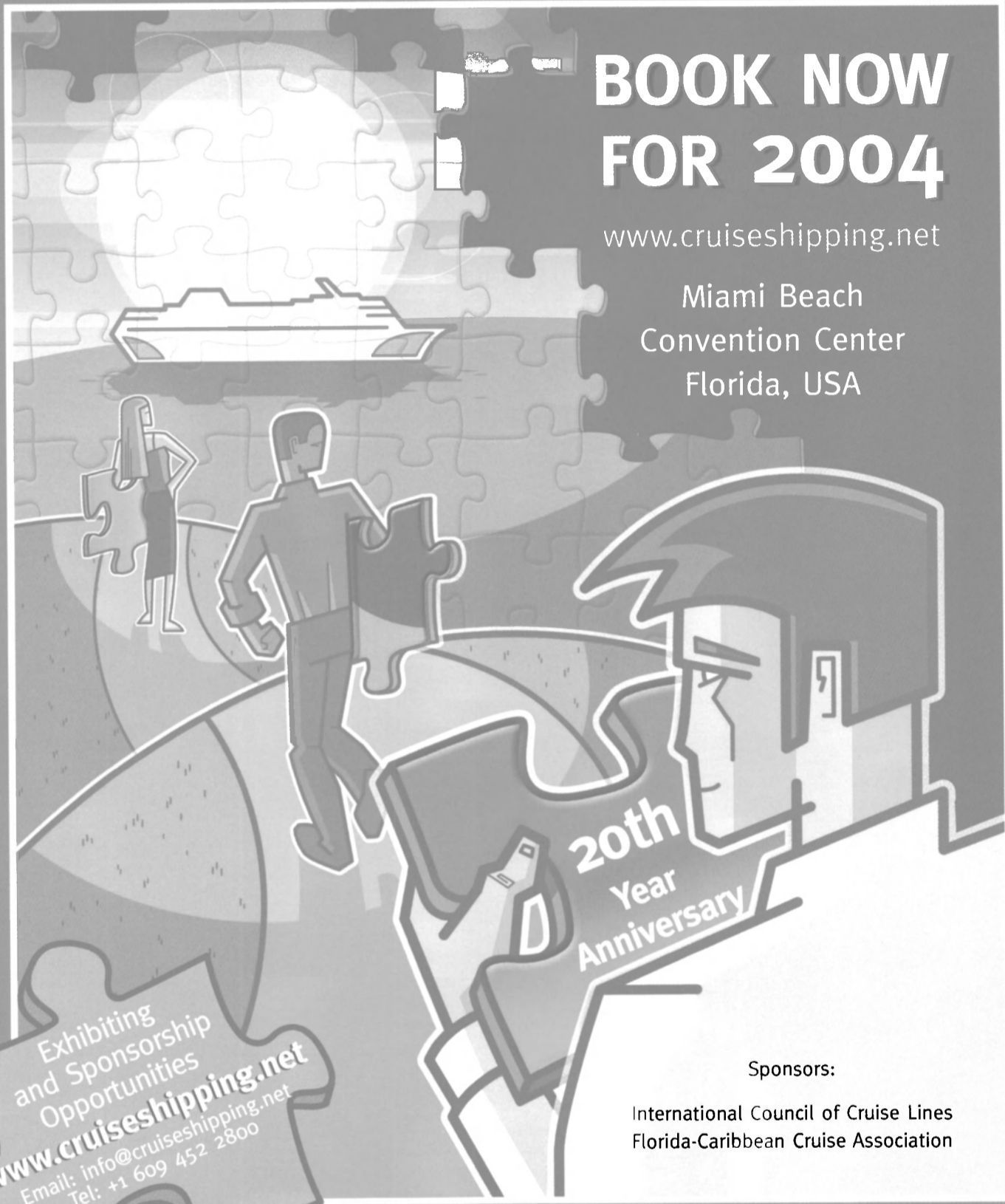


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\$55 million, with conversion and topsides plant installation done at Malta Drydocks. Hull and topsides contracts are sometimes awarded separately, sometimes awarded as a single contract. Sometimes the bidders are given the choice of taking the whole thing or just a portion. The upcoming competition for the Akpo FPSO contract will divide work into three packages — hull, topsides and project management — and bidders will have the choice of bidding one, two or three work packages.

FPSO fabrication and conversion contracts have become the province of Asian yards. Samsung and Hyundai are the big players in high end FPSO fabrication (e.g., units for Kizomba, Dalia, White Rose, etc). Dalian and Shanghai Waigaoqiao have been making inroads on low-end projects (e.g., Belanak, Caofeidian, Panyu FPSOs). Almost all recent FPSO conversion work has been captured by Keppel, Jurong, Dubai Drydocks and MSE.

**Production Semis** 38 production semis are in service, with three more on order. Brazil, where the concept of using converted drill semis for production originated, accounts for 19 of the units now in service. The North Sea is the other area where a large number of production semis are in service, with 12 units now operating. Until now there has been little use of production semis in the Gulf of Mexico. An early version, Garden Banks, was removed from operation several years ago. But this production concept has again found appeal among Gulf field operators. A production semi (Nakika) is now being installed in the Gulf and two more (Atlantis and Thunder Horse) will begin operating in the Gulf within the next two years.

Production semis vary greatly in size and complexity. Some older units offshore Brazil, Africa and Southeast Asia have capability to produce only 10,000 to 25,000 b/d of oil. At the other extreme, the Thunder Horse production semi will have processing capacity for 250,000 b/d and an existing unit in the North Sea, the Asgard B, can produce 130,000 b/d condensate and 1,300 MMcf/d gas.

Some of the larger systems have tie backs from more than 20 wells. Thunder Horse will be tied, initially, to 25 wells. As there is no storage on the production unit, either a separate floating storage unit is employed on the field for storage and offloading or pipeline off-take direct to shore is utilized. Most production semis utilize the latter. Because of motion at the surface, well control devices are fitted at the ocean floor and fluids are brought to the sur-

face via flexible or steel risers. However, Shell's new Nakika production semi in the Gulf of Mexico will utilize dry trees for some wells - i.e., well control devices will be on the topsides for easy maintenance. The days of taking a surplus drill rig and converting it at minimal cost to a production semi are gone. Now that candidate surplus hulls are no longer available, the units now being built are rather costly. A purpose built production semi intended for use

on a complex field will cost \$500 to 900 million, depending on the plant capacity and gas producing capability. The Kristin production semi, now being built for use off Norway, entails capital expenditure of \$860 million for hull and topsides. The Thunder Horse semi hull is a \$300 million fabrication job, while the hull and topsides for Nakika cost \$600 to 650 million. Three major Korean yards are the big players in this sector. Hyundai had entire contacting

responsibility on the Nakika production semi. Daewoo is building the hulls for the Thunder Horse and Atlantis semis, with McDermott supplying the topsides. Samsung is fabricating the Kristin production semi hull, and Aker Stord is supplying the topsides.

**Production Spars** Seven production spars are in service, six on order - all in the Gulf of Mexico. This type of production system has not found favor else-

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where, at least to date. These are purpose built cylindrical shape units supporting a topside deck fitted with capability to process 25,000 to 100,000 b/d. The largest unit is ExxonMobil's Hoover/Diana spar, which has ability to produce 100,000 b/d oil and 325 MMcf/d gas. The smallest unit is Neptune, the original spar deployed in the Gulf of Mexico in 1997, which can process 25,000 b/d. A new unit under construction, Red Hawk, is a small spar designed for gas production.

Weight bearing capability is less than the previous two production systems and spars would generally be used on mid-size fields. Storage could be provided in the hull - but spars built to date have no storage. Spars are widely used in the Gulf of Mexico, as pipeline infrastructure in the Gulf to date has eliminated the need for storage on the field. Also, spars are stable platforms that allow well control devices to be placed on the topsides. Operators in the Gulf find this to be of importance as it reduces maintenance costs associated with high paraffin oil.

A heavy deckload spar such as Hoover/Diana will entail a capital expenditure of \$300 to 500 million. Smaller spars such as Devils Tower will have a capex in the \$200 million area. Light deckload spars such as Red Hawk will cost in the \$100 million area.

Hull cylinder fabrication has been largely the province of Technip, using its facility in Finland. Hulls for six of the seven spars in service have been fabricated in Finland and three more are on order there. But McDermott has taken three spar hull contracts using the company's fabrication facilities in the UAE and Indonesia, a venture that has not worked out too well, and a recent order for a small spar hull went to Gulf Marine in Texas. Spar topsides fabrication has been almost totally the province of McDermott.

**Tension Leg Platforms** TLPs come in three variations — large deckload, mini and wellhead. Altogether, there are 15 TLPs in service (nine full size, five minis, one wellhead) and four on order (two minis, two wellhead). The original full size version is a large expensive unit capable of supporting a high throughput processing plant. The Snorre TLP, operating in the North Sea, holds the current TLP plant capacity record, with capability to process 190,000 b/d oil and 113 MMcf/d gas). Two full size TLPs are operating in the North Sea, seven in the Gulf of Mexico. Because heave motion of the floater is restrained by tendon tension, well control devices can be

### Company Profile: Dubai Drydocks

## Making Waves in the FPSO Market

As the largest Ship Repair facility in the Middle East, Dubai Drydocks, which made its home in the late 1970s, was built on the foundations of capitalizing on its geographical proximity to the major oil terminals in the Arabian Gulf. Designed to accommodate oil tankers with a capacity of up to one million tons dwt, the year 2003 marks the 20th anniversary of operations at Dubai Drydocks. The Yard's core business of ship repair is backed-up by conversions and newbuildings. Experience in the field of conversions has developed progressively over several

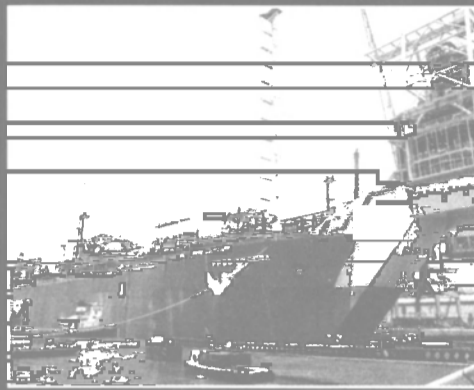
years and an important milestone has just been passed with the successful completion of the conversion of the VLCC Mosecean into a Floating Production Storage and Offloading unit (FPSO), named the Xikomba. The multi-million dollar contract was signed in April 2002 and the vessel sailed from the yard in August 2003 — ready for operation offshore Angola. FPSO Xikomba, measuring 1,141 x 171 ft. (348 x 52 m) and having a dwt of 257,000 tons, has a production capacity of 90,000 bpd and a storage capacity of 1.8 million barrels. This conversion will extend the life of the vessel by at least a further 10 years. The project has involved vast amounts of steel, pipe, electrical, mechanical, painting and accommodation work. In total over three million production hours have been used to complete the work.

Another FPSO is currently in the final stages of completion at Dubai Drydocks and due to sail from the Yard in October 2003. Both vessels are owned by Single Buoy Moorings of Monaco, a world leader in the FPSO market with many similar units operating around the world.

The well-established infrastructure in Dubai has enabled the construction of topside process modules to be completed entirely within the U.A.E. that reduced the amount of dependency on overseas contractors. The expertise of such specialized companies together with the experience and capacity that Dubai Drydocks provides, forms an ideal solution for carrying out these large scale projects. Newbuildings also received a boost during this year with the award of a 4,500 ton-lift floating dock for Saudi Aramco, which is nearing completion. Two 187-ft. (57-m) Diving Support Vessels and two Aluminum-hulled Pilot Boats just about to start construction for Dubai Port Authority. On the repair front, the year has been busy steadily with a good mix of vessel types and sizes varying from jack-up rigs to LNG carriers to tankers.

The biggest repair contract handled this year has been the major overhaul of the Maritime Jewel (ex-Limburg dwt 299,300 tons), which was damaged during a terrorist attack in October 2002. The double-hulled tanker arrived in the yard on March 30, 2003 and sailed on August 10 after the installation of more than 3,000 tons of steel.

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installed on the topsides, making maintenance easier. The ability to use dry trees has historically been a major reason for choosing this type production system. But full size TLPs have fallen out of favor due to their high cost and inability to be used in very deep water. Tendon weight becomes a major issue as the water depth increases beyond 1,200 m.

Now interest has shifted to mini-TLPs designed for mid-size deepwater fields. They are smaller, lighter and able to support a processing plant up to 50,000 to 60,000 b/d. But unlike their big brothers, they are able to be used in very deep water. The Magnolia mini-TLP, now on order, will be placed in 4,691 ft. (1,430 m) water depth. Modec and IHC Caland are marketing mini-TLP designs, five of which have been installed and two more are on order.

Using TLPs as wellhead platforms has also recently gained favor. The TLP is fitted with machinery to control well

production and the oil processing plant is placed on an accompanying production unit. ExxonMobil is utilizing a combination wellhead/FPSO production system on its massive Kizomba A and B developments offshore Angola. A smaller wellhead TLP/production barge combination is now being installed on the West Seno field off Indonesia.

Capex for a large wellhead TLP will likely be in the range of \$500 to 600 million. The Kizomba A wellhead TLP cost \$650 million, but this is an exceptionally large and complex field and the cost will probably come down as additional units are built. Capex for a small wellhead TLP will likely be in the range of \$80 to 100 million. The West Seno wellhead TLP/production barge combination cost \$265 million, of which the TLP probably accounted for two-thirds. Mini-TLPs cost about \$150 to 250 million, depending on the capacity of the production facility placed on deck.

Samsung and Daewoo are the big

players in TLP hull fabrication. Samsung is fabricating the Marco Polo and Magnolia hulls, Daewoo has the contract to supply the wellhead TLPs for Kizomba A and B. Hyundai is also in this market, having fabricated the small wellhead TLP for West Seno and is in line for the second unit on this field. This is a lot different than the old days, when Belleli basically controlled TLP hull fabrication. Topsides fabrication for Gulf of Mexico units has been going to McDermott, Gulf Marine or Kiewit Offshore. ABB/Heerema has a role in topsides engineering and fabrication for the wellhead TLPs off Africa.

**Future Floater Orders** In a recent study, we identified 94 offshore projects that have strong likelihood to utilize a floating production system should they move to the production stage. West Africa is the clear leader in terms of potential projects, with 12 projects in the bidding or final design stage and another 14 in the planning phase. The Gulf of Mexico is second, with 17 projects planned or under study. In third place is Brazil with 15 projects, followed by Southeast Asia with 12, Australia with eight and Northern Europe with six projects. Based on our analysis of projects being planned, we see a requirement for 245 to 270 floating production systems by the end of the decade. Taking into account: the number of units currently in operation, the number of units now on order, and the likely scrapping and loss rate, we see a need to order 62 to 89 additional floaters over the next five years to meet this requirement.

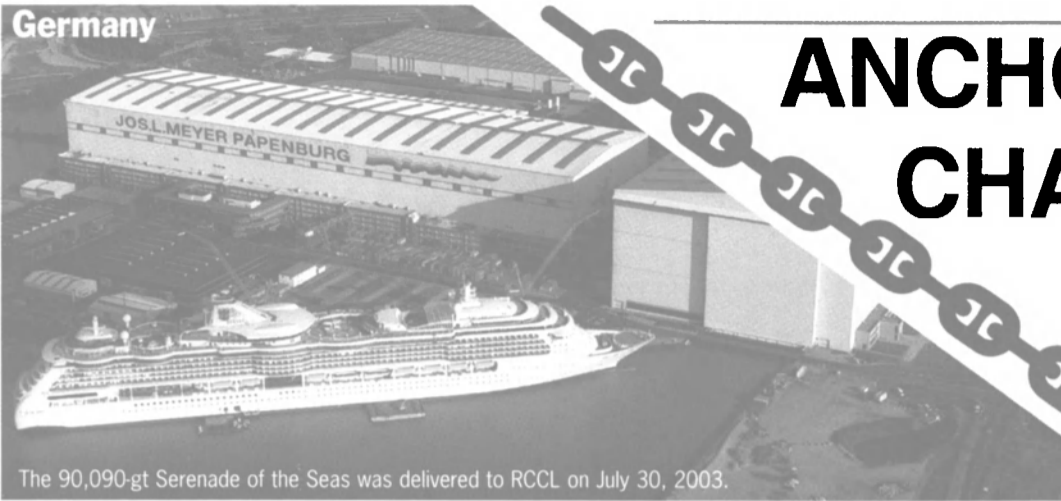
Of this total, we expect 60 percent will be FPSO vessels, 30 percent spars or TLPs and 10 percent production semis. We also project that the mixture of floater orders will produce a capex value of \$22 to 31 billion over the five year forecast period.

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### Main Particulars - Serenade of the Seas

Class	DNV
Flag	Bahamas
Length, (o.a.)	962 ft. (293.2 m)
Length, (b.p.)	873 ft. (266.2 m)
Breadth, (molded)	106 ft. (32.2 m)
Draft	26 ft. (8.1 m)
Number of decks	15
Tonnage	90,090 gt
Total engine power	59,000 kW = 80,240 hp
Propulsion power	40,000 kW = 54,400 hp
Dynamic positioning	Kongsberg Simrad
Integrated Bridge System	Litton Marine
Gas turbines	GE Marine
Thrusters	Rolls-Royce
Propulsion	ABB
Bridge alarm	CAE
Ship automation	Valmarine
Speed, (max.)	25 knots
Passenger capacity	2,490
Officers and crew	858

The most recent addition to Royal Caribbean's (RCCL) fleet of vessels is the 90,090-gt Serenade of the Seas, which was delivered to the cruise line by Meyer Werft Shipyard in Papenburg, Germany on July 30, 2003. The third member of the Radiance-class fleet, Serenade, along with its sisterships, is a luxury cruise vessel boasting a very slim, yachtlike design with extensive use of glass on the outside, as more than 80 percent of the vessel's cabins are designated as outside cabins. Serenade features advanced technology designed to make the ship efficient, and to ensure it is as quiet and vibration free as possible. To this end, it features an advanced gas turbine

propulsion plant, and its 15 decks employ the latest in sound dampening technology.

Following Serenade's delivery, the vessel sailed from Amsterdam to Boston, Mass. on August 4, 2003 continuing on to New York City where it was christened there by actress **Whoopi Goldberg**, who was



**LEFT:** Aboard RCCL's Serenade of the Seas with actress **Whoopi Goldberg**, (center), flanked by RCCL chairman and CEO, **Richard Fain** (left), and Capt. **Nikolaos ("Nick") Antalis**. Goldberg served as Serenade's god-mother.

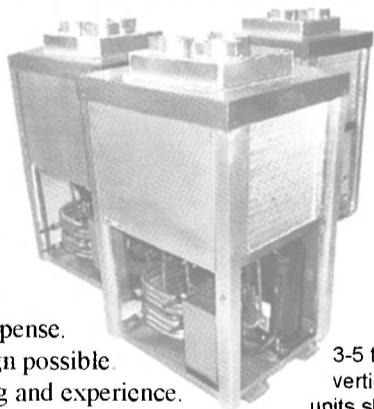
**RIGHT:** Serenade is the third in a series of Radiance-class vessels for RCCL.



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Serenade's godmother on the evening of August 22, 2003.

The vessel was scheduled to commence its fall itinerary with destinations of Canada/New England before repositioning to San Juan for its winter schedule in November 2003.

The ship, which had made its way down the East Coast from Boston, was

on display in the port prior to its christening. With Capt. **Nikolaos ("Nick") Antalis** as Serenade's master, the vessel will be in good hands due to Antalis' breadth of experience and strong following among RCCL passengers. Since joining RCCL more than eight years ago, Capt. Antalis had spent the last four years as master of Vision of the Seas,

and had previously served as master aboard various ships on Royal Cruise Line and Regency Cruise Line. But what prepared him for his current positions, Antalis says, is the 10 years he spent aboard cargo ships. "You build seaman-ship on cargo ships," he said.

Capt. Antalis moved cargo for a variety of companies during those years,



Serenade of the Seas features an 11-story glass Centrum with six glass elevators facing out to the sea.

mostly on the NY to Japan and NY to Europe routes.

#### New Equipment

The ship features a total of 1,055 passenger cabins divided into 238 inside cabins and 818 outside cabins including one Royal Suite, six Owner's Suites and 17 Balcony Suites. In addition, Serenade also has 14 cabins for passengers with disabilities.

Generous on space, the cabins are equipped to meet the requirements of handicapped persons.

Divided into seven fire zones, the ship complies with the rules for a two-compartment vessel and is designed as per the latest IMO regulations. The vessel holds four tenders, 14 lifeboats and two fast rescue boats. In addition, it is also equipped with two "Marine Evacuation Systems," which enable a fast evacuation via chutes onto the liferafts.

The ship is fitted with an Integrated Bridge System (IBS) by Litton Marine that includes all components required to ensure safe navigation. The main feature of the Bridge is the Voyage Management System, which allows radar display and the electronic sea chart to be laid one above the other.

Serenade's optimum maneuverability is provided by two azipods (with an output of 20,000 kW each) and three bow thrusters, all operated by joystick control.

Regarding power, the vessel's combined gas/steam turbine system (COGES) by General Electric is installed for electric power generation. As an environmentally friendly plant, this system is comprised of two gas turbines with an output of 25 MW each and one steam turbine made by Fincantieri with an output of 7.8 MW.

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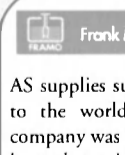
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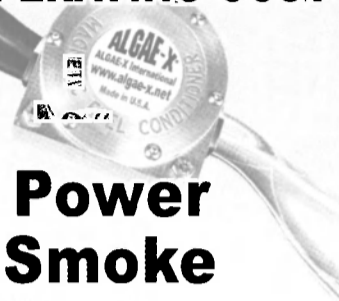
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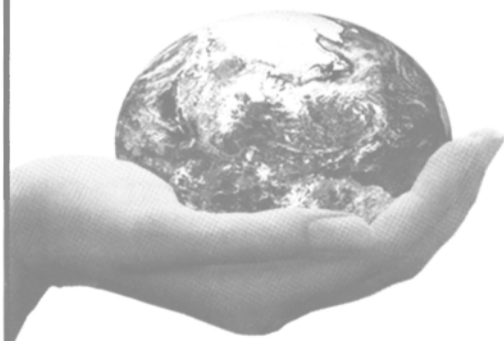
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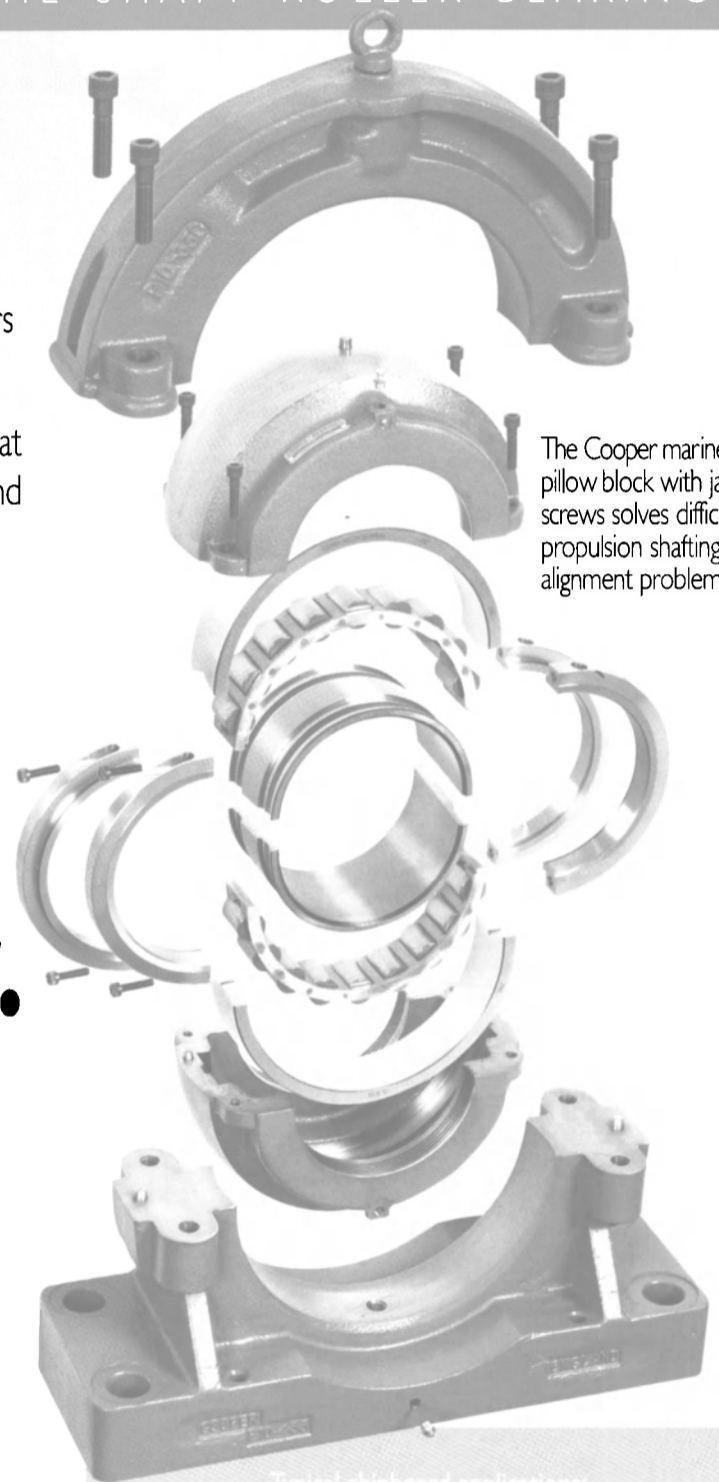
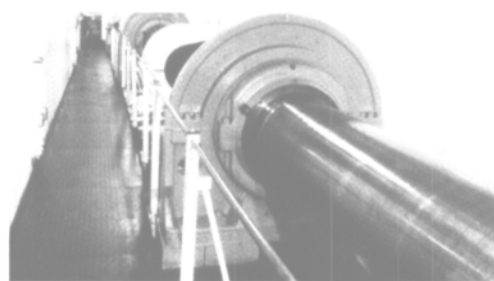
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