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#### Northrop Grumman Delivers Aegis Destroyer

Northrop Grumman Corporation's Ship Systems sector commemorated delivery of its 19th U.S. Navy Aegisguided missile destroyer, Pinckney (DDG 91), during a ceremony onboard the ship at the company's operations along the west bank of the Pascagoula River. In naming Pinckney, the Navy honors Navy Cook Third Class, William Pinckney, (1915-1975), recipient of the Navy Cross for his courageous rescue of a fellow crewmember onboard the USS Enterprise (CV 6) during the 1942 Battle of Santa Cruz. "We at Northrop Grumman are as proud of this ship as any we have built," said **Bob** Merchent, vice president, DDG 51 Program. "When this ship takes her place in the fleet, we know we have met the trust placed in us by the Navy and the American people."

#### New Aegis Destroyer Christened Halsey



A new Aegis guided missile destroyer DDG 97 was officially christened "Halsey," honoring Fleet Adm. William Frederick "Bull" Halsey Jr., a World War I and World War II Naval hero. Adm. Halsey was born in October 1892 in Elizabeth, N.J. He earned a Navy Cross for his service in WW I. Early in WW II, Halsey's carrier task force took part in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo. He took command in the South Pacific in October 1942 at a critical stage of the Guadalcanal Campaign. Halsey took command of the Third Fleet in May 1945 and through the end of the Pacific War. Promoted to the rank of Fleet Admiral becoming the fourth and last officer to hold the rank - in December 1945, Halsey retired from active duty in March 1947, and died in August 1959. Halsey (DDG 97) is the 47TH ship in the DDG 51 Arleigh Burke-class of Aegis guided missile destroyers - the U.S. Navy's most powerful destroyer fleet. Of 28 ships under contract to Northrop Grumman's Ship Systems sector, Haisey is the 22nd Aegis destroyer to be launched and christened.

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Cmdr. **Robert M. Byron**, U.S. Navy, of Asheville, N.C., a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, will be the new ship's commissioning commanding officer.

"Thousands of shipbuilders dedicated their efforts to produce the absolute best of American industrial capability," said Cmdr. Byron. "Thousands of people worked hard to make this day happen; to give this brilliant technological achievement a pulse."

DDG 91 will be commissioned USS Pinckney on May 29 in Port Hueneme, Calif., and will be homeported in San Diego as a member of the Pacific Fleet's Destroyer Squadron TWENTY THREE. DDG 91 is the 19th of 28 Aegis destroyers under contract to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems.





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#### A great example is OPA 90.

Following the Valdez tanker oil spill, OPA 90 was introduced to help reduce the future likelihood of such a mishap. Among a myriad of rules, OPA 90 is most closely associated with the double hulling of tankers trading in U.S. waters. When first introduced, and in fact to this day, the merits of double-hulled ships as a method to eradicate oil spills from tankers are hotly debated. Some of this furor subsided when several successive spills off Europe's coast resulted in new double hull tanker rules from this region.

Starting on page 22 we look at an innovative solution to turn single hull tankers into double hull tankers. Estimated to be a quarter to a third of the cost of a newbuild tanker, the process has been created by Maritrans in cooperation with Lloyd's Register.

Another area of major regulatory concern is the vast realm of Maritime Security, and all that it encompasses. While movement to procure new solutions has been slower than expected, it is foolhardy to believe that this will not be the topic that defines a generation in the maritime industry. From the reinvention of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, through the sweeping changes that are forever altering the processes and procedures ports and port facilities (including shipyards), on through to the world's largest owner/operators to the smallest small fleets, Maritime Security has and will continue to permeate every pore of the market.

As VADM Terry Cross, USCG Commander of the Pacific Fleet, recently said: 'We have many challenges today... and they all involve technological solutions."

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#### **Maritime Meanings**

#### Happy Hour

A brief period of relaxation for the crew of a ship, or for as many as possible, consistent with the need for the ship to remain alert and efficient; said by John Rogers to be a navy term from WWI (presumably Rogers refers to the U.S. Navy; it is inconceivable the the Royal Navy of that period would have permitted frivolity of any kind onboard His Majesty's vessels). Today, the happy hour is almost religiously celebrated ashore by some groups of people, gathered together in a common cause (such as office workers, school teachers, and so on), who hail the end of the working week and the advent of the weekend by letting down their hair and having a few social drinks with each other.

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## Izar Gijon Delivers Two Massive Dredgers

Last December Izar Gijon Shipyard delivered to Jan De Nul the suction dredgers named Taccola and Francesco di Giorgio each of which boasts a 4,400 cu. m. capacity. With a total of eight dredgers delivered in two years, Izar consolidates its position in the construction of these technologically sophisticated ships. Gijon has recently delivered two other dredges for the fFrench company Dragages Ports, of with 5,000 cu. m. and 8,500 cu. m. of capacity.

Over the last two years, Izar has built dredgers of several sizes at its shipyards in Gijon and Sestao. The biggest ones, the Kaishuu and the Juan Sebastian Elcano, with a capacity of 16,000 cu. m. each were built at Sestao Shipyard which also built the Filippo de Brunelleschi, and the Francis Beaufort with a capacity of 11,500 cu. m. Six of the ships were for the Belgian owner Jan de Nul

These are the main data of the twin Taccola and Francesco di Giorgio.

Hopper capacity	
Length	
Lpp	. 277.8 ft. (84.7 m)
Width	
Depth	
Dredging draft	23.6 ft. (7.2 m)
Deadweight at 6.5 draft	
Suction Pipe diameter	
Dredging Depth	
Speed	
Power Main Generator Diesels .	
Propulsion Power	
2 x 2,150 kW	
Pump power shore discharging	3 000 kW

Pump power shore of	discharging	3,000 kW
Jet pump power		1,200 kW
Bowthruster power		

#### **VT Halter Delivers First-of-Series OSV** for Seacor

**Main Particulars** 

VT Halter Marine Inc. delivered its first vessel in 2004, the Seacor Pride. The 220- x 46- by 17-ft. Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) is classed DPS-1 and can carry 5,100 barrels of liquid mud, 6,740 cu. ft. of dry bulk along with fuel oil and fresh water. Constructed at VT Halter Marine's HMP (Halter Moss Point) Operations, Seacor Pride is a high capacity supply vessel with a pair of Caterpillar 3516 main engines and a Caterpillar 3508 driving a 1,000 hp bowthruster.

Two additional Caterpillar engines drive liquid mud pumps on one end and the compressor that powers the bulk mud system on the other end. Offshore Supply Vessels carry goods, supplies, individuals (in addition to the crew) or equipment used to support exploration and offshore production of mineral or energy sources. This state-of-the-art OSV is U.S. flagged, ABS classed and complies with SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) requirements for international service. CEO Butch King said, "The Seacor Pride is a reflection of the commitment that we invest in every phase of shipbuilding, from design to delivery."

Radio Call Sign	WDB5710
Length, o.a.	
Beam	
Depth	
Light draft	6 ft. (2 m)
Loaded draft	
Summer freeboard	
Length BP	
Lightship	
Main Engines	(2) Caterpillar
Туре	
	2,000 bhp @ 1,600 rpm
Auxiliary generators	Cat
Bowthruster	
Dynamic positioning	Kongsberg Simrad
GPS	Furuno
	C. Plath Navigation
Radar	Furuno
Radio system	Furuno
VHF	
	Globe Wireless
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USCG	
Speed	
Capacities	
Foldole water	





### **Boeing Connexion Moves** to the High Seas

As use of communications at sea expands rapidly, evidence that this trend has entered warp speed was signaled recently as corporate Goliath Boeing announced its plans to roll out is high speed satellite capability to the marine business. Connnexion by Boeing, a business unit of The Boeing Company, announced an expansion of its service offering to include high speed satellite broadband capability for the maritime industry. "We're actively engaged in discussions with several of the leading maritime operators, as well as potential distributors,



and have received a tremendously positive response to our service and the speeds at which we can move data." said Connexion by Boeing President Scott Carson. "Operators of vessels around the world have the immediate need to stay connected, allowing a more informed and efficient operation, no matter where they are in the world - close to shore or in the shipping lanes across the Pacific and other oceanic regions." The Connexion by Boeing maritime solution is expected to be approximately 10 times faster than the most commonly deployed narrowband maritime communications systems available today, and significantly less expensive to use. Applying the broadband capability of Connexion by Boeing to the maritime communications industry is a natural complement to its commercial airline service. The maritime solution leverages the existing satellite and ground-based network Connexion by Boeing has established and will bring the same capabilities for robust, high-speed connectivity to the maritime industry. Existing networks will provide coverage in the North Atlantic and a solution for Pacific Ocean coverage will be announced in the very near future.

Vessel operators and their passengers can use Connexion by Boeing to access the Internet and firewall-protected corporate intranets, send outgoing emails or open large attachments from incoming emails; get the news, weather or destination information; or view satellite television programming. The service will also enhance ship-to-shore communications for ship captains and crew - providing new opportunities for long-distance learning, improve crew morale, remote monitoring of ships' systems and cargo, improved maintenance, and to make better routing decisions. All of these capabilities are expected to significantly improve the efficiency and safety of operations at sea.

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### **New Ferries for Hawaii?**

Hawaii Superferry and Austal USA last month signed an agreement that could result in new passenger-vehicle catamarans for Hawaiian waters to create a commercial high-speed interisland ferry service. Hawaii Superferry plans

to use Austal USA-built, high-speed, RoRo vessels to create "Hawaii's Interisland Highway." with catamarans carrying passengers, vehicles and freight between Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island, beginning in 2006. Under the agreement, Hawaii Superferry plans to purchase two 340-ft. catamaran ferries — able to carry 900 passengers and 280 vehicles, including trucks and buses — for delivery during 2006-2008

"For many years, I have envisioned 'a marine highway' for our islands, so I am pleased with the progress that Hawaii

Superferry has made in creating an interisland ferry system that will serve Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island," said Senator **Daniel K. Inouye**, who has secured more than \$25 million in federal funds for the development of ferry infrastructure. Final funding for the project is pending.

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#### NASSCO Gets \$578M Option T-AKE's

NASSCO was awarded a \$578 million fixed-price-incentive modification under previously awarded contract to exercise options for design and construction of the fifth and sixth ships in the Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship (T-AKE) Class. Work is expected to be completed by July 2007.

#### **TEN Orders A Series of Ice-Class Product Carriers**

Tsakos Energy Navigation Limited (TEN) has ordered two Handysize, double hull, 1A ice-class tankers, with carrying capacity of 37,000 dwt each. The vessels have a contract price of just under \$30 million per ship and are scheduled for delivery in September and December of 2006. TEN also holds options for two additional sister ships of the same specifications, which would be delivered in March and June of 2007.

#### MarAd Approves Deepwater LNG Port

A new deepwater liquid natural gas (LNG) port was approved by the U.S. Maritime Administration. The LNG port, to be built by El Paso Energy Bridge Gulf of Mexico LLC about 116 miles south of New Orleans in the Gulf of Mexico, is a terminal to process and transfer natural gas received from LNG transport ships to a pipeline system, which will carry the natural gas ashore for distribution to U.S. markets.

### **TOTAL Signs Charters for Stena Tankers**

TOTAL has signed a five year charter of the first two Stena P-MAX tankers currently under construction. The new P-MAX (Product-Max) class of tankers are medium-sized, short and wide-bodied with reduced draft. They have an intermediate loading capacity of 65,000 ton, between the standard 45,000 ton vessels and the 70 to 80,000 ton Panamax. These tankers, specially designed for efficient and safe transportation, are under construction in the Croatian shipyard Brodosplit in Split for delivery in 2006.

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The National Ports Authority of South Africa currently ranks within the top 12 nations of the world with regards to maritime freight activity. Its system of ports handle on average of 12 000 million ton-miles of maritime freight annually, which constitutes about 6% of all maritime global activity. That is impressive considering the fact that the global maritime trade is showing a steady increase of 5% annually, putting considerable pressure on ports worldwide to improve ship turn-around times and to increase their cargo handling capacities. That's why the National Ports Authority of South Africa is spending more than R4 billion over the next few years, to upgrade its seven commercial ports - creating a world-class service that not only ensures efficient facilities and equipment to port operators and users, but maintains South Africa's position in the international maritime trading league.

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### **Damen Delivers First-of-Class ASD Tug**

Tug 2411 is a real push-pull ASD Tug. designed primarily for working over the bow. This tug is a powerful 4,200 kW vessel that develops a bollard pull of around 70,000 kg; full ahead to full astern in a ship's length, turning around in 10 seconds.

With the introduction of the Damen ASD Tug 2411, Damen Shipyards has put a new type of port tug on the market: very compact, with an enormous bollard pull. The prototype of this boat (yard number 512201) was built at Damen Shipyards Changde in China for stock and as a demonstration model, but before delivery the boat was sold to an Australian shipping company and named Barunga. The delivery to Adsteam Towage Pty Limited in Bondi Junction, New South Wales, took place on January 23, and Barunga is now based in Port Adelaide.

The recently developed Damen ASD had a length of around 22 m in mind. Make some suggestions."

> This was more or less the question the Damen Sales team put to the Tugs & Workboats Product Group almost three years ago. It was a new product, at least for Damen. Initial sketches showed a wide, short and low, with a very big approach angle to enable it to creep as far under a ship as possible, and with virtually no accommodation and an excellent view all round.

> The company had long meetings and made many changes. And the boat grew. That's how it happens with Damen Standard designs. It's always about the customer and what for what use they need a Standard Damen product.

> The need for a new type of vessel was the result of developments in the market. Competition for port tug work is usually stiff, which led to an increasing demand for vessels that were lower cost but still packed a considerable bollard pull.

The Damen ASD Tug 2411 design "What we need is a small ASD Tug but based on this program of requirements



and trial results of yard no. 512201 Barunga:

Length. o.a
Length, molded
Length, w.l
Beam, o.a
Beam, molded
Depth
Draft hull
Draft aft
Displacement
GT
Speed ahead

Speed astern .12.7 knots Bollard pull ahead .68 tons Bollard pull astern .63 tons The beam dimension was chosen to

comply with the U.S. Coast Guard requirements for ASD Tug stability (among the most stringent in the market) and this makes the boat relatively wide. The resulting metacentre height is 2.3 m. With full tanks, freeboard is 1.1 m.

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#### **Engine Room Design**

The hull of the Damen ASD Tug 2411 is divided by four watertight bulkheads into the following compartments:

• Forepeak, dry.

• Forward compartment with the potable water tank below, a cofferdam and two fuel tanks, one on each side of the centreline (port and starboard), that

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ClassificationLloyds Register of Shipping
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Window wiper
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Main engines
Flexible couplings
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Sewage pump
Sewage treatment plant
E.R. ventilatorsSailor
Air conditioning
SilencersDiscom
Electrical system
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Automation
Capstan. Anchor/towing winchKraaijeveld
Life rafts
Epirb. Sart
Control air compressors
Fire fighting engine
Fire fighting pump
Monitor, Central FiFi installationAjax de Boer
Floating floors accommodationBolidt
Ceilings in wheelhouse and messroomDampa
SearchlightSeematz
Compass
Gyro compass, AutopilotLitton
VHF radio telephone
VHF HandheldJotron
Radar SSB, Navtex, GPS, Echo Sounder Furuno
Damen ASD Tug 2411 tank capacities (98%):
Fuel 74.8 cu. m.

Fuel 74.8 cu. m. Lubricating oil 4.8 cu. m. .2.9 cu. m. Dirty oil Potable water 7.5 cu. in. Bilge water . 1.9 cu. m. .2.9 cu. m. Sewage .5.7 cu. m. Foam . .2.9 cu. m. Dispersant Water ballast 15.4 cu. m.

#### VT Halter Marine to Conduct MarAd Study

VT Halter Marine Inc. will partner with the U.S. Department of Transportation — Maritime Administration to conduct a feasibility study for the design and manufacture of a dual-use vessel. A dualuse vessel is one that has both commercial and military applications. The four-part study has an estimated cost of \$1,224,680, which VTHM will share on a 50/50 basis with the government. It will take approximately 26 weeks to complete the project.

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run through into the engine room. Above the tanks are the auxiliary engine room on the starboard side and the cable storage area on the port side; at the front of this compartment there are also the chain lockers and, between them, the laundry unit, a workbench, hydraulic tank unit, main switchboard, boiler and hydrophore. At the rear are two F.O. header tanks for fuel, each of 3.4 m3 capacity.

• Engine room, with the two fuel tanks mentioned above either side of the centreline on the floor, and behind them the liquid foam tank and a dispersant tank (starboard) as well as the sewage tank (port) and then two more fuel tanks (port and starboard): the latter each have

a trunk on the centreline leading up to the main deck. There are several other tanks behind the box coolers at the sides of the engine room: on the starboard side the lube oil tank for the main engines and behind it the bilge water tank; on the port side the dirty oil tank and the lube oil tank for the auxiliary engines.

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## **OMI** Pleads Guilty to Illegal Dump, To Pay \$4.2M Fine

The U.S. Department of Justice said cover up the illegal dumping of thouthat OMI Corporation pleaded guilty to sands of gallons of waste oil and sludge preparing false documents in an effort to at sea. OMI also agreed to pay a \$4.2

million fine and serve three years probation. A ship captain and chief engineer previously pled guilty in connection



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Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) said

that the corvettes, known as the

Baynunah Class, will be 70 m long and

equipped with combat systems includ-

with the case. The ship involved in the

case, the Motor Tanker Guadalupe,

owned and operated by wholly owned

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ing missiles. Two of the vessels under the contract are optional. The ships are designed by French shipbuilder Constructions Mecaniques de Normandie and the first vessel will be built in France, one of the UAE's main arms suppliers.

#### Teekay Orders Aframax Tankers

Teekay Shipping entered two agreements to construct a total of six 105,000 dwt high specification Aframax tanker newbuildings. Four conventional Aframax tankers and two purpose-built lightering ships have been ordered from Hyundai Heavy Industries and Tsuneishi Corporation, respectively. The aggregate cost of these vessels is approximately \$260 million, including construction supervision costs and capitalized interest. IHC Caland Logs \$100M New Business

IHC Caland reported that it had won new orders recently worth more than \$100 million and would continue to meet its banking covenants. J.P. Morgan had said in October that IHC's high gearing implied the risk of a possible breach of its debt covenants. The group, whose main activity is building and operating floating production and storage platforms (FPSOs) for oil companies, also said on Tuesday that U.S. oil major Exxon Mobil Corp. would keep one of its FPSOs on a long-term lease rather than buying it as initially planned. Meanwhile, a new FPSO has started production for Exxon Mobil offshore Angola. With this new unit, IHC subsidiary SBM now has 13 FPSOs under lease and operating contracts with three new ones under construction, the company said.

#### Ground Broken on 'World's Largest Shipyard'

A Chinese shipbuilding company has broken ground on what it says will be the world's biggest shipyard, a high-tech facility capable of producing cruise ships and natural gas tankers, sources inside China and wire services reported. The yard, being built on an island at the mouth of the Yangtze river, will reportedly feature seven construction docks along a five-mile stretch of coastline. Due for completion in 2015, the yard will be designed to produce a total of 12 million dwt of ships per year. The new yard is being built by the China State Shipbuilding Corp., which incorporates 25 large- and medium-sized shipyards. The group currently produces tankers and container ships, as well as warships and submarines for China's navy, according to its web site.

#### Wärtsilä to Discontinue Production in Turku

The second part of Wartsila's business analysis, started last autumn, has now been finalized. In addition to reductions in capacity already decided, the company also plans to discontinue engine manufacture at its Turku factory. The manufacture of large engines will be centered at Trieste, Italy. Under this plan the Turku unit will concentrate on service and maintenance. The Trieste factory, the Group's largest in size, is equipped to manufacture a number of products simultaneously. The factory has already acted as a back-up manufacturing facility for the Wartsila 46 engine and it has experience of producing several different engine types. Engines previously manufactured at Wartsila's factory in the Netherlands were recently added to the Trieste Factory's production program. With respect to gas engines, a central factor in the decision was the direct availability of gas from a gas pipeline in the Trieste factory. Production and R&D activities at Wartsila's Vaasa factory in Finland will continue in their present form.

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#### The Shipbuilding Report

## SHIIPBUILDING China Preps To Take World Lead

Rapidly rising prices for steel plate in China may be taking the edge off the financial performance at some Chinese shipbuilders. But it will take a lot more than that to undermine shipyards' dramatic expansion plans aimed at ensuring the country's builders produce more ships than any other nation by 2015. In the short run, however, the country's relatively inexperienced builders seem to have failed to read the steel supply signs. They have found themselves caught out by a number of factors driving up ship steel prices. These have risen by almost 60% over the last 30 months or so and now stand close to \$400 a ton.

On the one hand, soaring steel demand in other sectors of the Chinese economy has left the country's steel producers with a choice of market outlets — wide steel plate used in the shipbuilding industry is not its product of choice. Meanwhile, shipyard marketing teams were very successful during 2003 in booking large numbers of export contracts at prices significantly below those prevailing in South Korea and Japan. And furthermore, Chinese demand for iron ore and coal is rising so fast that foreign suppliers have negotiated hefty increases in supply contract prices from early this year. Steel prices in China are likely to rise further, some analysts believe.

Despite past criticism for a lack of expertise in more sophisticated ship types, a tendency to cut corners resulting in reduced quality and a liability for delays. Chinese shipbuilders have now won a serious following amongst international shipowners. And the proof of the pudding, as the saying goes, is in the eating. International owners would not return to build ships in China if they were dissatisfied with the product. In exchange for lower prices, many owners are quite prepared, and indeed expect to pay more for their technical personnel to monitor and supervise during the construction process. And, some say, there is more flexibility at production level in Chinese yards than at some other Asian builder. Technical types maintain that negotiating any adjustments to ship

specifications is not as difficult in China, and certainly doesn't cost as much as it would in one of the world's principal building yards in South Korea, for example. A quick analysis of the ownership of ships currently under construction at Chinese yards reads like a who's who of world shipping, or at least of German shipping. Amongst other international names are Bernard Schulte, Bockstiegel, A.P. Moller, Torm, Stena Bulk, Bocimar, D'Amato, Egon Oldendorff, Peter Dohle, Rickmers, Schoeller Holdings, Leonhardt & Blumberg, Nordeutsche Vermogen, Everard & Sons, Briese Schiffahrts and Hermann Buss. Norden, Nomikos, Van Ommeren, NYK, MOL, Thenamaris, Wah Kwong and Graig are also on the list. There are now more than 25 shipyards building ocean-going tonnage, and many other smaller facilities engaged in the construction of small specialised craft such as dredgers, cable layers, supply vessels and survey ships.

But Chinese builders are focusing on gearing up to build market share in

tankers, bulkers and container vessels. The National Iranian Tanker Company is amongst other owners building VLCCs at Dalian New Shipbuilding whilst China Shipping Group has at least a dozen large container ships contracted at Hudong Zonghua. This Shanghai facility has an orderbook of some 50 ocean-going vessels, the largest being two Aframax tankers for Vancouver-based Valles Steamship. Meanwhile Shanghai Waigaoqiao has 12 Capesize on its books for owners including Bocimar and Cardiff Marine, together with a further seven 105,000 dwt Aframax tankers.

As the Chinese shipbuilding dream becomes a reality in the months ahead, management systems constitute a key challenge. Already some of the leading yards are linking pay rates to efficiency, productivity and quality. But as more ships are completed under the watchful eyes of foreign supervisors, shipyards elsewhere in Asia would do well to keep their eye on the young shipbuilding dragon.

#### Secondhand Prices Recent Ship Sales

Vessel	Туре	DWT	YB	Price
Cosmar	Bulker	44415	89	5.3
Ocean Rainbow	Bulker	45585	96	18.5
Almavita	Bulker	45798	85	8.2
Son Paolo	Bulker	46000	95	18.5
Faviola	Bulker	62343	82	8.6
Frose	Bulker	63212	81	4.7
North King	Bulker	69421	88	12
Moleson	Bulker	73000	98	28
Eleni	Bulker	73000	96	26.5
Andhika Lourdes	Bulker	73000	97	16.7
Bariloche	Bulker	73000	99	29
Samarinda	Bulker	149000	94	32.5
Gladiator	Bulker	150000	83	18
Philippe Ld	Bulker	169000	99	41.4
Alpha Intelligence	Tanker	40000	82	4
Princess Marisol	Tanker	82006	81	5.5
Bornes	Tanker	88950	90	15.8
World Kindred	Tanker	104707	2003	45
World Kronos	Tanker	110000	2003	45
Geres	Tanker	142000	89	20
Poros	Tanker	150000	2002	49.5
Solviken	Tanker	152378	89	18
Kronviken	Tanker	152835	88	18
Nichiryu	Tanker	249037	91	18.5
New Stork	Tanker	264000	87	19.5
Ocean Guardian	Tanker	290927	93	50
World Creation	Tanker	298324	98	75
Sea Forturne	Tanker	298500	2003	72
Maersk Eleo	Tanker	299000	92	47
Maersk Estelle	Tanker	299000	94	49
Poros	Tanker	300000	2002	85
World Crest	Tanker	305795	2002	85

#### Compiled by Shipping Intelligence (NY), tel: (212) 997-0966, tracks the sale prices of secondhand bulk carriers and tankers



#### Secondhand Prices Tanker Prices Up 35%

Spiraling secondhand tanker prices, a buoyant charter market, and positive sentiment on the tanker market's future fortunes could mean a shortage of potential conversion candidates for FPSO projects in the months ahead. Clarkson's 5-year-old tanker price index showed a 35% rise year on year in December and tanker prices have continued upwards over the first two weeks of this year. With as many as 60 likely FPSO conversions needed over the next five years, this niche sector represents a significant source of business for a number of repair yards, particularly Keppel. Sembawang and Jurong in Singapore. Although there are a significant number of single-hull tankers due to be phased out in the next few years - and there are as yet no requirements for FPSO conversions to be double-hulled - tanker owners are expected to keep their ships in the current market for as long as possible. Tanker demand is rising, shipyards are full and owners are likely to make a healthy return on tanker trading over the next 12-24 months. An added difficulty for those contemplating FPSO conversions is the long lead-time. In order to tender for FPSO projects, offshore contractors are usually expected to submit their bids some 18-24 months before "first oil" is produced. As FPSO conversions do not usually take more than nine months, tonnage has to be identified in advance and effectively committed to a project. Not surprisingly, tanker owners expect to be paid a significant premium for this.

#### Offshore Service Vessels Leevac Delivers for Hornbeck

Hornbeck Offshore Services has taken delivery of the HOS Silverstar from Leevac Industries, LLC. Silverstar' measures 240 x 54 x 19-ft., and its the latest of the HOS "New Breed", a design that has been uniquely engineered to offer numerous advantages over existing

#### The Shipbuilding Report

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tonnage. The unique hull form assists in making the HOS Silverstar a very DPcapable and fuel-efficient vessel. It is certified to both USCG Subchapter L (OSV) and I (Freight and Industrial Service) and is fully SOLAS certified for international operation. The American Bureau of Shipping has classed the vessel as +A1, +AMS, +ACC, DPS?2, Offshore Support, Oceans.

Two Caterpillar 3516 B main engines produce 4,000 bhp, which drive two 96in. CP propellers. The vessel's deadweight of 2,758 long tons can be offloaded with state-of-the-art pumping systems featuring positive displacement pumps.



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#### Wijsmuller Ship Delivery To Continue As Redwise

Wijsmuller Bros. has become an independent company as of January 1, 2004. A management buy-out enables Wijsmuller Bros. to separate from SvitzerWijsmuller of Copenhagen, the holding company of the formerly Dutch Wijsmuller Group. The activities of Wijsmuller Bros. will be continued under the name of Redwise Maritime Services. Redwise' activities were the roots of the renowned Dutch Wijsmuller Group, which in 2001 was acquired by Svitzer of Denmark. The Wijsmuller name is associated world-wide with towage and salvage, but in early years it started with ship delivery.

#### **Ribcraft Signs Contracts** with USCG, USAF

Ribcraft recently won contracts to supply boats for the U.S. Guard (USCG) and the U.S. Air Force (USAF). The USAF contract is significant, as it is for the company's new Mitigator 7.8 m boat. The Mitigator will be used in conjunction with the Air Force's Para Rescue activities along the Florida coastline, by the Patrick Air Force Base Para Rescue team, who will use it for near shore rescue and recovery operations for the airfields and occasional space launches. For USCG, Ribcraft will supply several customized Ribcraft 19 ft. (5.85 m) RIBs to the Coast Guard for peacekeeping missions and patrols overseas. Fully equipped with diesel inboard engines, these boats are capable of speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour with a capacity of more than six people. The 19-ft. Ribcraft 5.85 offers increased maneuverability, functionality, and can easily be transported by land, air and sea. Ribcraft offers RIBs ranging in size from 15 to 26 ft.

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## First ME Engine Built in Japan by Hitachi Zosen

The first ME engine to be built in Japan, a 6S50ME-C, has been completed by Hitachi Zosen Corp. The order was placed by Naikai Zosen for Nissho Shipping. The engine was recently presented to the guests at a ceremony at Hitachi Zosen. This engine is destined as the main propulsion engine for a product carrier. The invited audience of over 200 people, included owners, operators, yard personnel and business partners, noted that the engine was very quiet and produced very few vibrations.

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 Technical specifications for 6S50ME-C

 Output
 .9,480 kW (12.900 BHP)

 Engine speed
 .127 rpm

 Weight approx.
 .207 tons (dry mass)

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#### Brittany Ferries, Telenor Sign Agreement

Telenor Satellite Services last month reported that it had signed a three-year agreement with Brittany Ferries to provide high-speed data communications via satellite.

Telenor will provide Ku-Band service

for two Brittany vessels, the Val de Loire and Brittany's newest vessel the Pont Aven, with an option to install as many as six additional Sealink systems for the rest of the company's ferry fleet.

Operating at speeds up to 192 kbits per second. Telenor's Sealink service provides high-speed data communications.

The system now installed aboard the Val de Loire and early in 2004 aboard the new Pont Aven offers one of the industry's most advanced shipboard satellite communications solutions available today complete with the highest reliability for the maritime community.

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#### **Government Update**

## **Continuous Synopsis Record**



Dennis L. Bryant, Senior Maritime Counsel at the law firm of Holland & Knight, Washington, D.C., is a contributing editor of MR/EN.

One of the numerous provisions in the December 2002 amendments to the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention) requires ships subject to the Convention to maintain a continuous synopsis record as of July 1, 2004. All is not going smoothly though. Owners and operators should prepare to take individual action prior to the deadline.

The continuous synopsis record is intended to provide an on-board record of the history of the ship. The record is to be issued by the flag administration and is to contain:

- a. The name of the nation whose flag the ship is entitled to fly;
- b. The date on which the ship was registered with that nation;
- The ship's identification number; c.
- The name of the ship: d.
- The port at which the ship is registered; е.

f. The name(s) of the registered owner(s) and their address(es); The name(s) of the registered bareboat charterer(s) and their g. address(es), if applicable;

h. The name of the company for purposes of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, along with its address and the address from which it carries out its safety-management activities; i. The name of all classification societies with which the ship is classed;

The name of the administration, contracting government, or recognized organization that issued, under the ISM Code, the Document of Compliance to the company operating the ship and



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the name of the body that conducted the audit on which the Document was based;

k. The name of the administration, contracting government, or recognized organization that issued, under the ISM Code, the Safety Management Certificate to the ship and the name of the body that conducted the audit on which the Certificate was based; I. The name of the administration, contracting government, or recognized security organization that issued, under the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) to the ship and the name of the body that conducted the verification on which the ISSC was based; and

m. The date on which the ship ceased to be registered with that nation.

Any changes relating to entries in the continuous synopsis record are to be made by the flag administration within three months and provided to the ship so that the information remains current. In the interim, until the revisions issued by the flag administration have been received, the company or the master may be authorized and required to amend the continuous synopsis record to reflect the changes. In such cases, the company is to, without delay, inform the flag administration of the amendments.

The continuous synopsis record is to be in English, French, or Spanish, as well as the official language of the flag administration. The record is to be maintained in the format developed by the IMO and maintained in accordance with IMO guidelines. Entries may not be deleted, modified, erased, or defaced. The record is to remain on board the ship when it is transferred to another flag, sold to a new owner (or taken over by a new bareboat charterer), or when another company assumes responsibility for operation of the ship.

When the ship is to be transferred to the flag of another nation, the company is to notify the current flag administration so that it can forward to the new flag administration a copy of the current continuous synopsis record. The new flag administration is to append the old continuous synopsis record to the new one that it issues to the ship.

The continuous synopsis record is to be kept on board the ship and made available for inspection by government officials at all times.

Like the ISPS Code and related maritime security measures, this requirement is a large undertaking and little time is afforded for its implementation. The IMO has yet to officially issue a format in which the record is to be developed, nor has it issued guidelines explaining how the record is to be maintained. Few, if any, flag administrations have yet issued their own guidance, although the Netherlands has developed an application form. Otherwise, flag administrations have not established procedures for collection of information required to be in the continuous synopsis record that is not already routinely collected and maintained.

The U.S. Coast Guard has stated that it will comply with the IMO format once it has been adopted. The agency intends to issue a continuous synopsis record before July 2004. The currency of the information will be based primarily on the information provided by the owner or operator. The Coast Guard goes on to state that sanctions can be imposed for any inaccurate infor-

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mation provided by the owner or operator. In other words, the various flag administrations are waiting for the IMO to act — and the IMO has its hands full handling a multitude of maritime security issues as well as responding to demands of various member nations for accelerated phase-out of single hull tankers and its other marine safety work.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued guidance to its field offices telling boarding officers, as of July 1, 2004, to review the continuous synopsis records and compare the information with that supplied in the advance notice of arrival. The information is also to be compared with that found on other documents, such as the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate, the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, and the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPPC).

If the ship arrives off a U.S. port on or after July 1, 2004 without a continuous synopsis record or with one that is clearly inadequate, one should expect the U.S. Coast Guard to deny entry. If the deficiency is not discovered before the ship arrives in port, one should expect to Coast Guard to expel the ship until the record is provided or, at a minimum, isolate the ship and prevent all cargo and passenger operations until the record is provided.

This puts the ship owner and operator in a difficult position. The ship needs a continuous synopsis record in order to operate, but it can only obtain an official continuous synopsis record from the flag administration, which is waiting for further guidance from the IMO.

Rather than continuing to engage in a useless finger-pointing exercise, it is strongly recommended that ship owners and operators develop their own continuous synopsis record for each of their ships. This will serve two important purposes. First, it will consolidate in one location all the information that flag administrations will eventually demand of owners and operators (probably on short notice). Second, it will be available on the ship during the inevitable period between July I. 2004 and whatever date the official continuous synopsis record is actually received from the flag administration.

The concept behind the continuous synopsis record originated with concerns about substandard shipping and efforts to improve transparency. Following the 2001 terrorist attacks, its value as a security measure was recognized.

The concept of the continuous synopsis record is sound. It includes relevant information that should be consolidated in one location and that should also be available to the flag administration and port state control officials. The execution of the requirement has, to date, been lacking.

The IMO set for itself and for flag administrations a highly ambitious deadline that now looks impossible. Owners and operators should be prepared for some bumps in the road as this measure comes into effect.

#### **Federal Ballast Water Demonstration Project**

The U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service) have announced for the second time since the inception of the program in 2002 a Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program grants competition for 2004. It was announced in the Federal Register (69 FR 2577, Jan 16, 2004). Like the 2002 competition, NOAA and the Service expect to offer federal assistance grants to successful applicants. MarAd expects to offer the use of several of its vessels as test platforms, subject to availability.

The 2004 competition contains two stages of proposals. It begins with a call for brief preliminary proposals, which must be received on or before February 13, 2004. Full proposals will be due on February 17, 2004. Preliminary proposals will not be subjected to a selection process, but will be used to assist in the preparation for the full proposal competition. Only investigators who submit a preliminary proposal will be eligible to submit a full proposal.

In addition to the requirement for preliminary proposals, the 2004 competition will differ from the 2002 competition in several ways:

- · Proposals will be divided into program areas based on the level of technology development;
- Funding limits for individual proposals will be based on these program areas;
- Proposals will be required to include a discussion of the long term development necessary to transition the technology to a viable commercial product; and
- Under certain conditions, proposals to demonstrate technologies that have been submitted to the Coast Guard for approval under 16 U.S.C. 4711(b)(1) for experimental shipboard installation may receive a programmatic preference.

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## **Technology Updates** A 3D Virtual Interface to Access Ship Data

By Stephen J. Baum and Ted L. Briggs Individuals across the shipbuilding enterprise depend on Web access and availability of digital ship data to perform their daily duties. As increasingly larger quantities of ship data become available digitally, the end user often finds it difficult to locate the required data for several reasons. First, it is difficult for the causal user to quickly and easily navigate through volumes of data to find what is of importance. Simple keyword searches based on textual queries are often frustrating and are regularly unsuccessful due to the lack of data standardization.

Second, data tends to be distributed across a number of disparate data systems that typically do not communicate or interoperate and are often "out of sync." The user must then log into each data system individually, retrieve the data, and then manually integrate and validate the data. A 3-D graphical interface can provide a simple, intuitive method to assimilate and access data. This is particularly true for an interface

face enables a user to tour a virtual ship while providing access to the latest data from a variety of sources.

mvShipVI is different than traditional modeling and simulation tools in that it is optimized to execute on a standard desktop or laptop, running well on a minimum of a single 700 MHz processor and 512 MB RAM.

The original concept for a 3D virtual interface was an application that would allow users to be virtually placed in a 3D ship environment where all of the significant equipment is loaded and easily identifiable, just as they are on a physical ship. The display engine needed to offer simple navigation skills and allow the user to interactively touch items to retrieve pertinent related information.

The primary overall objective of the initial 3D virtual interface was to make the shipboard data more accessible, intuitive, functional, and easier to use. Moreover, in addition to the realism, users benefit from a tool that provides familiarization training and aids in the personnel certification process. This

the vessel before it is built.

Performance is vital to the success of a

3D virtual interface. The user must be

able to walk smoothly throughout the

ship. However, the size of the data asso-

ciated with a ship, both graphics and

static data, cannot be held in memory.

Hence, myShipVI adopted a strategy to

load/unload models and product tree

data as a user moves throughout the

ship. The result is minimal waiting time

as the interface loads new graphics and

Other technical challenges myShipVI

faced was developing an automated

process to extract and validate graphics

and attributes from CAD models. Errors

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product trees.

are often a result of the translation process, such as equipment with the wrong orientation. However, the translation process also uncovers errors in the original CAD model. Intergraph used three key automation improvements automatic thinning, surface processing, and automated CAD model updates - to greatly improve translation efficiency.

Also challenging was the difference in the level of detail between CAD files and walkthroughs. Walkthroughs may require greater detail than what is modeled in the CAD file. A piece of equipment may be modeled with minimal detail in the CAD system since the CAD user is concerned primarily with size, shape, and connectivity to electrical, HVAC, and piping systems. Bitmaps can be added to a piece of equipment to add realism and show aspects not included in a CAD model.

#### Functionality

Upon entering myShipVI, users view the ship from a distance. Bitmaps are used for the sky and water to enhance tion and displays data about a selected component. Once in a compartment, all equipment and components are visible as the user walks around. Each functionally significant part is visible and selectable for retrieving pertinent data. Users can selectively hide or make transparent classes of objects, including structure, ship plating, piping, HVAC, wireways, and equipment. This feature allows users to see objects that otherwise are hidden to the user.

#### Implementation

Users implement myShipVI using Intergraph core software, Virtual (myVI<sup>TM</sup>) Interface<sup>TM</sup> and Framework<sup>™</sup> Interoperability (myI/F<sup>TM</sup>), which has widespread applicability to many different domains, including ships, buildings, and airframes. myVI is built on a real-time graphic-rendering engine that utilizes texture-mapped polygons for performance. myl/F provides user and application clients, such as myShipVI, a single point of access to integrated data from



Intergraph 3D Virtual Interface: myShipVI™

based upon a first-person perspective (FPP), in which the user can virtually navigate throughout a ship and retrieve information about equipment and components from multiple data systems. This type of interface is called a virtual interface. This 3D virtual interface is intuitive and easy to use, especially for a generation of users already familiar with gaming interfaces.

#### myShipVI

Intergraph has developed a generalpurpose, Web-based 3D interactive virtual interface for ship data called myShipVITM, which is based on a FPP and runs on off-the-shelf hardware and software. It is built on a graphic-rendering engine designed to support simulation and gaming. The 3D graphic intermyShipVI initial view and user interface elements

application can familiarize users with the realism. The 3D virtual ship model is

geometrically accurate, having been extracted from the 3D CAD models used to design the ship. The myShipVI user interface was

designed to give the user multiple alternative methods to locate compartments, select a piece of equipment or component. and retrieve data. The user can navigate with a tree view located in the left hand user access area and obtain a logical breakdown of the ship/deck/compartment/part\_structure. Using the ribbon bar, users can go directly to a specific compartment or graphically navigate using an overlay method to drill down to a specific deck. compartment, system, or component. The Info Pane at the bottom of the interface gives feedback on the user's loca-

myShipVI display options

multiple data and information systems and repositories. It provides a scalable, extensible architecture in which applications interoperate using a common conceptual data schema. It also exposes legacy systems as Web applications and provides an integrated view of data from multiple systems using a Web browser.

The Intergraph family of 3D virtual interfaces is built on 3DLinXä, a realtime graphic rendering engine and development tool from Global Majic. This rendering engine is designed for use with off-the-shelf PCs running MS Windows. 3DLinX utilizes OpenGL graphics acceleration and supports the importing of several graphics file formats - Wavefront OBJ, OpenFlight, 3D Studio, and Centric DWB.

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## **MAN B&W Debuts ME-GI Dual Fuel Engine**

MAN B&W Diesel A/S launched the ME-GI engine, a range designed for the LNG carrier market. The ME-GI design combines with the developments in the latest electronically controlled ME engines. "The LNG carrier market, like all sectors of the transportation industry, needs to control and, where possible, reduce operational expenses, while securing sound profit. We see many new opportunities in this area for cost-down solutions permitted by the increased flexibility and greater control with the ME-GI engine," Vice President of Two-Stroke Sales, Ole Grøne, said. "Among the many proposals and ideas for LNG carrier propulsion the ME-GI, also installed with reliquefaction technology. where preferred, provides the best solution for the future needs of the LNG transportation market."

Traditionally. LNG carriers have been driven by steam turbines that are fed from boilers fired by the boil off gas, supported by heavy fuel oil. Responding to a market demand for more efficient engines, while retaining the option to burn the boil off gas, MAN B&W is reintroducing its high pressure gas injection low speed diesels - now in electronically controlled execution. Designated ME-GI, this gas burning option is being offered in parallel to the heavy fuelburning solution with gas reliquefaction.

The combination of the ME-GI engine, installed with a reliquefaction plant, allows the owners and operators the choice to either use the boil off gas in the engine or to reliquefy the gas and use HFO instead.

Out of all the options for the prime mover, the low speed two stroke diesel engine, according to MAN B&W, gives the best thermal efficiency for any conventional propulsion system. This is especially the case for LNG carriers, where the power requirement is around 30 to 40 MW.

Thermal efficiencies of around 50 percent for diesel engines exceed the 30 percent offered by steam turbines and any other combination alternatives. The ME-GI dual fuel enhanced engine control and monitoring systems enable the latest ME technical developments to be applied to the LNG carriers. The precise timing and combustion rate shaping gained through the use of the electronic control of injection and exhaust valves produce greater control at any load.

The ME-GI dual fuel engine builds on the experience gained from the MC-GI dual fuel engine. A 12K80MC-GI-S engine has been in operation in the

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Chiba power plant (Japan) since the Summer of 1994.

The reliquefaction technology that is proposed as an additional feature to allow the sale of more gas is state-of-

the-art technology. It is well known in the process industry and is derived from the numerous reliquefaction units installed on LPG ships. The ME engine range has proved to be very successful

since its introduction. The first ME engine was put into service on the 37.500 dwt chemical tanker M/T Bow Cecil (Odtjell, Norway).

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#### Tanker Technology

# Rebuilding Single Hull Tan

We first visited Maritrans' double hull rebuild program in 1998 ("Great Ships of 1998- Maritrans is Making Waves") as the company delivered its first rebuilt double hull barge- the 23,000 DWT "Maritrans 192" (See Figure 1, opposite page).

Since then Maritrans has successfully rebuilt three similar size barges and is currently working on a fifth that includes a 60-ft. lengthening. Maritrans patented barge process was described in detail in our earlier article. As is shown in Figure 2, an inner bottom and double side is built upon the existing single hull structure. (Red is new and blue is existing.) New lower bulkheads are also constructed. The existing deck and upper bulkheads are returned in such a fashion as to create a raised trunk to retain the original cargo volume. Maritrans learned a great deal from its barge rebuild program in terms of pre-measurement, modularization, assembly process, and efficient detailing. Now the company is ready to apply these lessons to an even greater challenge: rebuilding tankers.

Maritrans has completed the contract design for double hull rebuild of its two diesel tankers, M/V Allegiance & M/V Perseverance. There are many sim-

ilarities to the barge rebuild program, but also some important differences. The new inner bottom structure can be laid directly on top of the existing structure. The tanker internal structure is already high enough to meet the required spacing between hulls. On the barges, it is necessary to build up to get the necessary spacing between the hulls. The double sides are built on the outside (Figures 3 & 4 - See Illustrations on page 24). For newer single hull MARPOL tankers (which are

the most likely to be rebuilt), the cargo volume lost in

The cost of the tanker rebuild process is a quarter to a third of the price of newbuilding that includes a generous allowance for upgrades

the new inner bottom ballast tanks is more than offset by the gain in cargo volume by converting the existing segregated ballast tanks back to cargo (Figure 5).

Let's look in more detail at the tanker rebuild process for which a patent is pending:

In Figure 6, brackets and portions of bulkhead are cut free. The brown colored parts will be modified and reused. The red colored parts can be discarded. For this study, access is from the side, but top access is a design option. Next, the new inner bottom plate is laid on top of the existing transverses. The panel stiffening is inside the cargo tank that eases assembly, but still results in far less obstructions in way of cargo than a single hull. In Figure 8, the inner bottom plating is completed, the modified brackets are re-installed, and a new corner piece is placed where the previous turn of the bilge was. Finally, the original turn of the bilge including the stiffening and bilge keel, is installed exactly two meters further outboard from its old position. The double side module is then installed above the relocated turn of the bilge. Figure 9 shows the side module installation and Figure 10 shows the completed newly double hull tanker midship section.

The cost of the tanker rebuild process is a quarter to a third of the price of newbuilding that includes a generous allowance for upgrades. Both OPA-90 and IMO

Figure 8 - Continuing the process

### Let's Double Hull a Tanker, Easy as 1 ... 2 ... 3 ...



Figure 6 - Pieces removed from single hull



Figure 9 - Side

module assembly



Figure 10 - Rebuild double hull midbody section

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# ers to Double Hull Tankers

Regulations specifically state that double hull rebuilding is not a major conversion. Therefore the owner's costs are much reduced compared to other conversion processes that increase the cargo volume. Because the added buoyancy exceeds the weight of new steel, the same weight of cargo can be carried at substantially less draft than before rebuild- a clear advantage in draft-limited service.

What about speed loss? Maritrans and Lloyd's Register have completed extensive hull modeling studies using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) backed up by model basin testing. They have carefully designed fairing pieces for Maritrans' two vessels that hold the speed loss to only about one half knot.

As can be seen in Figure 13. Maritrans and Lloyd's Register were able to achieve remarkable correlation for the bow wave between model and CFD prediction. They also made major breakthroughs in resistance prediction, a problem for CFD in the past.

More detailed information on Maritrans/Lloyd's CFD work will be presented at the Royal Institute of Naval Architects forum on double hull design February 25-26, 2004, in London. Maritrans is working with partners overseas to license this tanker rebuild technology for other interested owners.

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Figure 5 - Tank arrangement before and after conversion

#### **Thor-Lube Stern Tube Bearing System on Shell LNG Carrier**

Shell Gas & Power has accepted delivery of the first oil-free Thor-Lube stern tube bearing system built by Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Co. (DSME) of South Korea. This second generation oil free Thor-Lube stern tube bearing system developed by Thordon Bearings features TL3G, a new biodegradable water-based lubricant, a new non-metallic Thordon XL bearing configuration and new 5000 Series lubricant circulation and moni-

toring system.

Similar in operation to oil-lubricated systems, Thordon's Thor-Lube Stern Tube Bearing system eliminates the potential legal consequences of stern tube oil leakage pollution as the lubricant leaves no sheen and is categorized as "relatively harmless/nontoxic' to fish according to U.S. EPA test OPPTS 850.1075.

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The system also allows emergency operation on

seawater and outperforms mineral oil in several important stern tube lubricant characteristics.

In addition to the Shell-owned Granatina, oil-free Thor-Lube Stern Tube Bearing Systems have been ordered by DSME, Hyundai Heavy Industries and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries for ten other LNG carrier projects for Shell (1), ALSOC (1), Bergesen DY ASA (4) and Nigeria LNG Ltd. (4).

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#### **Far North Endeavor**

Just under two years' hence, shipments of liquefied natural gas are due to start from a new terminal sited within the Arctic Circle in northern Norway. Huge volumes of gas drawn from the Snohvit field deep beneath the Barents Sea will be piped ashore to the Melkoya (Milk Island) liquefaction and export facilities near Hammerfest, for transportation to Spain and the USA by a newbuild series of LNG carriers of up to 147,000-cu. m. capacity. Snohvit is the largest-ever industrial project in Norway's Finnmark county, and the initial shipment contracts have a 20-year timespan.

Despite a location in the high latitudes at more than 70degN, the Melkoya terminal is in ice-free environs due to the benign influence of the Gulf Stream. Accordingly, the dedicated fleet of LNG tankers will not require ice-strengthening, although the robustness of the type is implicit in the design for a 40-year fatigue life in keeping with North Atlantic criteria.

#### K-Sea Acquires Integrated Tug Barge Unit

K-Sea Transportation Partners L.P. has acquired the 140,000 barrel capacity double-hulled barge S/R New York and the 8,000 h tugboat S/R Everett. This integrated tug barge unit, built in 2000, had been leased by SeaRiver Maritime, Inc., a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation, from a financial institution. The purchase price of \$34 million was financed using available cash and \$25 million in borrowings under a new term loan. The new equipment will begin working immediately and is expected to be accretive to K-Sea's distributable cash flow. K-Sea has also signed a new multi-year contract with SeaRiver to utilize the unit in Exxon Mobil's petroleum products transportation in the Northeast United States. The barge has been renamed DBL 140 and the tugboat has been renamed Lincoln Sea. The addition of this integrated tug barge represents a 5.8% increase to the current barrel-carrying capacity of the K-Sea fleet. By the end of 2004, after the phase-out of certain single-hulled vessels required by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the completion of certain retrofitting projects on other existing vessels, K-Sea's fleet will be approximately 74% doublehulled.

#### **Boosting Deepsea RoRo Capacity**

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#### **Far North Endeavor**

Just under two years' hence, shipments of liquefied natural gas are due to start from a new terminal sited within the Arctic Circle in northern Norway. Huge volumes of gas drawn from the Snohvit field deep beneath the Barents Sea will be piped ashore to the Melkoya (Milk Island) liquefaction and export facilities near Hammerfest, for transportation to Spain and the USA by a newbuild series of LNG carriers of up to 147,000-cu. m. capacity. Snohvit is the largest-ever industrial project in Norway's Finnmark county, and the initial shipment contracts have a 20-year timespan.

Despite a location in the high latitudes at more than 70degN, the Melkoya terminal is in ice-free environs due to the benign influence of the Gulf Stream. Accordingly, the dedicated fleet of LNG tankers will not require ice-strengthening, although the robustness of the type is implicit in the design for a 40-year fatigue life in keeping with North Atlantic criteria.

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## tate of the Art Inland Tank Ship



Rosetta is double hulled with the resulting space divided in to 10 ballast tanks. The void between the two hulls is 80 cm. When this amount is deducted from the 5.8 m molded depth, the cargo tanks are five meters deep.

On the de Guchte' s previous single hulled boat, the tanks were four meters deep and could be pumped with deck level pumps. On the Rosette, the greater depth requires submersible pumps that push the oil up. The interiors of the 10 cargo holds are coated for the transport of light chemicals and each is equipped with a Marflex deep-well pump. With each of the 10 pumps capable of moving 100 cu. m./hr. meters per hour and each tank holding 380 cu. m., they expect to be able to discharge a full cargo in under four hours. Jaap estimates that of about 700 tank vessels registered in the Netherlands, about 25 percent are now double hulled. On her regular scheduled rotation, two fourperson crews will work the vessel in 14 day turns. She will operate from the harbors of Rotterdam, Antwerp, Amsterdam and on the Rhine River east to Germany, France and Switzerland. Her home port is Hansweert, Netherlands.

The Rosette's Cummins KTA19 powered 463 kW main genset can handle all 10 cargo pumps simultaneously if the shore facility can handle the volume. The ship's secondary generator, also located in the forepeak, is a Cummins 6CT8.3 liter-powered 163 kW set that can, if required, drive up to three of

Owner Jaap van de Guchte (junior) with the QSK60 main engine





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the pumps at a time. This genset also serves functions such as the heated air compressor designed to avoid condensation in the lines when used for degassing the tanks or for the masks worn by the crew when inspecting the tanks. A third Cummins 6BT5.9-liter-powered emergency or hotel services 78 kW generator is located in the main engine room aft.

With most of the electrical needs for the vessel met by the forepeak generators, the main engine room is spacious and bright with ample space for the 2,000 hp Cummins QSK60 main engine sitting well aft. The main engine is coupled, through a Centra flexible coupling, to a ZF W16500 marine gear with a 5.5:1 ratio. The gearbox is equipped with 1:1 PTO shaft, driving a steering pump.

The aluminum covered and insulated exhaust stack exits aft through the transom. The bright finished aluminum diamond checked plating follows the hull contours as they taper aft around the gear and short main shaft. The result is a brilliant setting for the engine that is enhanced by the metallic gray covers on the off white of the engine itself. Not only is this an effi-



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cient engine space, it is a testament to the de Guchte's pride of ownership. Jaap van de Guchte Jr. is particularly pleased with the Cummins Centinal and Eliminator options.

The Cummins Centinel Advanced Engine Oil Management System, virtually eliminates oil changes. Simple in concept, the system uses advanced software to remove a small amount of used oil from the lubrication system and send it to the fuel pump. The used oil blends with the diesel fuel and is burned with the fuel during combustion. Not only does it eliminate the need for oil disposal, it also converts used oil into productive energy. As the Centinel System blends used engine oil into the fuel stream, it simultaneously adds new oil from the vessel's bulk makeup tank into the engine.

The Eliminator Filter system effectively does away with replaceable components in the lube oil system. Taking the place of several conventional filters, the Eliminator Filter unites two proven technologies — a self-cleaning full-flow filter that removes 85-90 percent of particulates over 20 microns and a disc stack centrifugal separator that removes particles down to two microns or less. The result is a better- protected engine and significantly reduced risk of someone inadvertently dropping a bucket of used oil filters overboard when transferring them to the dock.

The Rosette, like most European river vessels, use box coolers for both the auxiliaries and the main engine. Unlike the conventional external hull-mounted keel coolers, these box coolers involve a series of U-shaped tubes in a manifold set into a box inside the hull through which cooling river water circulates. On the Rosette installation, Cummins specified the use of a specialized blue fluid for the cooling known as Fleetguard ES Compleat Extended Life Antifreeze Coolant.

On her sea trials, the Rosette impressed with her low noise levels. In the wheelhouse, which raises itself 1.6-meters on a hydraulic pedestal, engine noise was so limited that the operators were dependent on the tachometer as they couldn't hear the engine revs. The main deck house, which is directly over the engine room has reduced noise levels due to the soft mounting of the whole deck house that stops the transmission of sound through steel. But even in the engine room the decibel levels were well within the regulatory requirements. Sea trials also demonstrated remarkable stopping power of the ship. "I like this engine very much," says Jaap Jr., "Our crash stop was very impressive. The electronic controls allow us to take the throttle from full ahead to full astern in only ten seconds. And the ship comes to a full stop in only 350 meters or 110 seconds."

The boat achieved an average speed of 18.7 km per hour on sea trials with the main engine and an 85 percent cargo load giving her a 3-metre draft. With the bow thruster alone, it was able to move at 6.5 km per hour.

Dutch canal and river barges tend to be owner operated. This is reflected in the extra quality touches in the living accommodations. On the Rosette, the living quarters are all in the stern house which is large enough for five bedrooms, four singles and a double, as well as two shower rooms and two heads. A huge galley, mess and living room lounge area extends down the starboard stern quarter. In his large cabin, Jaap Jr. has set up his computer complete with scanner and other peripherals that allow him to keep track of the vessel's book keeping as well as to produce his extensive collection of boat photos.

After taking on her first cargo at the BP refinery in Amsterdam, the MTS Rosette began the journey south to Antwerp. With 2900 tons of diesel aboard, she was drawing 3.5 meters of water and making a remarkable 21 km per hour. **Jaap van de Guchte** both Senior and Junior are justifiably pleased.

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# Fourth New ATB Tank Vessel for MTC



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Though some industry insiders predict a slow-down in the ordering of Articulated Tug-Barges for the near term, there is little doubt the innovative unit have left an indelible mark on the U.S. oil product transportation business for a generation.

In the latest delivery, Marine Transport Corporation, a subsidiary of Crowley Maritime Corp., late last year christened its fourth Articulated Tug-Barge (ATB) tank vessel in its new-build program. The 9.280-hp tug Coastal Reliance and 155,000-barrel barge 550-4 were built by Bay Shipbuilding Company in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

During the ceremony, which took place at Marine Transport's Long Beach office (Pier D. Berth 48), Clorinda Nothstein from Shell Trading U.S. Company (STUSCO) christened both the tug and barge.

The Coastal Reliance/550-4 is the second of two similar units on time charter to STUSCO. Both units currently trade on the U.S. West Coast.

"We are pleased to officially place the fourth new ATB into service," said Steve Collar, Vice President, Business Development for Marine Transport. "We are equally proud of the fact that this ATB will serve STUSCO, one of our most valued and respected customers." Already in service are the Sea Reliance/550-1, the Sound Reliance/550-2 and the Ocean Reliance/550-3. "All four new ATBs have been integrated into the Marine Transport fleet and are performing very well," Collar said. The essential difference between the newly constructed ATB's and the traditional West Coast tug and barge unit is the method of attachment. The ATB tug is attached to the stern notch of the barge with an Intercon coupler system allowing the tug to push the barge at sea versus the traditional means of towing the barge at sea. The primary benefit of the ATB configuration is greater speed, 12 knots versus seven to nine knots, higher fuel efficiency and greater handling capability. The Intecon coupler system provides a single degree of freedom allowing the tug to pitch about a transverse connection between the tug and barge. All other motions are restrained so that the tug motions match barge motions in roll and heave. The ATB tank vessel incorporates the latest advances in environmental protection and safety while providing increased efficiencies in hose handling, anchoring, mooring, discharge and loading of product. The 550-4 is double hulled and the tug is double sided.

The barge, built, documented and maintained to the requirements of ABS SafeHull, has an inert gas system as well as an enhanced cargo system and a fully redundant ballast system. The Coastal Reliance meets all SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) and ABS criteria, and has a foam capable fire monitor; twin fuel efficient, reduced emission electronic diesel engines; a noise reduction package and other upgrades to increase crew comfort. And the communication and navigation equipment is among the most technologically advanced in the industry today.

(L to R) **Steve Collar**, Vice President Business Development (MTC), **Clorinda Nothstein** and Jan **Chilelli**, Shell Trading US Company and **Rockwell Smith**, Vice President and General Manager (MTC)



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The Intercon reference list is long and distinguished, including the aforementioned Crowley subsidiary installations from Bay Shipbuilding. In addition, Island Tug & Barge Ltd. of Vancouver, BC recently celebrated the commissioning of its barge, Island Trader, in Vancouver. The barge was built in China and returned to Vancouver by tug, Island Monarch. The 3,000-hp tug was retrofitted with an Intercon C-Series Coupler and the barge notch was fitted with Intercon ladder assemblies. The C-Series Coupler is the latest addition to our product line of articulated Island, NY, ordered its fifth ATB to be tug-barge couplers and is sized for ATBs in the 60,000 to 100,000 BBL range. In addition, Penn Maritime of Staten

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# Innovative Coastal Trader

#### By David Tinsley, technical editor

An advance in hydrodynamic design has been endorsed by Norwegian energy group Statoil, as the prospective charterer of an innovative newbuild intended for coastwise distribution of oil products. The 4,200-dwt vessel contracted by Bergen Tankers will employ a diesel mechanical propulsion layout based on twin azimuth thrusters incorporating 'pulling' propellers. The project represents the first application of the Norwegian-developed Azipull system in the tanker market, and champions the principle of redundancy, conferred through the use of two, independent propulsion lines.

The engineering and propulsion arrangements selected for the 90m coastal tanker have been shaped by exacting requirements as to maneuverability, design efficiency, safety and transport service dependability. The order signals the commercial breakthrough for the NVC-Design concept developed by Nordvestconsult, part of Rolls-Royce Marine, in response to the evolving needs of products carriers and chemical tankers in the 3,000 to 20,000dwt range. Ulstein Aquamaster Azipull propulsion units, also emanating from the Rolls-Royce stable, are central to the NVC-Design philosophy.

The seminal class of small, distributive trader booked by Bergen Tankers will combine Norwegian technology with keenly competitive Turkish production, since the newbuild contract has been awarded to RMK Marine, on Tuzla Bay. RMK has a growing reputation in higher quality, specialized areas of the market, including mega-yacht construction. Due for delivery in September 2005, the double-hulled vessel will work along the Norwegian coast out of Statoil refineries, offering a 10-tank compartmentalization for a total 5,200-cu. m. cargo volume. It will be propelled by two AZP085 thrusters, fitted in each case at with a controllable pitch propeller at the forward end, and driven by medium-speed diesels of some 1,400kW apiece.

The specification calls for a service speed of 13.3-knots, on the basis of 90percent maximum continuous output and 15-percent sea margin, and additionally looks to a 70-percent full speed capability with just one of the two propulsors and one of the main engines in operation.

The Azipull propulsor is a purely mechanical device, which dispenses with the need for a separate gearbox since gear reduction is built into the unit. In the coastal tanker application, a generator will be interposed on the shaft between each main engine and thruster. The shaft generators will thereby cover the vessel's at-sea electrical power load, supplemented by a 500-kW, electricallydriven bow thruster when maneuvering. The arrangements enable one engine to be shut down in port, and allow the other unit to be declutched from its thruster. driving its shaft generator to power the cargo pumps and meet the vessel's service load.

The system offers full redundancy in both propulsive and electrical power supply, and also permits maintenance of one engine to be conducted while berthed at a terminal, with propulsion still available from the other 'side' of the system should vessel be required to rapidly leave the berth in an emergency.

The Rolls-Royce Nordvestconsult designers claim that the compact nature of the Azipull-based installation has yielded a 5-7% increase in cargo tank volume in relation to other propulsion solutions within the given hull envelope.



In developing the hull form, the Aalesund-based consultancy had to ensure that the ship would have good course-keeping stability. It contends that hulls with length-to-beam ratios desirable for low first cost and high earning capacity have, in the past, demonstrated poor course stability when propelled by azimuth thrusters, needing large steering corrections, resulting in heavier fuel consumption.

Azipull thrusters, with their hydrodynamically-optimized underwater units, provide substantial rudder area, offering improved performance as regards directional stability. Even so, a program of computational design and model testing was undertaken to ensure that the tanker would offer course stability in excess of the IMO zig-zag test requirements.

The deal for the Azipull azimuthing pulling propellers follows the service debut for the system on a double-ended fjord ferry, and subsequent contracts in the offshore support vessel market.

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Lost and Not Found

# Halifax Shipyard On Hand To Replace Lost Rudder





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In November 2003 the Gorthon Lines AB vessel Margit Gorthon lost her rudder in the St. Lawrence River. The RoRo vessel features starboard side ramps and measures 463.9 x 73.1 ft. (141.4 x 22.3 m) and is 14,240 dwt. Halifax Shipyard visited the vessel and found that not only the rudder was gone, but the 343 mm rudder stock broken in three pieces and the steering gear flat bottom shell ripped and twisted. One of the pieces of the rudder stock was embedded in the rotary vane steering gear. All CP propeller blades were damaged beyond repair and had to be replaced. After some number crunching and discussions, Gorthon Lines AB decided to have its incapacitated vessel towed to Halifax Shipyard for repair in late November 2003. The vessel was docked in Halifax Shipyard's in their graving dock that is 567.6 x 77.1 ft. (173 x 23.5 m) with an 26.2 ft. (8 m) draft over the keel blocks.

The work scope included removal of the steering gear, its seat and the damaged deck and shell plates, remove the remainder of the rudder stock and access other peripheral damage, including the propeller blades. A new rudder had to be built; the rudder stock was a forging and difficult to create was dispatched from the Owner with the new propeller blades. The shell requires renewing as well as the aft peak tank top and a new seat manufactured and machined for the steering gear. As well as this a great deal of machining was required on the new rudder and the bottom and top pintles on the remaining stern frame as well as the new steering gear seat. Material was found for the heavy rudder top and bottom plates but stainless steel liners for the pintles could not be obtained in a timely fashion and as a result of this solid stainless steel rounds were used and drilled

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#### East Isle Shipyard Wins **\$16M** Contract

East Isle Shipyard, Prince Edward Island's largest shipbuilder, recently won a \$16 million contract to build a pair of tug boats (hull #82 and hull #83) for Atlantic Towing, Ltd., which already has three tugs on order from the vard. The deal was sealed with an innovative financing plan that is designed to bring business and create jobs in the region.

"In the absence of a Canadian shipbuilding policy, the province has chosen to do our part to develop and encourage the industry in PEI, "said Development and Technology Minister Mike Currie. "We believe the financing we provide will help this industry to maintain its important place in our economy. It will give East Isle the ability to maintain its workforce and to continue to bid for contracts both in Canada and abroad."

"This new contract is great news for our Island shipbuilding center of excellence. With each new tug that we produce, the company becomes more competitive and respected in the global marketplace by improving our efficiency and productivity. This new work ensures sustained work through until 2005, preventing significant layoffs and the loss of a skilled workforce." said Jim Shepherd of East Isle Shipyard.

Work on the first of these two new tugs will begin in May 2004. The first vessel will be delivered in January 2005, with the second tug delivered in May 2005.

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# **Transport Canada Takes Lead on Safety**

Last month Transport Minister **Tony Valeri** announced a call for tender for contractors to review vessel security assessments and plans for large Canadian flagged vessels that navigate international waters, and the ports that serve them. Transport Canada is implementing International Maritime Organization (IMO) requirements concerning security plans for commercial vessels that operate internationally, as well as for the ports they visit.

The IMO, through its International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS), imposes a number of security requirements on maritime operators, including a requirement that all vessels of more than 500 grt that operate internationally and their ports of call have security plans in place by July 1, 2004. In addition, Transport Canada is extending these requirements to include any ship weighing more than 100 grt and their ports. The department is requiring that affected vessels and ports submit their plans by January 31, 2004, to allow for a full assessment and approval before the IMO deadline.

"This call for tender is the latest step in Transport Canada's drive to enhance the nation's marine security environment," said Valeri. "It embodies the Government of Canada's firm commitment to meet — or exceed — international marine security requirements while facilitating Canada's international trading abilities."

Transport Canada continues to develop Canadian marine security regulations in order to implement all requirements of the ISPS Code. The tender was posted today on MERX, Canada's official public sector electronic tendering service. To view the call for tender, please visit the MERX website at www.merx.com and enter reference number PW-\$\$ZG-406-11249.



#### More Liebherr RTGs for Halifax Terminal

Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. signed a contract for the supply of four heavy-duty twinlift Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes to Cerescorp's Halifax Terminal in Canada.

Two similar Liebherr units were delivered to the terminal in 2002. The RTG's are eight-wheel configuration, stack one over five containers high and span six containers plus a truck lane. S.W.L is 50 tons under twinlift telescopic spreader. Hoist speed is 23/50m/min and trolley speed is 70m/min. Crane travel speed is 70/130m/min.



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# Hike Metal: Steady Progress to Success

Since 1958. Hike Metal of Wheatley, Ontario, has been a steady presence in the Canadian maritime niche, enjoying success and growth built on the local fishing industry. The yard is strategically located on the north shore of Lake Erie, 45 miles east of the Windsor / Detroit border. Central location provides the company good access to both suppliers and market alike.

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tion of not aluminum vessels, rather strong relationships with customers to establish and define the class and function requirements of the vessel.

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## Car Ferry Saves Fuel with New Engines



Northern Norway has a large fleet of small and mid-size boats for commercial operations, for example, passenger boats, car ferries and a multitude of fishing boats. These are boats that operate year around and that at regular intervals need to replace their engines.

The high-speed passenger boat MF Sjosprint was equipped at the end of last year with twin Volvo Penta D12s for propulsion, a move which reportedly helped reduce fuel consumption 30 percent compared with the old engine, while at the same time performance has improved.

The MF Flatöy car ferry installed a D12 last May. "Volvo Penta engine has operated problem-free and has a very low noise level, which is comfortable for us working onboard," says Torgier Gamst on the MF Flatöy. "Fuel consumption is also significantly lower. Previously, we consumed 6.3 liters per nautical mile, compared with 4.9 liters today, a decrease of about 25%, or approx. 44,000 liters annually."

The manufacturer claims that many of the operational benefits are due to the engine's advanced electronic control. The fuel system, with single injectors working under very high pressure, is controlled fully electronically. Consequently, in each situation, the exact amount of fuel is injected into each cylinder. Turbo with charge-air cooling and fourvalve technology ensures efficient combustion, resulting in low fuel consumption and minimal exhaust emissions.

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and small vessels simultaneously. Vessels up to 100 ft. in length can be built completely inside under heated, environmentally controlled conditions, while larger vessels are built in sub-sections and assembled on building berths outside. These facilities are strategically laid out to afford smooth through-put flow of materials and components from delivery, to inspection and stocking, to preparation and incorporation into the vessels allocated. A recent success for Hike was the deliver of a 54-ft. (16.4 m) welded aluminum pilot boat to Jacobsen Pilot Service of Long Beach, Calif. The boat, which was featured on the October 2003 cover of *Maritime Reporter & Engineering News*, was built to suit one of the busiest and demanding port operations in the world.

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## The cost of complying could be high - but not as high as not complying

John Riding, director of Marico Marine, speaking at Ship Repair & Conversion in London, presents a rosy picture for the future of ship repair by pointing out that freight rates have not been so high for years and some owners, such as bulk carrier operators are enjoying a rare opportunity to seriously invest in maintenance. The busy state of building yards means that "keeping an older vessel in service longer has great commercial attraction." said Riding. He believes that some repair yards have the potential to make a return for the first time in a long time.

However, there is a fly in the ointment in the form of the ISPS Code.

The code as has implementation date of July 2004 and applies to all passenger ships, including HSC, cargo ships 500 grt and upwards and mobile offshore drilling units.

It also applies to all port facilities serving ships engaged in international voyages. Riding explains that "port facilities are nice IMO words used to describe terminals." While a government can decide the application to terminals used mainly by domestic trading vessels, terminals serving internationally trading vessels cannot be excluded. which means repair yards are implicated as port facilities. Under the code.

vessels trading internationally must keep a formal record of security arrangements at the last ten terminals and, it is a SOLAS

requirement that this is open to inspection on arrival at the next terminal.

This is vital if an owner's next port of call is the U.S. or Australia as both have declared a serious stance on introduction from July 2004.

Riding says: "owners of high profile ships, such as passenger or gas, have a potential commercial need to be selective about which terminals they visit." which may well include limiting selection of repair yards to those able to maintain the security interface to meet the needs of owners.

Riding explains that this is not the end of it as under the ISPS Code the ship also has a right to request a 'Declaration of Security' from the port facility, which

"We know that the requirements of the ISPS Code will effect our operations," — Malcolm McLaren, president of Allied Shipbuilders

is used when the terminal is operating under a lower state of security than the vessel. To sign up for the declaration a yard needs the core components of the code in place from a commercial perspective. "We don't

think ship repair terminals can do without the code but in the UK at least, there is as yet no driving force from the regulator to get things moving," says Riding.

To get the ISPS Code in place the yard must have a Trained Facility Security Officer and a vulnerability assessment needs to be completed by a Recognized Security Organization. Once the vulnerability assessment is complete, a security plan needs to be created and approved. This plan covers a number of set areas, including ongoing audit and testing and allows movement through three levels of security - the level of security being applicable to either ship type or the ongoing level or threat assessment. Riding warns, "the plan must have procedures to achieve this."

Riding said that ensuring the identity of flexible contract workers will present a challenge for ship repair yards as will the management of spares and inventory on its way to a vessel from a third party. He also points out that "improving security to know what is happening in way of underwater inlets and other ports of a higher risk vessel could be expensive."

Reactions around the world to the ISPS Code and its effects are mixed.

Some, such as Metalock Brasil, do not believe that it will have a great impact, as it is not a shipyard. **Sean Jansen**, marketing representative for Dorbyl yard in South Africa has a pretty relaxed attitude saying, "the code will be implemented and it certainly has its pros and cons. The security level will reach a new level and the movement of people will be restricted."

However, most yards are taking the implementation of the code very seriously, even if they think it will not have a dramatic impact on their businesses.

"Yes, we know that the requirements of the ISPS Code will effect our operations," says **Malcolm McLaren**, president of Allied Shipbuilders in Canada.

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The Canadian Government Authorities, including Transport Canada and The Vancouver Port Authority, are being very helpful to assist the company, which occasionally handles international traffic, to comply with the ISPS Code.

Keith Burgess, chief executive of Dubai Drydocks says "we are hopeful the new ISPS Code will not have much impact on our operations — because we already have a well-developed security system in place and because we are taking the ISPS implementation very seriously." He explains that the yard has already appointed a port facility security officer and several of its employees are attending training courses and Burgess says "we are now working on a procedural manual along the lines of our HSE documentation — we aim to be ready before the due date."

Another that is determined to be ready for the due date is A&P. **Clive Towl** A&P's group business development director told *Maritime Reporter* "we're taking the whole thing onboard — we think it's a very good idea and we will be totally compliant in all our yards."

Towl agrees that one of the largest headaches will be in the repair of cruise ships particularly with the control of the large number of contract workers. However, he explains that "what happens there is you have to have contractors that you know and trust and they obviously have to do their own internal vetting rather like ISO9000 where it's a down-chain up-chain arrangement where you deal with people that have equal quality and equally secure arrangements.

Some yards, such as Todd Pacific Shipyards in the US and Colombo Dockyard claim to have very high security standards in place. Spiro Risvas, director of commercial ship repair at Todd Pacific says "Todd, being a Government (US Navy and USCG) approved repair facility for many years already, has very high security standards in place where, in the name of 'Force Protection', provides special measures that satisfy the most stringent level of these requirements. Despite that, Todd is reviewing seriously the parameters of the new ISPS code in an effort to identify possible additional measures to ones existing already. Colombo Dockyard is inside the Port of Colombo, which has been declared a high security zone by

the government of Sri Lanka with security provided by the Sri Lanka navy. That is in addition to the security provided by the Sri Lanka Port Authority. Darshana Chandrasekera, assistant marketing manager for ship repair at the yard says that "in coming and out going people, goods and vehicles are subjected to very high stranded of scrutiny ---security was further improved after September 11 attack and the attack on Colombo international Air Port. It is for this reason that he says the level of security required to be maintained in the yard is minimal. He believes that as an ISO 9001 2000 accredited organisation, the systems and procedures are in place for general security, hence any additional system modifications will not be much of an issue.

### **Temporary Hull Repair on FPSO Stands the Test**

Alan C. McClure Associates (ACMA) recently completed strength analysis of the tank bottom plating of an FPSO for a large oil company. ACMA's analysis focused primarily on the effectiveness of repairing corroded shell plating with Intelligent Engineering's Sandwich Panel System (SPS).

"Utilizing our advanced Finite Element Analysis (FEA) capabilities, we examined the vessel hull to evaluate repair alternatives to the corroded shell plating," said principal structural engiwithin the FPSO tank. Similar analyses can also be performed for hull structural members to determine stresses during design and later during repairs for critical and 'hot' areas that are especially important for barges, cargo ships and all marine vessels. The Sandwich Panel System (SPS), developed by Intelligent Engineering, is a technology that permits repairs without hot work inside the tank, allowing the vessel to remain in service. "Based on our modeling of the proposed repair sites, stress was shown

to be significantly reduced using the sandwich paneling," Marucci explained. SPS does substantially extend the working time for the vessel and, in this case, appeared to be the best solution available until resources would allow for a more thorough repair and/or restoration.

"There are a number of tankers in service today that are experiencing structural problems in areas where a high level of corrosion has occurred," says ACMA Vice President **Darrel Harvey**. "Our advanced analytical capabilities and extensive shipyard experience gives ACMA a pronounced advantage in providing our clients with unbiased, third-party analysis of these kinds of challenges, as well as the ability to recommend the most cost-effective solutions."

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neer Peter Marucci. "We loaded the model with hydrostatic and hydrodynamic pressures that the hull would experience from still-water and waveinduced bending moments." Because it's vital to examine all material and environmental variables to predict real-time performance, ACMA evaluated multiple models to determine stresses and loads

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#### New 12,000-sq.-m. Workshop Pays Dividends

Dubai Drydocks Afloat Repair Division (DDARD) is now ensconced in it's new purpose-built 12,000 sq. m. workshop and offices alongside the actual shipyard, the workshop also having another 500 sq. m. of specialized workshops divided into five disciplines. The workforce has increased to some 87 workers from 70/75, which was the average when the division was operated from Jebel Ali. During 2003, DDAFD answered a total of 712 inquiries, 356 of which were turned into contracts, a further 273 inquiries for hydraulic repair work, 97 of which ended up at contracts, and 33 projects awarded by the yard itself. The largest repair contract involved the Express Alexander, which is managed by Switzerland's Doris Maritime. DDARD carried out a major overhaul of the vessel's main engine, a MAN 16V 52/55, including the replacement of 16 piston rings, and two generators, while the vessel was alongside at Port Raschid. DDAFD is an authorized repairer on MAN B&W diesel engines.

During the recent FPSO conversions at Dubai Drydocks, 256,715 dwt FPSO Xikomba and the 138,930 dwt FPSO Mystras, DDAFD was contracted to carry out all the hydraulic stainless steel pipes for the hydraulic systems. Currently DDAFD is carrying out work on two hydraulic pumps onboard the 200,999 Shinyo Guardian in Dubai Drydocks.

#### Grand Bahamas Shipyard Filled with Business

Freeport's Grand Bahamas Shipyard (GBS) has a full shipyard — in Floating Dock No.1 the pipelaying barge Lorelay is docked on 3.5 m high blocks (to facilitate thruster repairs), the vessel also undergoing steel renewals in side shell and in the tanks, overhaul of the thrusters, and painting the hull.

In Floating Dock No. 2, Hamburg-Sud's 51,059 dwt containership Cap San Raphael, is being replaced by her sistership Cap San Antonio. This is the second of a series of five vessels to be docked for this owner. This is a routine docking with some minor steel repairs due to cargo damage. The next in the series is the Cap San Augustin.

Meanwhile, alongside is Interorient's 15,375 grt RoRo vessel Caribe Merchant having completed drydocking work is now being carried out on the gearbox overhaul and steel work on the ramp. Also alongside is Dredging International's cutter dredger Amazone. The spud poles of this cutter dredger (100 tons each) have been lifted off and put on a barge.



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# Series Design in the New Regs Environment

For a half century, GTR Campbell has offered a turnkey ship creation service, applying a unique project-oriented philosophy that turns conflict of interest into mutual interest. New regulations may have changed a design's lifespan but not the series concept.

Today, **Antony Prince** is internationally recognized as the President of GTR Campbell Marine Consultants and successor to the legacy of the company founder. famed naval architect **George Campbell**. But 10 years ago, Prince was just a man with a plan and some mighty big shoes to fill.

Prince had been George Campbell's close friend and associate for over 20 years. In 1990, the aging Campbell turned the company over to his protege, cautioning that, for a consultancy, reputation was not easily transferred from one man to another.

Campbell was a gifted naval architect who put his stamp on the shipping industry by introducing series ship design in a mass-production shipbuilding program based in Japan. Between 1965 and 1989, 338 series built dry cargo ships were constructed to his plans, and under GTRC supervision, at IHI and licensees. Most were built on just two standard designs that became industry benchmarks: 172 copies of the 14,800 dwt Freedom and 80 of the 21,500 dwt Fortune, vessels that today's elder shipowners recall with great fondness.

'Built to a branded, standard design, a ship starts life with a commercial identity," says Prince. "Her characteristics are already known among charterers, potential crew and stevedores, so she starts out as a preferred carrier." But times have changed, he acknowledges and the series production concept must also change. "With the introduction of new bulk carrier requirements every few years, the marketing life of a single design is much shorter today than in the past."

Campbell capitalized on a massive renewal in the Handysize sector, and history may be repeating itself for his successor. Some 45 percent of the 2.200 ships below 35,000 dwt are currently over 20 years old and face replacement or scrapping. With the sector disintegrating at the edges - small cargoes once carried in ships below 20,000 dwt now move mainly in containers, while the largest Handysize parcels are finding more effective carriage in Handymaxes - it is expected that the majority will not be replaced. But even if the sector shrinks by 80 percent, says Prince, it offers designers and builders a golden opportunity. He should know. A Handysize put him back in the game.

In 1994, Prince had yet to overcome the burden of legacy and prove to a skeptical industry that he could pick up where Campbell had left off. That year, he finished development of an advanced double-hull 29,000 dwt bulk carrier design he branded the Fantasy. When the Clipper Group and Dockendale Shipping signed a contract for five of the vessels to be built at China's Dalian Shipyard, the GTR Campbell name leapt back into the spotlight.

Hailed as "a maid of all work for the 21st century," the Fantasy design proved popular, spawning a 12-ship series over three years and refocusing the attention of a



George Campbell at age 79 (right) and Antony Prince, shortly before saying sayonara to Japan in 1989.

new generation of shipowners on the virtues of seriesbuilt ships. Since then, GTRC has produced some 45 ships in six series of its own design, five bulk carrier designs - the Fantasy, the 27,000 dwt Festiva and Fortune MkII, the 32,500/34,300 dwt Valiant and the 51,000 dwt Galaxy - and the Fiesta RoPax ferry.

True, they are not the huge production runs once known as series ship construction. But to Prince, 12 seems to be the right number for a ship series these days. "I couldn't build a Fantasy class ship today if I wanted to," he says. "They are fine, competitive vessels accepted as preferred carriers, and the owners love them, but so many regulations have changed since 1998 as to render the design obsolete."

With this in mind, he modified the series concept to fit shorter production runs. As always, each ship within a series is exactly like the others. Beyond that, the series, where possible, shares consistencies in such areas as layout and equipment selection, bringing a family identity to the whole clan.

"The benefit of series ships comes from the fact that most people prefer dealing with known quantities," says Prince. "When you build to a standard design without variation, you develop it into a trade name that imparts to each ship a clear identity, which is a very powerful business tool.

One of the most recent GTRC designs is the 20,000 dwt D S Regent, delivered January 2003.



"We once heard from a charterer who had hired his first Fantasy," he explains. "He put three days in the charter for discharging cargo, because he had never chartered a 29,000 tonner that did it in less. The Fantasy finished in a day and a half. Now, one and a half days of stevedoring represents a huge savings in time and money, so he went down to the ship to see what was up. When he found the ship was so designed as to make this the normal turnaround time in port, he had one reaction: 'Next time I'll charter a Fantasy.'

#### The Product is a Process

GTRC produces its vessels through a highly idiosyncratic process that starts not with what the owners want, but with what the world needs. The principal players in the drama are Algoship Designers Ltd. and GTR Campbell Marine Consultants.

Algoship begins by identifying general commercial needs through market research and economic analyses. In an exhaustive study, factors such as national economies, regional development and manufacturing, and trends in the sizes and types of bulk cargo movements are distilled into projections of marine transportation needs, from which a concept ship emerges. That concept is then handed over to GTRC, which, in cooperation with an independent design studio, develops it into an initial design.

Next. Algoship finds a shipyard to build the vessel, and together they come up with an ideal sale price. Algoship's goal, to offer a price that is both attractive to owners and profitable to the yard, requires a great deal of trust from the builder, because it means unreserved discussion of labor and material costs. As GTRC prides itself on producing high specification ships, robustly built to ABS SafeHull requirements, competitive costing calls for a very fine pencil.

Once that barrier is crossed and a price set, Algoship acts as broker, notifying prospective clients that such a ship is available, at what price, and at which yard. GTRC then takes over as project supervisor, setting and policing the construction schedule with the yard planners. Tight project supervision, says Prince, is what makes it work.

The apparent conflict of interest is that Prince runs both organizations - Algoship being a one-man shop and seems to end up changing sides, from owner to yard, at various points of the shipbuilding process.

"GTRC has operated under this philosophy for some 50 years," says Prince. "It has worked out well so far, but can only thrive in an atmosphere of utmost trust. We must be totally transparent, completely trusted by both parties. This is a very personal business, in which one individual builds strong relationships with shipowners, shipyards and classification."

Relationships aside, the process can only work if the shipyard is convinced it can build the vessel at a profit. The key to that conviction is precise costing, which can only be done on a finished design. So, before any agreement is signed, GTRC bears up front the costs of detailed analyses and design development, performing full trim and stability calculations, running SafeHull

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Phase B on the midship section, and refining the design through the work of model basins, design studios and other specialists.

With design complete. GTRC sits in on plan approval. "Presently, our design team is in Korea working out a new design branded the Trader, a 30,000 dwt ship to be built to ABS class on a 4+4 contract for Clipper," he says. "Later, our project managers will sit with ABS during plan approval, in order to respond promptly to comments. This can shorten the plan approval process considerably."

With the design prepared, there is no room for owner extras, options or alterations - another key page from the Campbell playbook. "I listen to all comments, and apply the same filters as for all design considerations: 'Does it enhance the safety of the ship, or address a safety issue we have not considered? Does it increase the earning capacity of the vessel? Does it reduce the operating cost of the vessel?' I rarely encounter a comment to a finished design that passes all three criteria," he says.

"The product we sell is a ship based on George Campbell's philosophy," he adds. "Part of that philosophy is to eliminate delays and cost overruns. So, while we don't discourage the owner from doing his own supervision, we do point out that our shipyard supervision, which has brought us such respect in China, is as important as our design work to meeting all the goals of the project."

Tight process control and adherence to plan make it work, he says. "In effect, we create a team that is part shipowner, part shipyard, part GTRC and part ABS. We go for robust construction, which is why we work with ABS class," says Prince, "and why we have used SafeHull on all our designs since the Fantasy in 1994. The relationship between ABS and GTRC dates back to Mr. Campbell, who used to say he found ABS to be the most modern-thinking of all the class societies."

#### Still Flying the Flag

While holding true to his mentor's philosophy, Prince is not his copy. While no less tough in negotiation, Prince is seen in a more genial light than his famously gruff predecessor. He is also not as averse to publicity as Campbell, whose avoidance of attention has resulted in his near disappearance from the public record.

The size of the company has also changed with time. Campbell's organization once reached over a hundred employees in half a dozen countries, with 50 in his Montreal design office alone. Today's GTRC is leaner, with a worldwide staff of 40 run from three main offices. Prince says this is the company's natural size. As he prefers independence, he has no expansion plans in mind.

But he is expanding its design range. Campbell concentrated his efforts in the Handysize arena, in his day a market of huge potential. Today that potential is more diffuse, and Prince has left his comfort zone to pursue larger ship classes. GTRC now has a Handymax on the market, the 51,000-dwt Galaxy series, and is currently developing Panamax and Capesize concepts.

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On the dock before the IVS Victory: D.P. Samantroy, GTRC Site Supervisor at Xingang Shipyard, Tianjin, China, with Captain Haakestad of IVS Victory and ABS Surveyor S.S. Hwang.

ABS-classed 17,000 dwt Amfitriti, one of 30 Freedom Mkll vessels launched between 1978 and 1982.





The use of aluminum in marine construction has certainly come of age, particularly for fast ferry and now military purposes. Pictured above is one of three contestants for the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship Program. The Lockheed Martin Design Team includes many members with aluminum expertise, including Bollinger Shipyards and Fincantieri.

# Aluminum Boats Prove Their Mettle

Aluminum Popularity Growing Fast Among Diverse Group of Boat Builders

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Aluminum has been used in the marine industry for more than 100 years because of its light weight and ease of fabrication combined with good corrosion and fatigue resistance. However, for much of the past 30 years, fiberglass has been the material of choice of North American boatbuilders, particularly for higher-volume production lines. Competitively priced compared with boats made from most other materials, fiberglass boats can also be made from standardized molds that reduce their construction time and labor.

Aluminum alloys, which are specified for marine use, offer many benefits, though, too. Their high level of performance along with recent advances in aluminum cutting and welding is helping to reduce fiberglass' boats cost advantage, and the metal's utility for a wide range of boatbuilding applications is poised for reappraisal.

Changing Image of Aluminum Boats "Aluminum boat technology is relatively new," says Steve Daigle, president of Daigle Welding & Marine Ltd., in Campbell River, British Columbia, noting that welded aluminum boats first came on the market en masse as recently as the late 1960s. Prior to that, riveting was the standard technique for joining aluminum sheets on boat hulls-a technique still used for many smaller boats that use thinner-gauge aluminum.

The image of a leaky, riveted runabout with ungainly lines persists for some people when picturing an aluminum boat. In fact, since the dawn of the welding age for aluminum boats, they have grown in stature to the point where they are the top choice in a number of categories of boats, including small recreational craft, small to medium-sized commercial fishing boats in the northwestern U.S., crew boats in the Gulf of Mexico, and fine yachts-both sail and

motorized. Daigle himself notes that in just his 16 years in the boat business, the number of welded aluminum boat manufacturers in British Columbia has jumped from 6 to 24. But whether aluminum can make inroads into the large market for mid-sized recreational boats remains to be seen.

#### **Corrosion-Resistant Alloys**

Central to aluminum's suitability for use in boat construction is the high resistance to corrosion of its alloys for marine applications when used in the specified corrosion resistant tempers. The traditional marine alloys-5083, 5086, and 5456 as well as the more recently developed 5383 and 5059-resist corrosion in fresh water and saltwater. A new specification ASTM B 928 "High Magnesium Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate for Marine Service" has been developed to help in the selection of the appropriate alloy-temper products.

Except for cosmetic reasons, 5xxxseries alloys don't even have to be painted above the waterline: the unpainted metal reacts with air (as would any other aluminum alloy) to form aluminum oxide-a hard, protective coating that protects the underlying aluminum. For most conditions the bottom of an aluminum hull needs only compatible antifouling paint to prevent the growth of performance-robbing barnacles and weeds and zinc anodes to prevent galvanic corrosion associated with non-aluminum metallic propulsion equipment and other attachments. Contrary to a common myth, with careful preparation and the application of proper primers and undercoats, aluminum holds paint very well. Aluminum alloys used for hull construction-commonly 5086 and 5083-are also easy to weld. Hull plating of 3/16 of an inch and above easily accommodates MIG (metal inert gas) welding for much of the basic construction, with TIG (tungsten inert gas) welding appropriate for the more detailed work, such as attachments. What's more, advancements in welding equipment have also made this less of a chore than it used to be by using less heat, thus dis-

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torting the metal less when it is being joined. This results in welds that can be made more easily and more precisely.

"We've replaced all our welding equipment and now use nothing but Pulse MIGs." says **Jack Winninghoff**, president and owner of Winninghoff Boats, Inc., in Rowley, Mass. Pulse MIGs, which use a computer to create a controllable square wave pulse, are capable of providing smoother welds with greater penetration into the metal for a more pleasing appearance. Winninghoff describes the Pulse MIGs of the past four to five years as "a heckuva lot better-the welder has better control and can work faster," cutting an estimated 15 percent of the labor time.

Unlike fiberglass, which cannot be welded, aluminum is quick and relatively easy to weld under most conditions. Highly shapeable, the metal lends itself to sculptured detailing with soft shapes and edges-allowing for the more attractive lines of today's aluminum craft. More easily machined than steel, aluminum can even be cut with common carpentry tools-a router and saber, circular, and band saws-rather than a torch. In addition, hull fittings such as bait tank pumps and depth finders can be installed by simply drilling and tapping into the hull with a stainless steel fastener.

Here again, however, computers are starting to revolutionize this aspect of the aluminum boatbuilding business, with cost-saving results. Both custom and production boatbuilders can now create hull designs with three-dimensional CAD (computer-aided design) software that can be fed directly to a computer-controlled cutting table, making for uniform, more quickly cut, pieces. Ease of cutting and welding is a factor not only during the construction process, but also for repairs and remodeling. Since aluminum boats are not built from molds, changes in design. altering the location of bulkheads, resizing cabins, etc., are all accomplished more easily than on fiberglass boats. Equipment can also be relocated more easily on an aluminum boat-by cutting and welding or drilling and bolting-than on fiberglass. As for durability and reparability: aluminum comes out ahead of both steel and fiberglass. Compared with a steel hull, a "strength-equivalent" aluminum hull (i.e., built to the same stiffness) boasts about 29 percent greater dent resistance and 12.5 percent greater resistance to rupture, according to Michael Kasten, of Kasten Marine Design, Inc., of Port Townsend, Wash.

With regard to flammability, aluminum does not burn and requires a temperature of over 1,000° F to melt. Further, aluminum boats can be easily fitted to provide "structural fire protection," i.e., containment of fire in a particular compartment by the craft's structure without help from firefighting systems.

#### Lightness + Strength = Versatility

An aluminum boat of a strength equal to a comparably designed steel or fiberglass boat will weigh less by approximately 20 percent or more. In fact, weight savings of 35% to 45% in hulls, and 55% to 65% in superstructures, can be achieved with aluminum compared to steel. Put another way, pound for pound aluminum is stronger than either material. Aluminum's weight advantage means that an aluminum craft of comparable design and equal strength will generally move more quickly if sail driven, use less fuel if motor-driven, be able to accommodate a heavier cargo, and be more easily trailerable than its steel and fiberglass counterparts. Higher vessel speeds and load capacities, enabled by use of aluminum, attract extra traffic volume and profit for the ferry operator. The use of aluminum can also improve seaworthiness, safety, and reliability, and lower maintenance costs.

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#### Eletson Chooses Seagull

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its foundry in Pascagoula, Miss., signaling the importance of the U.S. market in the company's future. The 18,000 sq. ft. facility is designed to enhance manufacturing capabilities and improve production efficiency across a range of propellers and submarine propulsors.

"The expansion of this facility demonstrates our commitment to our customers," said **Patrick J. Marolda**, President, Rolls-Royce Naval Marine Inc. "We wanted to provide better products faster - to be better able to compete - and upgrading and streamlining our manufacturing in this facility allows us to do just that." "Rolls-Royce Naval Marine is a long-time friend of Mississippi and of Pascagoula, and we're delighted to be increasing our presence here," said Marolda.

The facility offers 15,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space and will house a 10 m gantry milling machine able to

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#### **Boatracs Joins Port Security Test**

Boatracs recently participated in a maritime security exercise co-sponsored by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Regional Maritime Security Coalition (RMSC), Oregon Emergency Management (OEM), and the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The security exercise was designed to test maritime communication systems and track cargo movement along the Columbia and

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#### **Rolls-Royce Marine** Expands U.S. Presence

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#### EMMF Strengthens Global Bunkering Team

Exxonmobil Marine Fuels (EMMF), a leading supplier of marine fuels, made moves recently designed to strengthen its bunkering team. Dan Bryce is to leave his post as EMMF Americas General Manager to become Adviser, LNG/PGS Business Planning and Support, ExxonMobil Gas and Power Marketing, based in Houston. Joe Rud. currently EMMF Manager for Marketing and Supply, is relocating from Leatherhead (UK) to Fairfax (USA), to become General Manager Americas, EMMF Fuels Marketing Division. Iain White, currently Business Development Manager, Marine Fuels, Leatherhead, is to become Marine Sales Manager UK/Ireland/Israel, Marine Lubricants, Marine & Aviation Lubricant Sales. Yeo Ek-Thoe, currently EMMF General Manager Asia Pacific, is to become Manager Marketing and Supply, EMMF Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, based in Singapore. The new EMMF Asia Pacific General Manager will be Kim Macmillan. Sowmi (Krish) Krishnamurthy remains as EMMF general manager Europe, Africa and Middle-East, and Patrick Billy continues as EMMF manager business planning and analysis. ExxonMobil Marine Fuels (EMMF) is relocating its International Sales for Europe, Africa and Middle East to Antwerp, effective February 2, 2004.

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Kennemann New Chairman for SMM Committee Jiirgen Kennemann, the Chairman of the management board of the shipyards Aker Werften MTW, has been selected as the new chairman of the Consultative

Committee of SMM 2004, scheduled to take place in

Hamburg, Germany from September 28 to October 2.

#### Aker Finnvards Names New President

**Jyrki Heinimaa** (38) was appointed the new President of the Finnish shipbuilding company Aker Finnyards Oy as of February 16, 2004. He has been employed by the company since 1996. **Erik Skogstrom** (39), M.Sc, (Nav.Arch), Shipbuilding, the Senior Vice President, Production, of the company has been appointed as Deputy to the President and Executive Vice President.

#### **A&B Names New Execs**

**Christopher J. Benjamin** was promoted to vice president and CFO. **Thomas A. Wellman** was promoted to vice president, controller and treasurer. **Charles W. Loom**is will be promoted to associate general counsel, and will retain his position of vice president with A&B Properties. Inc.

#### Flood New GM of Continental Marine

**Dan Flood** has been promoted to general manager of Continental Maritime, a subsidiary of its Northrop Grumman's Newport News sector. He replaces **Dave McQuearv**, who is retiring.

#### CAE USA Names New Tech Director

CAE USA marine systems has named Capt. William H. Luebke to the newly created position of director of technology. He will help set, monitor and evaluate technical standards, as well as develop new engineering approaches to bring the best marine control solutions.

#### Three Executive Appointments at Newport News

Northrop Grumman Corporation announced three appointments in its Newport News sector: **Becky Stewart**, currently vice president. Surface Ship and Submarine Fleet Maintenance Program has been named head of the Submarine Program: **Irwin F. Edenzon**, currently vice president, Business and Technology Development, has been named vice president, Technology Development and Fleet Support; and **John J. Mazach**, currently executive director, Business Development, has been promoted to vice



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president, Business Development.

#### Adm. Johnson Elected to Wartsilä-Lips Board

Admiral Jerry Johnson has been elected to the Board of Directors of Wartsila-Lips, Inc. as the Vice President, Business Development, and member of the Government Security Committee.

#### Larson Appointed General Counsel of FMC

**Amy W. Larson** was appointed as the General Counsel of the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

#### **Durfee Joins Senesco Marine**

Senesco Marine hired **William K. Durfee** as its new Senior Vice President of Procurement and Planning. He will oversee and streamline several of the company's procedures, including the front end of contracts and the scheduling of construction personnel and projects.

#### **Irby Joins Bollinger**

**Danny R. Irby** has joined Bollinger as executive vicepresident, new construction responsible for all aspects of construction of new boats, barges and other specialized vessels and equipment, commercial and government.

#### Casjens to Leave Hapag-Lloyd Board

Günther Casjens, a member of the executive board of Hapag-Lloyd AG, is leaving the company at his own request with effect from March 1, 2004.

#### **Towers Joins EBDG**

Elliott Bay Design Group (EBDG) said that **Jim Towers**, P.E. has been promoted to Chief Engineer.

## Sulzer Engines Selected for German Containerships

Eight 1,574 TEU container ships contracted by the German owner Peter Döhle Schiffahrtsgesellschaft at the Jiangsu Yangzijiang shipyard in the People's Republic of China are to be propelled by Sulzer RT-flex common-rail engines. Each ship will be equipped with a single 7-cylinder Sulzer RT-flex60C low-speed engine with a maximum continuous power output of 16,520 kW (22,470 bhp) at 114 rpm. The ships are due for delivery in 2005 and 2006.

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Datamodul's daughter-company, CONRAC GmbH was awarded by Kelvin Hughes for the delivery of Type Approved TFT Displays in their new and future IBS Programs. Next to the superior performance and quality aspects, one of the main reasons for this decision was, the high level of own development integrated in the concerned TFT monitors. The result can be recognized in the Queen Mary 2 bridge. All TFT displays are delivered in an OEM Chassis-Only version, ready for integration in the special design of the bridge.

#### The QM2

During the late 1990's Kelvin Hughes realized that the availability of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) for use in bridge navigation displays, such as Radar and ECDIS, was becoming limited. The introduction of flat panel screens into the leisure/home market and commercial industry was also seen to be growing.

Kelvin Hughes was making good inroads into the Integrated Bridge market with its Ninas 9000 system based on the Nucleus range of Radar and ECDIS displays.

International Design Consultants (IDC) was brought in to work with Kelvin Hughes in the past on Concept and Nucleus Radar. IDC was now tasked with looking at commercial shipping, speaking to navigators and ship's bridge operators to see how they operated and what they wanted from the bridge of the future: in essence how it would look and operate. At the same time the designers at Kelvin Hughes sought flat panels to meet the rigorous demands of the marine environment and the requirements of the type approval authorities. While numerous panels were commercially available, their lack of ability to completely dim to black was just one of the problems encountered. At the same time the systems department of Kelvin Hughes were looking at multi-switching processors and displays to provide a more versatile future bridge.

Kelvin Hughes and IDC came up with a futuristic "Concept" design for a small five panel integrated bridge which would incorporate commercially available flat panels, engine controllers, autopilots, communication systems, steering control and other gauges and indicators. This bridge design became known as the Manta system because of its shape from above resembling that of a Manta Ray.

The "Concept" Manta Bridge was

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never intended as a saleable product, it was intended to show the market in which direction Kelvin Hughes was heading, in its design and engineering. The company had continued to sell the traditional CRT based Ninas 9000 bridge to world-wide markets including the cruise ship industry with the 'Mistral' built at yard of Chantiers De L'Atlantique.

In 2000 Chantiers De L'Atlantique won the contract for the new Cunard cruise ship the QM2 and contracts went out for the equipment to be fitted in her. Kelvin Hughes won the contract to supply the complete navigation bridge against stiff competition. At this stage no one was quite sure what the final layout would be or how it would look. One dilemma was that although the company had won the contract in 2000, the supply of the equipment would not take place until 2003. Kelvin Hughes knew that by then although CRTs would still be available it would be difficult to offer full life replacements. By now TFTs had improved, they were available, type approved and fully met the marine requirements. Kelvin Hughes now had TFT flat panels suitable for bridge installations and looked to IDC to produce a workable design which would accentuate the benefits of this new technology. What was needed was a design that showed that TFTs were more compact than CRTs, lighter in weight and could be incorporated into an ergonomically pleasing unit. It was also required that these units could be incorporated into simple styled consoles to form

anything from a small fast ferry bridge to a complex unit such as that required by Cunard for the QM2.

After much discussion and passing of various designs back and forth, the shape and form of the Manta Display was finally agreed. All that had to be done now was to convince Cunard that what Kelvin Hughes intended to supply their prestigious ship would match its image and take it well into the 21st century.

One of the radical aspects of the new bridge layout was to move the center console away from the displays. This console, which traditionally protrudes out from the bridge, normally contains the engine controls, autopilots, communication handsets and other essential controls. Because of the amount of equipment that the console has to

accommodate and the restrictions on its size to conform to class approval it can give problems in the design of bridge layouts. The decision to move it away from

the displays now allows more equipment to be put in it, while allowing the bridge operators free access to all the displays. As this design concept had not been used before, Kelvin Hughes has taken out a patent on this layout.

At a meeting at the headquarters of Kelvin Hughes in Hainault, expected by the representatives of Cunard and Chantiers De L'Atlantique to last an hour or so, the new design was launched to them showing all the benefits and features that would enhance the new ship. Thankfully everyone was more than enthusiastic and embraced the new look. They immediately set about replanning the bridge to incorporate all the new ideas and designs in a meeting that now took up most of the day.

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reliability, it is advised to eliminate active cooling devices such as heat exchangers. Before applying passive cooling it is necessary to measure the amount of energy that will be introduced into the box and

know how much thermal load the enclosure can remove.

For outdoor use, aluminum (when treated with the right chemical processes) is a good alternative to stainless steel. An aluminum enclosure with integrated heat sinks (usually a cast assembly) with good thermal conductivity characteristics is recommended. Integrated heat sinks not only offer the lowest thermal resistance for the heat to move out of the system, but also utilizes natural convection cooling through the heat sink fins.

In addition, low power components in the design help reduce overall power consumption, hence the internal temperature rise resulting in heat transfer efficiency and a lower internal temperature rise by thermally bonding high power components such as power supply, processors and LCD backlight. "Hot spots" are avoided inside the enclosure by circulating the air evenly towards the heat sinks. All of these features result in a minimum internal ambient temperature rise minimizing the temperature on the LCD from inside the box.

There are two major sources of power on the LCD (a) solar (b) backlight. The solar power is about 1KW/M<sup>2</sup> and the backlight power varies on type and size of the LCD. For example, on a 15-in. ACTFT LCD, the solar power amounts to approximately 60W on the LCD and high bright backlight power is about 30W. The LCD assembly in this case acts like a glass house with energy sources on both sides. This excessive power increases the temperature of the liquid crystal to a point where it stops polarizing and turns the LCD "black". The loss of polarization is marginally recoverable and typically follows a consistent pattern. Initially, a black dot expands in the center, growing larger until it fills the entire screen. Also, LCD's left for a long period of time in a 'black screen'

#### **New TFT Monitors from Simrad**

Simrad's recently launched a range of LCD monitors based on high quality TFT MVA Premium technology and available in 15, 17, 19 and 23-in. versions, with a 10-in. version due soon. Dubbed the CF range all the displays offer improved input options, meaning that each model includes DVI-D input, RGB standard input and Video input. A Picture In Picture (PIP) function enables a secondary input to be displayed, this could be a deck camera or video feed. CF dis-



Images showing fins on the back of the enclosure for convection cooling and passive heat dissipation through direct contact of heat sources with the enclosure.

mode can cause damage beyond repair.

To eliminate the LCD turning black, verification of the design is needed. For instance on certain 15-in. LCD's, temperatures of 85°C or higher will cause the LCD to turn black. The LCD ambient temperature must equal an external ambient temperature of 55°C, plus an internal temperature rise of best case 10°C, to 65°C. Typically, 1000W/M^2 solar gain should equal 60W of power on the surface of the LCD (60W of power is equivalent to a 60°C temperature rise) and the total minimum temperature rise on the surface of the LCD is equivalent to 125°C. For the LCD not to turn black, an additional 40W of energy must be removed.

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Marine Guard<sup>Tivi</sup> Foam Filled Fenders have both highenergy absorption and low reaction force. Reaction forces at rated compressions are lower than most other fenders at comparable energy levels. The low reaction force of the foam filled fender is an important consideration in the design of piers and quay walls, where significant economies are produced by eliminating the need for load-spreading panels, which are required for most large hard rubber fenders. Foam filled fenders dissipate a significant portion of energy internally and do not cause the vessel to rebound from the berth as readily as pneumatic or hard rubber fenders.

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#### Custom Size and Colors

In addition to traditional fender sizes, foam fender manufacturing processes allows the fenders to be designed and supplied in custom sizes, capacities, configurations and colors.

#### Laboratory and Field Tests

Marine Guard<sup>TM</sup> Foam Filled Fenders have been extensively tested to verify their performance, ruggedness and durability. Compression tests are conducted in a certified laboratory using one of the world's largest compression testing machines. These fenders consistently excel in all other required tests, including energy absorption; capacity and reaction forces; ultimate compression; cyclic compression (dynamic and sustained loading); transverse pull tests;



and longitudinal pull tests. Years of field operation with foam filled fenders have confirmed the ability of these fenders to take the rugged service for which they are designed.

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#### Simple Installation

Installation of Marine Guard<sup>TM</sup> Foam Filled Fenders is simple compared to hard rubber fenders, which require specialized mounting fixtures. The fenders use standard chain pendants attached at each end of the fender. Loadspreading panels between the ship and the fender are not required. Fender transportation using standard rigging methods is easily accomplished.

#### Total Buoyancy

The natural buoyancy of foam filled fenders also allows them to be installed in a floating position between a ship and dock or another vessel. This is particularly beneficial in areas with large tidal or seasonal water level fluctuations since, unlike fixed fendering, the floating fender can rise and fall with changing water levels. The floating fender remains at the water line of the vessel for optimum fendering.

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