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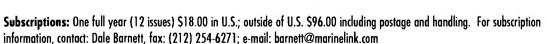
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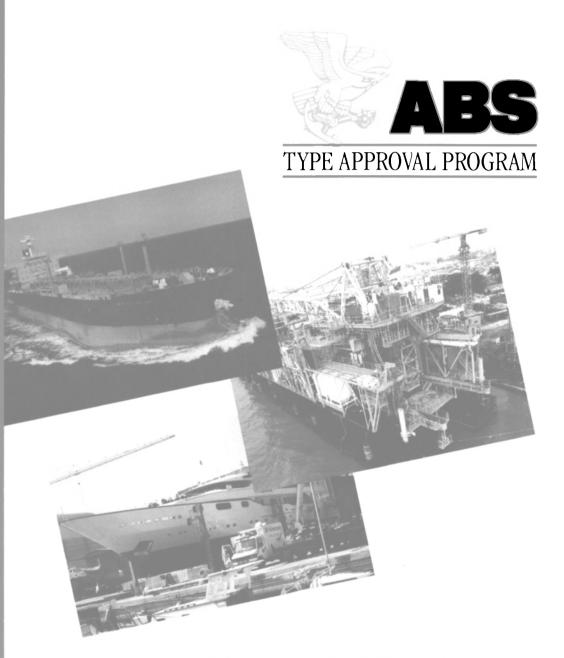
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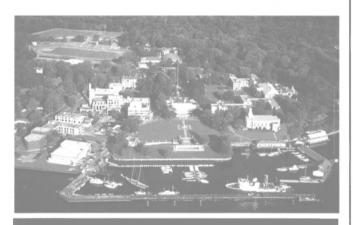
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E-Utopia?

Analysts, pundits, skeptics and just about anyone with a two-bit opinion have voiced their thoughts — informed and otherwise — as to the potential effects that the surge in "e-commerce" solutions will have on the transportation community at large. While the marine market is traditionally said to be slow in

following general business trends, this supposed character trait has not been evident in the new electronic realm, as websites and on-line business portals covering nearly every niche of the industry are popping up quickly around the globe.

The questions surrounding the use of e-commerce solutions in the marine business now turn not to "when" and "if," rather to "what degree." The secretive nature under which much of the marine world operates could prove, at first, prohibitive in the full leveraging of electronic solution efficiencies. Generally speaking, the sharing of information has been limited at best, whether it is for specifications and pricing regarding bunker fuel, cargoes or vessel pricing.

A slew of new partnerships using e-commerce as the glue that binds could perhaps mark a turning point of sorts for the marine world. For example, OceanConnect, aiming to provide a fast and price-efficient marketplace for marine fuel transactions, has brought together a formidable grouping including BP Marine, FAMM, Shell Marine Products as well as broker Horace Clarkson PLC.

Another recent launch, Tradiant (www.tradiant.com), offers shippers, freight forwarders and transportation carriers a comprehensive suite of e-commerce solutions to optimize the flow of information across the entire transportation chain. The company and its product are unique in that the majority of its executive staff, from president and CEO John Urban (15 years at APL), on down cumulatively have centuries of shipping and international transportation experience.

E-commerce and its effects on the marine business will be a recurring theme in the pages of not only *Maritime Reporter & Engineering News*, but all of the products produced by The Maritime Group, including *MarineNews*, *Maritime Week* and www.marinelink.com. One of our symbols for this regular feature will be the litde "computer guy" pictured above, as the editorial coverage will not simply focus on the most recent web offerings rather real-world scenarios where e-commerce solutions have helped solve (or cause) problems. I invite readers to liberally contribute to this section by sending comments, suggestions and potential stories to trauthwein@marinelink.com.

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Offshore Climbing Higher In Oslo

Shipping and offshore shares performed well in March with an increase in the Shipping Index of 2.3 percent. The Oslo market as a whole fell 2.2 percent, much due to the world-wide price fall for the IT and telecom sector.

Despite the uncertainty about the outcome of the OPEC meeting on March 27 and 28, a number of offshore shares rose significantly during the month. Even though the oil price fell slightly as a result of the meeting, it is obviously within a price range that is considered as comfortable by investors.

The two share classes in Smedvig (SME and SMEB) were both up about 19 percent in the period, topping the long list of positive performers in the offshore sector. All but five of the listed offshore shares increased their value during March. Polar Holding (POL) and Det Søndenfjeldske (SFJ) ended at the first two spots on the losers list, as they dropped 7.5 and 6.7 percent respectively. Stolt Comex Seaway (SCS) ended up 15.4 percent, Ocean Rig (OCR) was up 13.1 percent, while the two seismic companies Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) and TGS Nopec (TGS) rose 12.6

Winners for the Month

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Shipping	List	Change
Frontline	Main	+ 28.6%
Stolt Nielsen B	Main	+ 12.2%
Nordic American Tanker	Main	+ 11.1%
Actinor Shipping	Main	+ 10.0%
Bergesen A	Main	+ 9.3%
Offshore	List	Change
Smedvig A	Main	+ 19.6%
Smedvig B	Main	+ 18.8%
Brøvig Offshore	SMB	+ 17.8%
Northern Offshore	SMB	+ 15.5%
Stolt Comex Seaway	Main	+ 15.4%

Losers for the Month

Shipping	List	Change
Royal Caribbean Cruises	Main	- 16.6%
Mosvold Shipping	Main	- 6.3%
Bonheur	Main	- 5.1%
NCL Holding	Main	- 3.0%
Leif Høegh & Co.	Main	- 2.8%
Offshore	List	Change
Offshore Polar Holding	List SMB	Change - 7.5%
Polar Holding	SMB	- 7.5%
Polar Holding Det Søndenfjeldske	SMB Main	- 7.5% - 6.7%
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Shipping shares also experienced a dominance on the winners' side, even though not as strong as in the offshore sector. One of the most heavily traded shipping shares, Frontline (FRO), ended the month up all of 28.6 percent, while Bergesen (BEA and BEB) rose 9.3 and 6.9 percent respectively in its two share classes.

At the other end, Mosvold Shipping (MSL), Bonheur (BON), Leif Høegh & Co. (LHO) and Ganger Rolf (GRO) all

fell between six and two percent.

For the second straight month, the two cruise operators slowed the Shipping Index. Royal Caribbean Cruises (RCL) lost a solid 16.6 percent while the remaining tradable shares in NCL Holding (NCL) were down a more modest three percent.

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Investment in Design

by David Tinsley, technical editor

Resilient Dutch Network



As a bastion of ship production in the under 10,000-dwt-vessel range, the industry in the northern Netherlands continues to demonstrate true global competitiveness in its chosen fields of endeavor. While much of European shipbuilding bewails the intensified onslaught from the Orient, impinging on an ever-greater range of ship types and ever-widening circle of European shipowning communities, the yards and allied firms in the northernmost Dutch provinces are putting down building blocks in new market areas.

Key points of the investment-underwritten drive to increase market reach and develop business volume are a push towards larger vessels, up to 20.000-dwt in some cases, and the forging of new relationships with builders in Eastern Europe. Industrial evolution in the north Netherlands has involved an active policy of reinvestment and improvement in the means of shipbuilding production. The rise of new ship and section assembly halls over the windswept landscapes fringed by the Waddenzee and the IJsselmeer is complemented by continuous design development, not least in the industry's core business of supplying dry cargo ships, multi-purpose vessels and container feeder carriers. The design effort couples 'added-value' with series production potential, and marries the vital requirement for constructionfriendly forms with a deep understanding of the needs of the ship operator and industrial freight market.

More than ever, the region's strength in shipbuilding and the allied sectors derives not only from its professional skills but also from a propensity for collaboration between like-minded, but wholly-independent firms.

Networking between assembly yards, section builders, cut steel suppliers, marine equipment makers and design engineering firms has conferred a high level of self-sufficiency, while specialization in each case has fostered very high productivity levels. While subcontracting of bare hulls to cheaper-cost countries has long been a policy of certain small-ship and craft builders in the Netherlands, the principle of networking is being extended to include stronger relationships with selected yards in Eastern Europe. Just as the new investments in shipbuilding in the northern and middle regions of the Netherlands have largely complemented rather than displaced existing facilities on the inland waterway network, augmented relationships with yards in Eastern Europe do not signify a diminution in the indigenous shipbuilding resources.

As the latest example of business verve, the recently expanded Volharding Group has signed a new agreement with Daewoo Mangalia Shipyard in Romania paving the way to a growing, annual supply of hulls for outfitting in the Netherlands. The pact with the Korean majority-owned Romanian yard, plus investments in Volharding's two shipyards, specialist outfitting facility and section building yard in Groningen province, should see the group's newbuilding output in 2000 rise to 18 vessels from nine last year. The typically Dutch and German client profile has been broadened by contracts from Mediterranean and Southeast Asian owners for multi-purpose vessels, while the group's market focus now extends from 1,800-dwt to 20,000-dwt, compared to the maximum 9,000-dwt hitherto.

One of the key constituents of the industry in the north is the sales, marketing and design engineering firm Conoship International. Jointly owned by the member yards, which include the Volharding Group, Conoship acts as an antenna for the individual builders in the international market, taking a proactive line in business development and the providing project support through to the contract stage, fulfilling a matchmaker role between customers and the shipyards.

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the lower end of the capacity band.

Ever-growing Damen Shipyards meanwhile, while maintaining a northern presence with its Hoogezand yard aside the Winschoter Diep near Groningen, last year acquired a majority holding in Santierul Naval Galati in Romania, following five years' cooperation between the Hoogezand and Galtaz yards.

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New Runners From U.K. And Japanese Stables

With the continuing consolidation in the marine engine building sector, and unwavering pressure on engine prices, the stakes are rising all the time as regards design development. But the considerable resource allocation represented in designing a new engine and bringing it to market have, of course, to be countenanced to ensure competitiveness and respond to new and evolving business opportunities and clients' expectations. At a time when it is set to be taken over by Germany's MAN Group, UK producer Alstom Diesels has unveiled a long-mooted addition to its medium-speed range in the shape of the RK280 series. Conceived initially for unit powers up to about 12,000-bhp (9,000-kW), the 280 mm-bore design promises to be a worthy consort to the popular RK270, which has found particular application in its biggest configurations as a propulsion prime mover in large, high-speed ferries. Tailored to the essential requirement for compact, concentrated power in heavier-payload fast ferries and also military vessels, the RK280 also represents a new initiative in the potential territory of the gas turbine. Following on from last year's move by Wärtsilä NSD to strengthen its mid-range two-stroke offering with the Sulzer RTA60C, Japanese low-speed diesel engine designer Mitsubishi has announced an addition to its UE family. With the UEC68LSE, the Japanese firm has put a finer edge on competition in a segment of the business with an established contender at 680 mm-bore, the Sulzer RTA68T, and with the MAN B&W S70MC as a widely-favored choice at 700 mm-bore. Since the latest UE type covers the power band at about 20,000-32,000-bhp (14,700-23,500 kW) on a crankshaft speed of 95 rev/min, it provides owners and yards with a new powering option for a host of bulker, tanker and other types. The UEC68LSE applies the LSE concept first employed in the UEC52LSE engine, which provided a 15-percent power gain on the same fuel consumption as the 50LSII type in the indigenous range.

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between Marseilles and North Africa. The new vessel will be equipped to hold 2,200 passengers and 700 cars.

With a propulsion system designed for two different service speeds, the ferry will be able to move at 24 knots with all four of its engines running for a total 30,000 kW, or at 18 knots with two engines running for 10,000 kW. Fincantieri's own efficient hull lines provides a reduction of the installed power of about 10 to 15 percent. With construction occurring at Fincantieri's Ancona yard, the vessel is scheduled for a spring 2002 delivery.

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Chantiers Subcontracts P&O

Chantiers de l'Atlantique, St. Nazaire, France, has subcontracted the hull form development and model tests of P&O's two new 971 ft. (296 m) cruise vessels to SSPA Sweden AB in Gothenburg. The order also calls for maneuvering and seakeeping tests with a free-sailing ship model, as well as cavitation tunnel tests.

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MDC Plans For Debris Management Vessel

The Marine Design Center (MDC) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to acquire a debris management vessel to serve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District (CELRH) at the Bluestone Lake and Dam project. An option for exercise of a second vessel will be included in the solicitation. The vessel will be used to carry driftwood and debris on both the New River and Bluestone Lake in Southeastern West Virgina. It will also be suitable for intermittent operation that may occur throughout the year. Measuring approximately 50 x 20 ft. (15.2 x 6 m) with a draft of 5 ft. (1.5 m), the vessel holds a small, heated deckhouse with enough space for propulsion and steering controls. A pedestal mounted, diesel powered hydraulically-operated, loader-type crane with a rated lift capacity of 17,000 lbs. is also housed on the vessel.

FGH Finalizes \$40M Contracts

Friede Goldman Halter (FGH) has finalized six new contracts valued at approximately \$40 million total. The contracts have been signed with the following customers:

The Venezuelan government has called upon FGH to construct a pair of 153 ft. (46.6 m) LCU-type logistics support vessels. Financing has been secured and construction of the vessel's is expected to commence during the sec-

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ond quarter at the company's Moss Point Marine shipyard in Escatawpa, MS for a fourth quarter 2001 delivery.

FGH will design and construct a deepwater mooring system for Atwood Oceanics for installation onboard Atwood Eagle — a semisubmersible drilling rig able to operate in up to 5,000 ft., and for the fabrication and installation of equipment for Atwood Richmond. The 8-point combination traction-winch/windlass mooring system will be designed by the FGH Engineered Products Group's AmClyde division and manufactured by its BLM Offshore facility. Delivery is scheduled for January 2001.

Construction for winterization of Sedco 714 semisubmersible drilling unit for Transocean Sedco Forex will be performed at Friede Goldman Newfoundland's Cow Head Offshore fabrication facility in Newfoundland. Most of the work should be completed by the end of the second quarter.

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Bergesen Orders Two VLCCs

Hitachi Zosen Corp. has exercised an option by Bergesen D.Y., Norway for the construction of two additional VLCCs. The option had initially been granted to Bergesen when the sales contracts for four VLCCs were agreed last January.

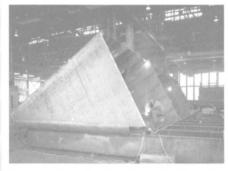
Currently in the process of revamping its fleet, Bergesen was attracted to Hitachi Zosen's technologically-driven double hull vessels, which can be assigned for worldwide operation.

U.K. Yards Eagerly Await \$475M Ferry Deal

British Prime Minister **Tony Blair** said his government will take the needs of domestic shipbuilders into account when it awards a \$475.1 million contract

for naval ferries. But Blair, facing pressure from shipbuilders and oil industry workers fighting to stop the contract going abroad, also said his government was bound by strict European Union rules in awarding the contract. The Ministry of Defense has asked for bids to build six RoRo equipment transport vessels, a deal worth about \$474 million. Because the RoRo ferries will be used for commercial not military purposes, European Union competition rules apply which do not allow preferential treatment for British yards.

SENESCO Awarded Barge Contract



A welder with SENESCO works on the bow of a steel barge utilized by a Boston company.

The Southeastern New England Shipbuilding Corp. (SENESCO) has been granted a contract for the construction of a $180 \times 50 \times 8$ ft. ($54.8 \times 15.2 \times 2.4$ m) ocean class deck barge with an option to build a second vessel.

The contract calls for SENESCO to build a barge for Recon Group, which is affiliated with Reinauer Transportation, Newark, N.J., who owns and operates various fuel and cargo barges on the East Coast.

The ABS-classed vessel will be capable of carrying a crawler crane with a deck loading of 2,000-lbs. per sq. ft.

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Bender Chosen By Torch To Build Innovative Deepwater Vessel

Bender Shipbuilding and Torch, Inc. have joined forces to build M/V Midnight Warrior — a Deepwater Construction Vessel. The contract, which was signed on March 31, calls for an ABS-classed, dieselelectric, 15,000-hp vessel. Designed by Guido Perla and Associates, Midnight Warrior



is equipped to provide offshore flowline installation, offshore umbilical installation and subsea construction. With 3-3,000-hp azimuthing thrusters on the stern and 2-2,000-hp tunnel thrusters in the bow, the vessel is also able to provide worldwide operations.

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Chiles Offshore Agrees With Keppel

Chiles Offshore LLC has partnered up with Keppel FELS Limited in Singapore to construct a KFELS MOD V "B" design, cantilevered jackup drilling rig not to exceed \$110 million, included owner-provided equipment. A proprietary design owned by Keppel the KFELS MOD V "B" has been based on the MOD V "harsh environment" jackups, and will be delivered with a leg length measuring between 465 and 545 ft. (141.7 and 166.1 m). The MOD V replaces jackups built during the 1970s.



Effectively Assessing Your Risks

by Bonnie Gershon, vice president and manager. Maritime and Surface Transportation, Summit Bank

One of the greatest challenges facing a lender in the maritime industry is appropriate assessment of risk. In this exciting, varied and vibrant industry, a lender's effective risk assessment requires a thorough understanding of the vagaries that characterize the industry. Many of the companies have been in business for 100 years or more. They have a long family history associated with the sea that has charted their economic destiny for decades.

Experience and expertise are the key factors in designing a successful strategy to serve the maritime market, which is made up of skilled professionals who know their business from A to Z. Vessel owners also are proud of their company history. For instance, they jump at the chance to show off models of their vessels, current units and those that have achieved the status of razor blades. Many are named after beloved family members and reflect a company's heritage - specifically how it has grown and continued to operate over the years.

Through relationship building and personal attention to our maritime clients, Summit Bank has learned of family and business disputes, failures and natural disasters. This is an industry where the perils are quite real and the emphasis on safety is a universal theme. In fact, a good safety record is a vital factor of which some members of the industry are justifiably proud. Listening to weather conditions signifies much more than planning a summer vacation, because hurricanes and storms can have an intimate impact. For this industry, the weather too often becomes an issue of crisis management — rescue at sea, a

sinking vessel, pumping sand back onto the beach.

Nevertheless, in the maritime industry we often hear of good growth ideas that require financing. Part of risk assessment is deciding whether a particular financing opportunity represents a "bankable" risk. Bankable relationships with a customer often last for many years and are rewarding for both parties. A good banking relationship includes many dimensions that can span several life stages of either the business or the people involved in running the business. A good banker seeks to understand the long-term strategy and the financial needs of a customer in order to structure the appropriate financial growth plan. Such a plan may also involve acquisitions and mergers, estate planning, and succession issues for management.



Some financing opportunities may represent a huge upside potential involving the fulfillment of lifelong dreams and aspirations. However, high reward potential comes with an inherently large downside risk. Such opportunities are coined "unbankable" by traditional bank debt vehicles such as lines of credit, revolvers and term loans. Traditional bank products may earn interest and fees, but they are not structured to com-

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pensate for these potential downside risks. Specifically, they are not structured to share in the financial upside of the project if, or when, the owners succeed in the business venture. These opportunities may, instead, represent a risk that is more appropriately funded with equity from investors, or through a private placement or other capital market services.

Let's say a banker makes a loan for \$1 million. If that loan becomes uncollectible and deemed a write off, it will take \$50 million at a two percent spread over a one-year period to make up the difference. An offset of this magnitude represents a costly mistake in risk management.

The duration of a loan is another factor in assessing risk. The longer the term, the greater the risk. Part of a banker's job is to match loan repayment with the appropriate asset life and cash flow. Generally, it is more beneficial to finance short-term assets with a shortterm loan or line of credit, or to finance longer-term assets with term debt. However, some of the equipment used in the marine industry has a very long asset life. In these cases, a bank may seek to limit the risk imposed by a lengthy amortization requirement with a shortterm balloon payment.

Maritime companies have financing needs that are unique. Their needs may be substantially large due to a variety of circumstances: the necessity to enlarge the fleet with new or used vessels; acquisition of another company; or a greater loan than the bank will normally finance. Under these circumstances, it may be appropriate for the customer's lead bank to arrange a "club" or "syndicated" loan. A club loan is usually a loan held by two to three banks. A syndicated loan may be larger in size and include up to 10 banks or more in the group.

Customarily, maritime customers use sophisticated capital markets products to finance various long-term growth opportunities. Privately placed longterm mezzanine loan and/or equity can be used to support a management buyout, a large acquisition or other substantial financing needs. Longer-term debt and equity can help a business weather a downturn.

For maritime business success, bankers must be aware of the uniqueness of the industry and determine what is a "bankable" deal in order to effectively meet the important challenge of correctly assessing and managing risk.

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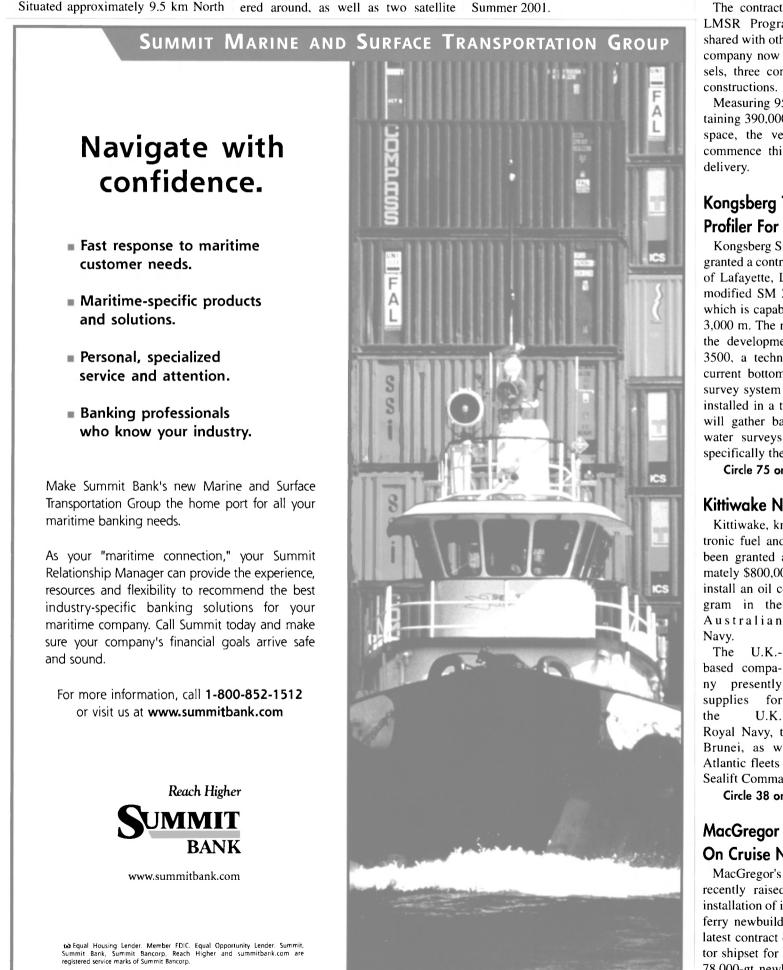
Coflexip Stena Awarded \$58 Million Contract

One of Coflexip Stena Offshore's U.K. entities was awarded a large EPIC contract worth \$58 million by BG International for its Blake subsea field, offshore Scotland at a depth of 295 ft. (90 m).

of the Ross field in the Moray Firth, the Blake field will be tied-back to the existing Ross FPSO Bleo Holm, operated by Talisman.

Work scope for the project includes the installation of all the subsea structures and control system, including a manifold with six production wells gathered around, as well as two satellite water injection wells.

The engineering, manufacturing and installation of all the flowlines (rigid reeled, pipe in pipe, flexible) and umbilicals for the infield and tie-back connections; and the disconnection/reconnection of the FPSO that will be towed to and back from a conversion yard during



NASSCO Awarded \$230 Million Contract

National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO), was granted a \$230 million contract to build its eighth large, medium-speed RoRo vessel per the U.S. Navy's Strategic Sealift Program.

The contract wraps-up the 20-vessel LMSR Program that NASSCO has shared with other U.S. shipbuilders. The company now has contracts for 11 vessels, three conversions and eight new constructions.

Measuring 950 ft. (289.5 m) and containing 390,000 sq. ft. of cargo carrying space, the vessel's construction will commence this summer for mid-2002 delivery.

Kongsberg To Provide **Profiler For Fugro**

Kongsberg Simrad Mesotech has been granted a contract by Fugro Geoservices of Lafavette, La. to deliver a specially modified SM 2000 multibeam profiler, which is capable of operating depths of 3,000 m. The multibeam will be part of the development of Fugro's new DT-3500, a technical enhancement of its current bottom-referencing deep water survey system — a system that will be installed in a tow vehicle. This device will gather bathymetric data on deep water surveys in a variety of areas, specifically the Gulf of Mexico.

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Kittiwake Nabs \$800G Order

Kittiwake, known for its rugged electronic fuel and oil test equipment, has been granted an order worth approximately \$800,000 for Oil Test Centers to install an oil condition monitoring pro-

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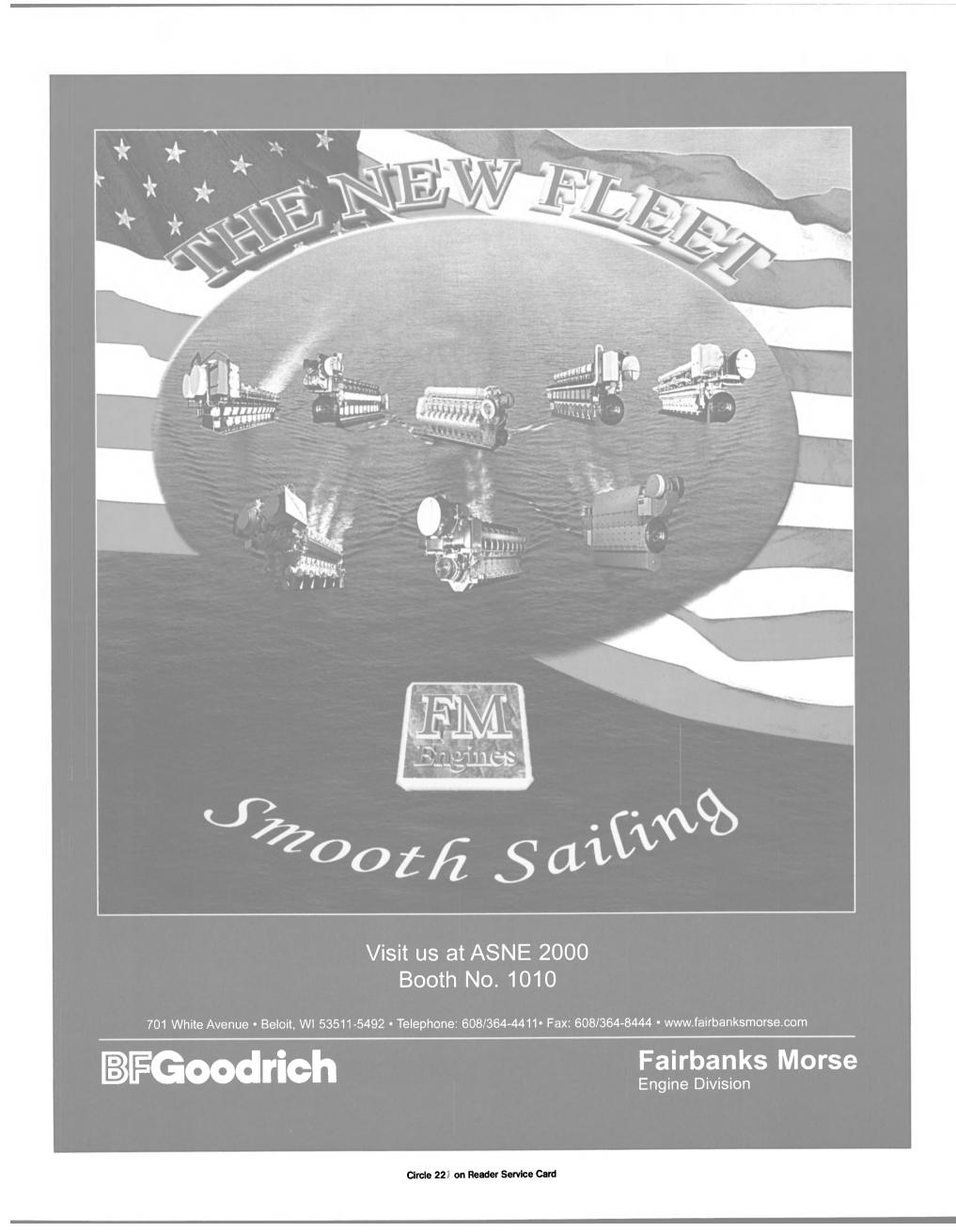
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Royal Navy, the navies of Spain and Brunei, as well as the Pacific and Atlantic fleets of the U.S. and Military Sealift Command.

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MacGregor Elevators Featured On Cruise Newbuilds

MacGregor's passenger ship division recently raised its orders to 146 for installation of its elevators on cruise and ferry newbuilds in German yards. The latest contract encompasses a 21-elevator shipset for Norwegian Cruise Line's 78,000-gt newbuild project Sky II cur-



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rently on order at Lloyd Werft shipyard. Five cruise vessels on order at Meyer Werft also boast MacGregor's elevators, such as P&O's Aurora; RCI's Radiance of the Seas and a sistership hull; Star Cruises' Superstar Libra and its 112,00gt newbuilding.

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R&B Falcon Awarded Drilling Contract

R&B Falcon Drilling has been granted a \$108 million drilling contract by Petroleo Brasileiro S/A Petrobras for a three-year contract for the DP drillship Peregrine II for operations in Brazil in up to 1,200 m of water.

Currently situated in Galveston, Texas, where an upgrade project consisting of installation of a new blowout preventer stack and control system is underway, the unit will mobilize from Galveston this month to begin operations upon arrival in Brazil.

Oceaneering Intl. Receives Underwater Services Contract

Oceaneering Intl. was awarded a frame agreement for underwater services to Statoil in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. The contract, which has a primary term of three years and two one-year extension options, replaces a previous multi-year contract between the company and Statoil.

Under the agreement's terms Oceaneering will provide remotely operated vehicle (ROV) drill support services onboard six semisubmersible drilling rigs and additional ROV construction/intervention operations from oilfield support services.

Litton Marine Wins U.K. Ministry Contract

Litton Marine Systems was granted an order from the U.K. Ministry of Defense for the supply of navigational radars for 19 support vessels in service with the Royal Navy and British Army. With installation to be complete by June 2000, the radars will be furnished by Litton's Decca Marine subsidiary in New Malden, U.K.

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Aker Wins Mooring Contract

Aker Marine Contractors (AMC) and Chevron Overseas Petroleum Azerbaijan Limited (COPAL) have agreed to provide a preset mooring system to support COPAL's drilling program off Azerbaijan in the Caspian Sea. AMC's contract encompasses the transportation of the preset mooring system to Baku in Azerbaijan, the lease of the system for two years, and storage and installation. AMC designed the mooring system to be used in conjunction with either the Istigal or Dada Gorgud — the only two semisubmersibles in the Caspian Sea to extend their mooring capabilities to water depth of 2,460 ft. (750 m).

Schlumberger Wins Contract

Schlumberger Oilfield Services received two multi-million contracts from BHP Petroleum for seismic data processing services. BHP selected Schlumberger based on the company's differentiating capabilities in depth imaging provided by Seismos, Schlumberger's seismic data processing software. Assisting in the evaluation process are Schlumberger geophysicists. Present at BHP's office, the geophysicists are directly linked to the Schlumberger Megacenter Data Processing facility in Houston.

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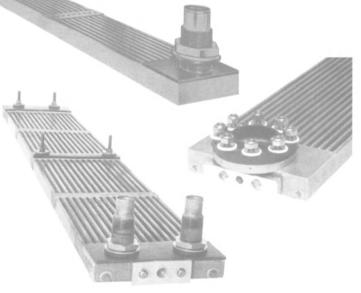
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Legal Beat Congressional Maritime Legislative Initiatives In 2000

The year 2000 has enjoyed special significance as a transition year bridging two centuries. Similarly it has significance with U.S. lawmakers for the Second Session of the 106th Congress. As the last year of the currently elected Congress, this year anticipates action on a series of pending legislative measures and yet to be introduced proposals affecting the maritime industry. Specifi-

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The following is a sampling of possible changes in the law:

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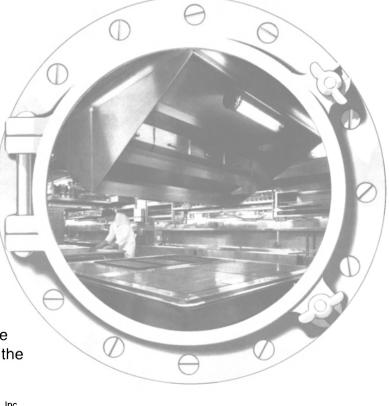
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I. Maritime-related Tax Legislation:

There are several tax-related provisions that could be considered. One of the main bills emphasizing maritime tax issues has been introduced in the House by Rep. **Jim McCrery** (R-LA) as H.R. 3225 and in the Senate by Sen. **John Breaux** (D-La.) as S. 1858. These bills include such measures as:

A. Capital Construction Fund Program. The McCrery/Breaux legislation would expand the Capital Construction Fund (CCF) program to allow earnings from U.S.-flag, foreign-built ships to be deposited into a CCF for the construction of ships in the United States. Qualified withdrawals from a CCF would continue to apply only to U.S.built vessels and would be expanded to include vessels that operate between coastwise points of the United States. Contributions to a CCF would no longer be treated as preference items under the alternative minimum tax for corporations. Finally, owners of U.S.-flag vessels would be allowed to contribute to a CCF the 50 percent ad valorem duty on foreign ship repairs that applies to present ships under 19 U.S.C. 1466.

B. Other tax-related provisions in the Breaux/McCrery bills:

Merchant mariners working aboard certain vessels would be covered by section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code, thus excluding up to \$80,000 of the wages they earn while working in foreign commerce.

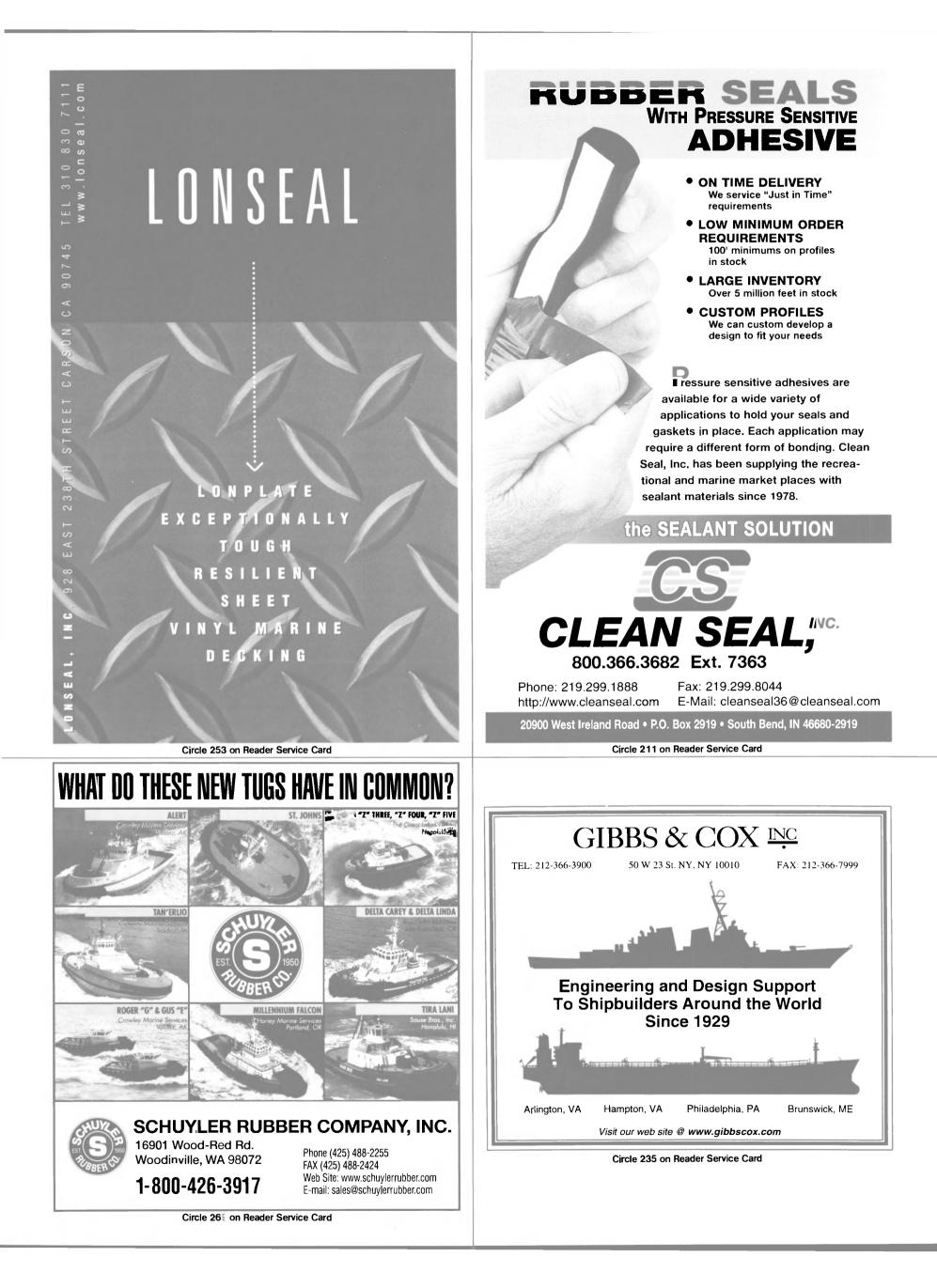
The acquisition cost of a U.S.-flag ship would be deductible as an expense rather than being treated as a capital investment.

The alternative minimum tax for corporations would not apply to shipping companies owning a fleet of four or more U.S.-flag vessels.

The \$2,000 tax deduction available to passengers in the domestic cruise trade would also be available to passengers aboard a U.S.-flag cruise vessel operating between a U.S. port and a foreign port.

Equally as significant, Congressman **Duncan Hunter** (R-Calif.) has introduced H.R. 3392, which provides various incentives for the development of a U.S.-flag, U.S.-built cruise industry, including CCF coverage and expansion of the business entertainment tax deduction.

The chances of enacting favorable tax provisions for the maritime industry are enhanced by the existence of other mar-



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itime tax bills to exempt seamen's wages when in the foreign trade (H.R. 3162), to restore the exclusion of shipping income from Subpart F (in particular, section 954 of the Internal Revenue Code) and reduce the adverse impact of U.S. international tax policies on the competitiveness of the U.S. shipping industry (H.R. 265), and to revitalize the international competitiveness of the United States-flag merchant marine (H.R. 2159).



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II. Other Maritime-related Legislation and Proposals. Other legislation may address government programs and policies that affect the maritime industry. These initiatives may include:

Domestic Shipbuilding Loan Guarantees -A. Title XI Funding. With the commitment to provide loan guarantees for the construction of cruise ships and for projects requiring lesser amounts of guarantees, the amount of funding available to cover the cost of the

Government's risk for further guarantees under Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, is less than \$50 million. There is an effort in the industry to add an additional \$50 million to the Title XI account, which will permit around \$1 billion in guarantees since, on average, the risk cost is about 5 percent of the loan amount. The recently enacted appropriation for fiscal year 2000 provided only the President's budget request of \$6 million to cover Title XI loan guarantee costs. The President's budget request of only \$2 million for Title XI in FY2001 provides an additional obstacle. If a number of the projects are submitted to MarAd, a funding shortfall will occur unless legislative relief is provided.

В. Cargo Preference. The Administration's proposed MarAd authorization bill may once again include an amendment to alter the requirements of section 901(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to permit foreignbuilt dry bulk vessels and breakbulk vessels to be placed under U.S.-flag and used for carrying agricultural preference cargo. Because this provision was rejected last year as having an adverse impact on existing operators and domestic shipbuilding, it is unlikely to be successful this year.

Scrapping. Currently, scrapping of С. ships in the U.S. does not occur because of prohibitions on exporting hazardous materials contained in them and the environmental risks associated with disposing of those materials. In addition, the domestic price paid for scrap has fallen dramatically making it uneconomical. MarAd and the Navy have aging mothballed fleets that need to be addressed. In fact, the Navy now has in progress a pilot program of paying domestic firms to dispose of old ships. As MarAd Administrator, Clyde Hart has called for innovative ideas, and Congressional action to facilitate disposal of both government and

American V. Awarded Contract

American V. Ships has been named the technical manager of three vessels to be chartered to the recently established Wallenius and Wilhemsen joint venture, Wallenius-Wilhemsen Line. American V. will continue to manage the 5,600-unit each Faust and Fidelio, which have been under the company's management since 1989. American V. signed a six-year contract with Automar International Car Carrier to be the technical manager of the U.S. flag vessels, Faust and Fidelio.

The company will provide its full range of technical management services including operating, crewing, budget control, purchasing and quality assurance. The three vessels are chartered through

privately owned vessels.

D. Coast Guard. Bills introduced in both the House and Senate to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for FY 2000 and 2001 have been considered, but not yet enacted. The Coast Guard bill traditionally becomes a vehicle for various maritime amendments, often late in a congressional session.

Ε. Bills Affecting Marine Cabotage. Among all of the policy-related legislation, none evokes more of a response than pending legislation designed to alter the domestic coastwise trading laws of the United States. However, the U.S. Maritime Cabotage Task Force and others in the industry have expressed strong opposition to these bills because of their implications for undermining U.S.-flag requirements generally and enactment appears unlikely. Examples of these include:

Sen. Brownback's (R-Kan.) bill (S. 1032) to amend the Jones Act to permit foreign-flag vessels to carry forest products and other agricultural commodities in the U.S. coastwise trade.

Several bills to override the requirement under the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1986 (PVSA) that only U.S.-built, U.S.-flag ships may transport passengers in the coastwise trade.

Replacement for Harbor Maintenance Tax. F. In March 1998 the Supreme Court declared that the existing harbor maintenance tax (HMT) on the value of exports was unconstitutional. In May 1999 the Administration sent legislation to the Congress that would terminate the remaining HMT on imports and domestic cargo and replace it with a new Harbor Services Fee (HSF) to be imposed on four different categories of commercial ships in excess of 3,000 gross tons, including tankers and bulk vessels. The proposed fee is expected to raise about \$980 million annually, to be used for maintenance dredging and harbor deepening projects. Because of broad maritime industry opposition, the proposal has little support among Members of Congress, many of whom prefer that dredging be funded from general appropriations as was the practice prior to the establishment of the HMT in 1986.

What will result from the consideration of these bills during the Second Session of the 106th Congress this years remains to be seen. Given the pending and possible legislative proposals and the impending national elections, however, the year 2000 promises to be one of intrigue and challenge for the maritime industry in the United States.

The preceding was authored by Duncan C. Smith III, Dyer Ellis & Joseph

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Ulstein Brattvaag Wins Winch Contract

Norwegian owner Taubatkompaniet has ordered two additional Rauma Brattvaag winch outfits from Ulstein Brattvaag worth approximately \$12.6 million. Part of the Rolls-Royce group, Ulstein will supply winches for two anchor handling vessels to Taubatkompaniet, which are being constructed by Dalian Shipyard in China. Delivery of the first main winch is scheduled for November 2000 — with the second following in February 2001.

RoRo Report

Spaarneborg Premieres As First Of Stora Enso's New Series

A member of the Wagenborg trio, MV Spaarneborg was constructed at German shipyard Flender Werft as part of a key component within a new transport system developed by forestry product company Stora Enso.

Modeled after a new intermodal project, the vessel, as well as its two sisterships measures $600 \times 82 \times 49$ ft. (183 x 25 x 15 m), with a deadweight of 13,000-dwt. Cruising at speeds of 18 knots, Spaarneborg, as well as its additional fleet members - Schieborg and Slingeborg — will run between the Gothenburg to Zeebrugge route.

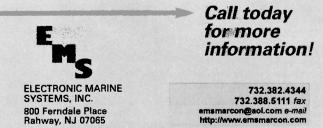
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Propellers		LIPS Holland
Generators		Wartsila

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Dutch shipping company, Wagenborg Scheepvaart, the benefactor of these Netherlands-flagged vessels, is chartering the trio to Belgium-based Cobelfret Ferries N.V. Noteworthy of their single-propeller driven power, the Bureau Veritas classed RoRos are equipped with a low speed crosshead diesel engine (7RTA 52 U) type with an output of 10,920 kW at 135-rpm. The engine plant's foreship location frees up the cargo

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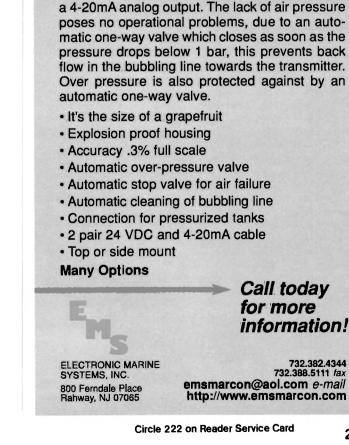
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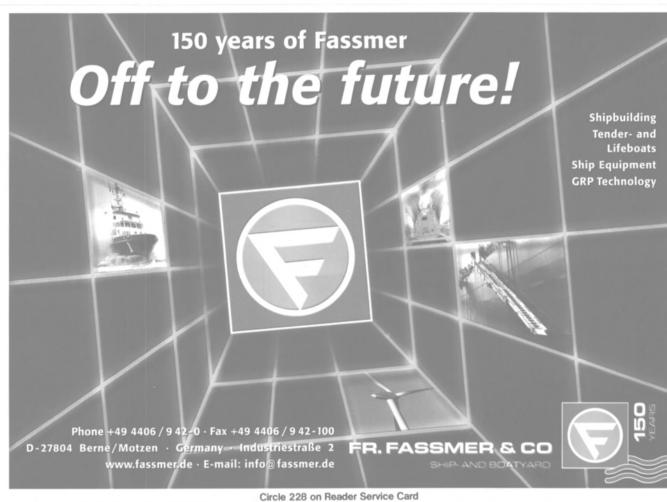
ment units. Electrical supply is granted through two auxiliary diesel generators and one shaft generator having a total capacity of 3,360 kW. A special rudder operating 70 degrees to both sides, in addition to two bowthrusters, and one stern thruster, allows Spaarneborg to perform non-tug assisted maneuvers.

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MacGregor Outfits Advanced KHI-Built RoRo

Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) expanded its RoRo tonnage references with the January delivery of the 2,300 lane-meter trailer carrier Celandine to Belgian operator Cobelfret, which was scheduled to be joined by sistership Victorine this past March.

KHI's trailer carrier deliveries feature cargo handling/access outfits from Mac-Gregor/Kayaba, which has long been a constant force within the RoRo equipment sector in Japan. With rolling freight capacity provided on the tanktop, main and upper decks, as well as the van deck and weather deck, stern access to



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First Of RoRo Series Joins Wallenius Fleet



MS Tamesis, the first of a new generation of RoRo vessels boasting innovative designs has joined the Wallenius Wilhelmsen fleet.

Joining three sisterships to be delivered throughout the next 10 months, Tamesis was commissioned in 1998 by Wilh. Wilhelmsen of Norway - one of two equal shareholders in Wallenius Wihelmsen.

Delivered on April 13 by Daewoo Okpo Shipyard, the Mark IV RoRo provides 35 percent more covered capacity for specialized RoRo cargo than the previous Mark III design. Suitable for carrying a total capacity of 5,400 cars, the vessel is specifically designed for project and other unique or heavy lift cargo such as power generators, construction and agriculture equipment.

Measuring 787×106 ft. (240 x 32.2 m), the vessel, whose name in Latin means River Thames, has a deadweight of 38,300 tons.

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Main Particulars
Length, (o.a.)
Breadth, (molded)
DWT
Stern ramp width
Stern ramp capacity
Number of decks
Deck area capacity
Volume capacity
Car unit capacity
Engine
Service speed
Crew

New & Notable

Eastern Builds Research Vessel For U of M

The University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science recently received F.G. Walton Smith at its Virginia Key facility from Panama City, Fla.-based Eastern Shipbuilding. Designed as an advanced research catamaran boasting technologically-driven onboard laboratories, the all-

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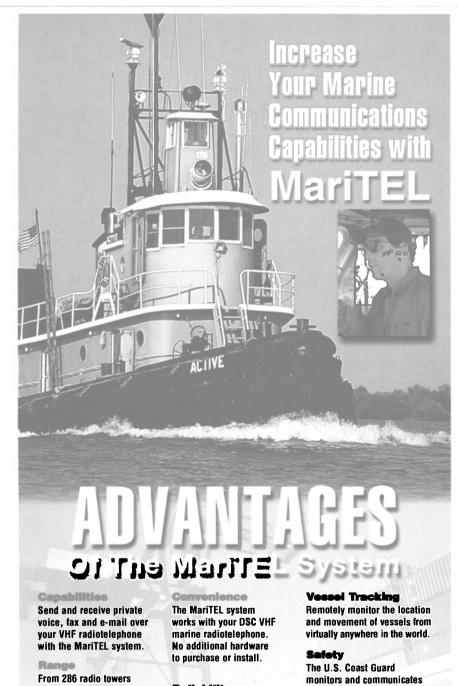
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and operating at a draft of 6 ft. (1.8 m), the vessel was constructed inside a total aluminum fabrication building, with Timothy Graul & Associates of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., providing the vessel's design to the University for bidding purposes. F.G. Walton Smith accommodates 20 persons and holds both laboratories with both wet and dry spaces

comprised of 800 sq. ft., with an added 800 sq. ft. of multipurpose space on the stern. Power is provided by a pair of Cummins QSK 19 main engines rated at 760-hp each, connected to Servogear Model HD220HL variable pitch propeller systems, and generators are Cummins model 6BT5.9GM2 80 kW. Circle 33 on Reader Service Card

3.MAJ Delivers Chaleur Bay

3.MAJ Brodogradiliste of Rijeka, Croatia has delivered Chaleur Bay - the second of its four-part oil/products carrier series. The Liberian-registered vessel group, which was ordered by Inter Shipping is formatted for transportation of crude oil and oil products, with cargo



space divided by one corrugated longitudinal bulkhead. Double sides protect the cargo space, and in addition to conventional double bottom within cargo space, double sides were applied in fuel oil tanks, in compliance with strict international environmental requirements.

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Eastern Shipbuilding Launches OSV

Measuring 204 ft. (62.1 m) with a 44 ft. (13.4 m) beam and 16 ft. (4.8 m) depth, offshore supply vessel San Rafael is being constructed by Eastern Shipbuilding Group for Naviera Tamaulipas of Tampico, Mexico for operations in the Bahia de Campeche (Bay of



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The vessel's propulsion package is comprised of Caterpillar 3516B main engines rated at 2,000-hp each at 1,600rpm, with Caterpillar Engine Vision Alarm and Monitoring System, coupled to Reintjes WAF-862 gearboxes with four-blade stainless steel propellers. Special equipment housed includes a 1,000-hp Thrustmaster retractable tunnel/azimuthing bowthruster powered by a Caterpillar 3508B engine.

Tank capacities include 110,000 gals. of fuel; 211,000 gals. of drill/water ballast; and 7,200 cu. ft. of bulk mud in six tanks. With delivery scheduled for June, San Rafael will be classed by ABS.

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Seacraft Shipyard Delivers M/V Sea Holly



Designed for extended excursions, the 110 ft. (33.5 m) long range yacht M/V Sea Holly, was delivered by Seacraft Shipyard of Amelia, La.

A flat bottom skiff and vee bottom runabout, both of which are secured on removable boat cradles, are located on the aft main deck. Outfitted with a hydraulic crane to handle the boats and cargo hold, the vessel is also equipped with two fighting chairs, outriggers and swim platform.

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Kvichak Supplies Patrol Vessel

Kvichak Marine, Seattle, Wash. delivered the 54 ft. (16.4 m) all-aluminum catamaran M/V Thresher to California Fish & Game. Designed by Teknicraft of Auckland, New Zealand, the partially foil-supported catamaran will be stationed in Dana Point as a Fish and Game Enforcement patrol vessel for Southern California.

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Bay Shipbuilding Delivers OPA 90 Barge

Bay Shipbuilding (BSC) of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., completed construction of Mobil Oil's new 140,000-barrel, doublehull tank barge. Named Seneca, the barge will be utilized to transport refined petroleum products in Exxon/Mobil's northeast U.S. markets. Measuring 504 x 78 x 37 ft. (153.6 x 23.7 x 11.2 m), the barge has 16 epoxy coated cargo tanks that can be offloaded with four cargo pumps, each rated at 3,800-bph. The vessel holds a cylindrical bow with a deep notch stern

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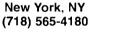
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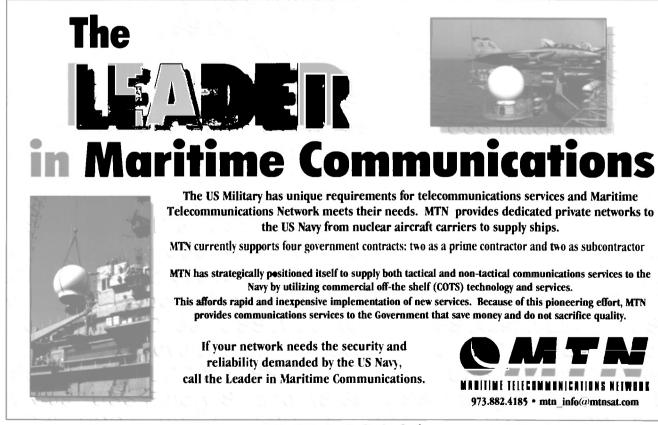
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Seneca was designed by Corning Townsend of CT Marine, and although construction called for additional needed time, both parties (Mobil and BSC) benefited from an accelerated delivery occurring on December 13, 1999 - four months ahead of schedule.

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Ingalls-Built IWO JIMA Is Navy's Newest LHD 7



LHD 7, the U.S. Navy's newest largedeck multipurpose amphibious assault vessel was christened Iwo Jima on March 25 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss. The vessel is the second of its kind to bear the namesake of the heroic participants in the 1945 Battle of Iwo Jima - an event that was remembered by the six men who raised the American flag over Mount Suribachi. Second in size to the Navy's aircraft carriers, the LHD 7 is designed to transport the Navy/Marine Corps by the sea to land battle, as well as support the effort, primarily was the command vessel of an Amphibious Ready Group.

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Cruise Ship Tender Arrives

The 88 ft. (26.8 m) cruise ship tender, Pinta, was delivered to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (RCCL) by Keith Marine, Palatka, Fla. Engineering for Pinta was provided by DeJong & Lebet Naval Architects.

Classed by DNV to hold 250 passengers, the tender boasts large fuel tanks and water tanks for transfer to the shore facilities at the remote island that it services.

Power is provided by a pair of Detroit Diesel Series 60 main engines, developing 400-hp at 1,800-rpm.

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Bay Shipbuilding (BSC) of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., completed construction of Mobil Oil's new 140,000-barrel, doublehull tank barge. Named Seneca, the barge will be utilized to transport refined petroleum products in Exxon/Mobil's northeast U.S. markets. Measuring 504 x 78 x 37 ft. (153.6 x 23.7 x 11.2 m), the barge has 16 epoxy coated cargo tanks that can be offloaded with four cargo pumps, each rated at 3,800-bph. The vessel holds a cylindrical bow with a deep notch stern

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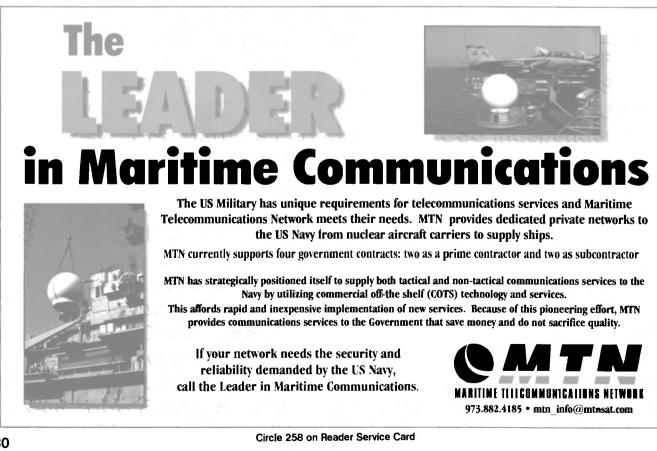
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Seneca was designed by Corning Townsend of CT Marine, and although construction called for additional needed time, both parties (Mobil and BSC) benefited from an accelerated delivery occurring on December 13, 1999 - four months ahead of schedule.

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Ingalls-Built IWO JIMA Is Navy's Newest LHD 7



LHD 7, the U.S. Navy's newest largedeck multipurpose amphibious assault vessel was christened Iwo Jima on March 25 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss. The vessel is the second of its kind to bear the namesake of the heroic participants in the 1945 Battle of Iwo Jima - an event that was remembered by the six men who raised the American flag over Mount Suribachi. Second in size to the Navy's aircraft carriers, the LHD 7 is designed to transport the Navy/Marine Corps by the sea to land battle, as well as support the effort, primarily was the command vessel of an Amphibious Ready Group.

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Cruise Ship Tender Arrives

The 88 ft. (26.8 m) cruise ship tender, Pinta, was delivered to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (RCCL) by Keith Marine, Palatka, Fla. Engineering for Pinta was provided by DeJong & Lebet Naval Architects.

Classed by DNV to hold 250 passengers, the tender boasts large fuel tanks and water tanks for transfer to the shore facilities at the remote island that it services.

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Trimaran Demonstrator Progressing At VT

A new shape in navy warships is quickly taking shape in the U.K., as Vosper Thornycroft (VT) has completed structural work on the 321 ft. (98 m) Trimaran Warship demonstrator being built for the U.K.'s Defense Evaluation and Research Agency (DERA). The upper bow structure, weighing approximately 25 tons, was maneuvered into position on the RV Triton, which is scheduled for launching this month. The ship will be delivered to DERA in August before

starting the initial phase of a trials program that will determine whether trimaran hulls will be considered for the Royal Navy's Future Surface Combatant.

BT has built the ship using mega-



blocks weighing up to 200 tons each. Five mega blocks have been fabricated and extensively fitted out before consolidation.

"Building a trimaran of this size has meant dealing with several challenges that we have not encountered in building conventional ships. The lessons learned have been invaluable and have provided us with unrivalled experience in building this from of ship," said VT project manager **Mike Carter**. "If trimaran is the way ahead, VT is undoubtedly at the forefront.

RV Triton has reached structural completion in less than 15 months since DERA chief executive Sir John Chisholm cut the first steel in January 1999. Accolades for this impressive production schedule is largely attributable to advanced manufacturing methods including the use of a high-quality plasma cutting system.

"The RV Triton build has resulted in new VT productivity records for large steel ships, and this has enabled us to build the ship within the limited budget and to a demanding program," said Carter. "With several new Royal Navy programs on the horizon, the trimaran has been an important demonstration of VT's capabilities."

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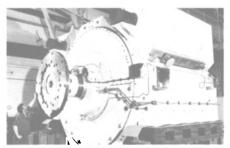
Alstom Drives & Controls has worked with the U.S. Navy (USN) to produce an electric power and propulsion system which is compact and robust, while meeting exacting and demanding USN standards.

Traditional Navy practice in the realm of ship and equipment development and procurement has largely flown out the window in lieu of investigating and incorporating proven product and system technologies from commercial origins, with a hard-line stance on initial and life-time costs. The benefactors of the "new" attitude is obviously the USN, which has been able to steadily drive down costs while sacrificing little if anything in performance. In addition, it has opened new markets for key component and systems manufacturers once locked out of this lucrative work.

Traditional USN practice has seen the use of mechanical transmission systems, utilizing either nuclear, diesel or gas turbine prime movers. Until recently, electric propulsion was ruled out for many Navy applications because the DC electric motor has various design limits, including power limitations. In planning the new propulsion module for its future ships, however, USN is now considering electric propulsion for specific technical, commercial and operations reasons. Electric systems could potentially help the Navy optimize budgets in some applications. For example, a typical Navy vessel run at less than 50 percent full power most of the time, a condition ripe for the benefits of an electric system. Electric systems can also be designed for silent operation, critical in today's stealth-stringent environment. In addition, electric propulsion offers ship designers the flexibility to achieve a compact overall machinery layout, a design which can obviously be more resilient to damage.

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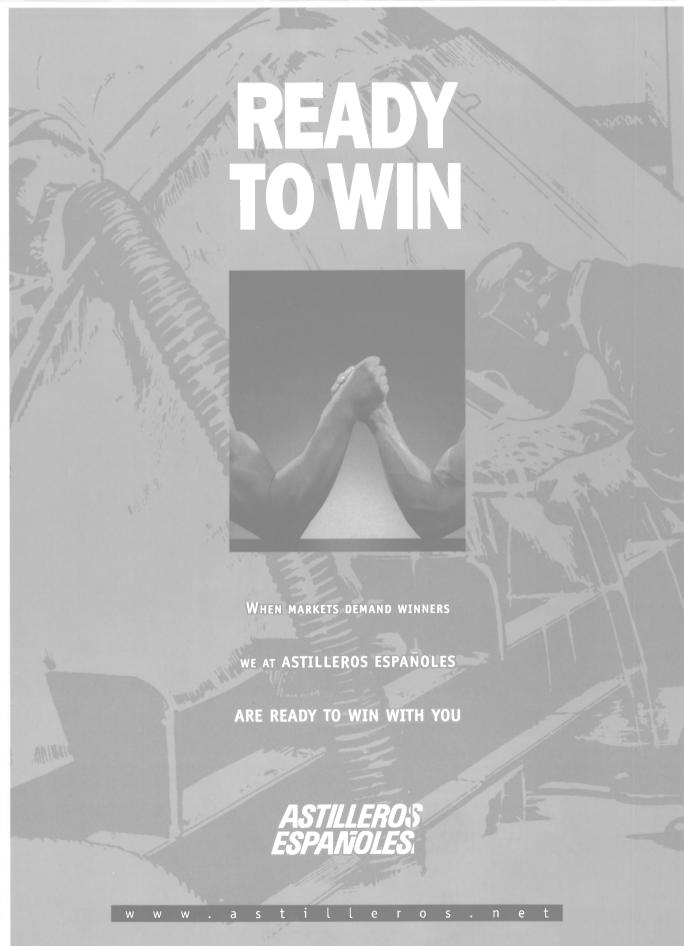


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the tight available space, with the added benefit of a novel PWM converter design to suit either an induction motor or a future permanent magnet motor. The Alstom system is desirable as the company can act as the single-source provider for all power generation and

vessel propulsion, helping to ensure smooth integration. All products in the Alstom suite is the result of thorough and effective design to satisfy the elements of shock loading. Generator units are resiliently mounted to withstand 15g above resilient mountings and even the converter suites, with their delicate electronic components, can withstand the shock loading attenuated by resilient mounts. The propulsion motorsare designed to withstand mounting foot shocks up to 80g.

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Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering MDI: Shipyard Production Expertise

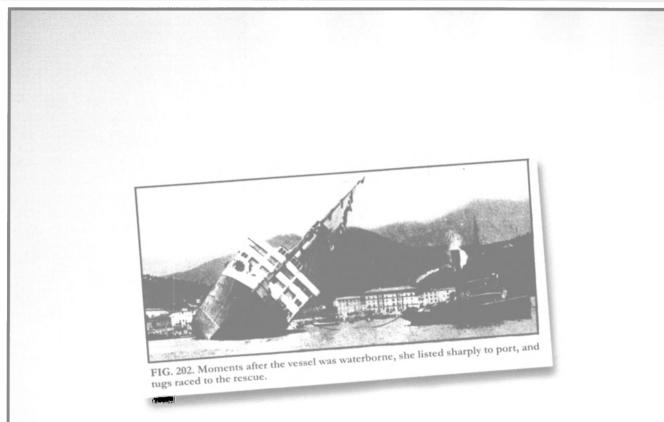
Maritime Design, Inc. (MDI) offers a wide range of technical services, but director of marketing & sales, **Bob Rogaski** stresses MDI's shipyard experience to ship owner prospects. "Maritime Design, Inc. demonstrates a long

line of experience with the medium size shipyard and possesses strong talent and experience in shipyard production. This experience will benefit the ship owner via MDI's unique Linking Design with Production capability for resolving mat-

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MDI has pioneered a cost-effective proprietary CAD/CAM production system for ensuring material control and fabrication fit?up through a work breakdown methodology. "All processes in the MDI system are approached and rationalized using first principles from

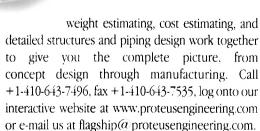


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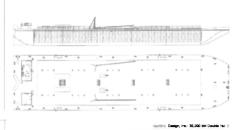
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Maritime Design, Inc. president **Jim Konopasek** was actively involved in contributing to the final rule language (33 CFR Part 157) of double hull treatment to "existing vessels" and also holds a U.S. design patent for double hull treatment. MDI is particularly interested in assisting the inland and coastal barge and tanker operators resolve their double hull compliance issues.

Maritime Design, Inc. has identified a growing need for reliable and accurate project status information by senior management. Konopasek said that, "while large shipyards generally enjoy series class construction over a long term, the medium size shipyard is often challenged by multi-project constructions in short durations with demanding paths. For example, today's medium size shipyard generally possesses a core group whose individual qualifications represents and fulfills the shipyard's intentions for approaching a shipbuilding project. The supporting personnel to these groups may experience a large turnover from project to project and today, may not acquire the desired training and experience. All shipbuilding activities are complex and may wage risk to government contracting agencies, ship owners, shipbuilders and financial institutions. Each stands to realize substantial benefit by utilizing (cooperatively or individually) the MDI Quality Track Assurance Team. Companies that recognize or practice ISO 9000 quality standards will greatly enhance their program with the MDI Quality Track Assurance Team."

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FR. Fassmer & Co.: Keeping It In The Family

Fassmer-Shipyard this year celebrates its 150th year in business, and the companies' chronology is literally a case study in the effective use of and evolution of marine materials. Founded as a one-man boatyard by Johann Faßmer in Bardenfelth in 1850 for the purpose of boat building, the company has evolved from a one-man shop producing wooden boats for hydraulic engineering and fishery to a dynamic medium-sized company, which today builds everything from a 177 ft. (54 m) fishing surveillance craft to a wide range of lifeboats, tenderboat and fast rescue boats for the cruise and ferry markets.

From the trees to the water

Fassmer-Shipyard was literally built of wood, wooden boats that is, and the company served the aforementioned commercial market for its first 30 years admirably. When Carl Johann Friedrich Faßmer - known as Friedrich joined his father's business in 1880. Under his management, the company was enlarged for the first time, and its product range was extended to include sporting boats. By this time, word of the company's good quality had spread, and the backlog had increased accordingly. During the 1890s, the company added a second boatbuilding shed, acquired new mechanical equipment and increased the number of employees to 20.

The next period of growth came around 1920, when Johannes Arnold Ludwig Faßmer - known as Hans took over management as the third generation. The company was able to weather the severe economic storm of the times through diligence and the delivery of high quality product, but also through expansion of product, as it now offered its dinghies and popular motorboats. Large orders for naval cutters and dinghies, which started to be constructed from steel, made it necessary to erect another production hall in 1940.

Alloys, GRP and Aluminum: Banking on the future

Planned shipbuilding after World War II did not start again until after the currency reform of June 20, 1948. Whereas until only wood and steel had been used for building boats, 1948 brought the first order for a boat made from light alloy.

In the mid-50s Friedrich (Friedel), and Heinz Faßmer, the company owner's two sons, went into business with their father. At that time, the production of lifeboats accounted for an ever-increasing share of production. Initially built from wood in the traditional way, steel and aluminum were increasingly being utilized.

In 1958 Fassmer was one of the first shipyards in Europe to start using plastics, an advancement at the time, which literally set the company's future course through today. Only a year later, the first lifeboat made from glass fiber reinforced plastic was delivered to DDG Hansa Shipping Co.

Just before the 1960s, the company outgrew its original site and the decision was made to relocate the works outside of the dike at Motzen, where in 1961 the first boat was launched on the yard's own slipway. In the early 1960s, the company was a diverse entity producing boats for many commercial and consumer markets in nearly every material available. A range of different working and authority boats, as well as sporting boats and lifeboats - built from

steel, light alloy and glass fiber reinforced plastic - now dominated production at the Fassmer-Shipyard.

It had been recognized by the company early on that wood was going to be replaced by modern materials, a realization that helped Fassmer prosper while other similarsized competitors failed.

In 1964 Hans Faßmer transferred management of the company to his two sons, Friedel and Heinz, at which time the company employed about 40 people.

With new management in place, the company made many decisions and deals, which laid the foundations for its current status. In 1968 Oldenbusch & Co. - a company mainly involved in ships equipment and light metal construction was acquired. In the 1970s, the company gained Volkswagen AG as a customer for elevated roofs made from GRP, a contract that was won largely because of the company's gained experience in the area of its lifeboat work. It was during this period that the breadth of Fassmer's offering was firmly established - special shipbuilding; lifeboats; production of non-industry components made of fiber composites; and ship equipment - a factor which would keep the company strong during good times and bad.

In hindsight, development of lifeboats and tender boats for cruise ships was an important step in the company's history, in step with quickly changing regulations regarding safety according to SOLAS and IMO. However, at least as important from the company's view, was the development of completely enclosed lifeboats of the GMR type (enclosed motor lifeboats) or, respectively, TGMR type, which were used as tanker lifeboats. A test in which an enclosed lifeboat with sprinkler system was left in a sea of flames for 10 minutes in 1983 demonstrated the resistance of the new boats. Similarly, the development of free-fall lifeboats in the early 1980s was another important step, and in 1985 the first free-fall lifeboat of the GAR type 6.0 was delivered to Sietas Shipyard for the ship Uwe Kahrs.

The mid-1980s marked another generation of management with the company, as Hans Faßmer, the son of Friedel Faßmer, joined the company and immediately became involved in the construction of a 100 ft. (30.5 m) police boat for the Bremen River Police. The contract was significant, as it led to a large number of orders for similar boats made from the sea-water resistant aluminum. Holger Faßmer, the son of Heinz Faßmer, joined the company in 1990 and concentrated on the area of composite components. Two years later, Harald, another one of Heinz's sons, came onboard, and now holds the spot of the last of today's managing directors. He has since been responsible for the shipbuilding and construction division.

The company, one never to rest on its laurels, is preparing to prosper for the next 150 years today. The reunification of Germany allowed the company to make a cooperative agreement with Barth Shipyard, extending its productions and service to the Baltic Coast. In 1996 Fassmer Schiffsservice GmbH Rechlin in Mecklenburg was founded and is a 100 percent subsidiary. Today enclosed lifeboats mainly are equipped here, and small boats up to 49 ft. (15 m) are offered to public authorities. Shipbuilding capacities were significantly increased in 1997, with the raising of the shipbuilding hall and through the long-term partnership with Yantar Shipyards in Kaliningrad.

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Drop test from the roof of the boatbuilding shed using a plastic rowing boat in 1957.



Heinz Faßmer, Hans Faßmer and Friedrich Faßmer.



Fassmer's current managing directors, Holger, Hans and Harald Faßmer.



The 177 ft. (54 m) fishing surveillance craft for Mauretania at the finishing pier.

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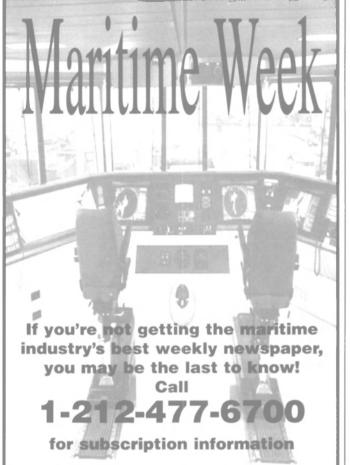
Wet Welding Provides More Than Quick Fix

The aim of any shipowner is obvious- of course). Singapore - which is one of ly to keep a vessel in shape and operating for as many revenue-generating days as possible per year (cargo rates willing,

the world's busiest ports - was the sight of a unique repair job on a Panamanian tanker.

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majority of the company's work, which calls for fast response repair and maintenance, the repair was indeed unique.

The shipowner had called upon Hydrex in January asking for advice concerning a crack repair in the rudder of the 735 ft. (224 m) ship. Upon inspecting the reports, the Hydrex technical manager found that this particular wet weld repair required a specialized underwater welding procedure, which in turn needed to be certified by American Bureau of Shipping (ABS).

ABS is, of course, one of the world's leading ship classification societies, and has been since its founding in 1862. ABS is responsible for determining the structural and mechanical fitness of ships and marine structures in accordance with their intended use.

Following the initial inquiry to its head office, the Hydrex technical support staff rolled into action to process the paperwork and initiate the weld tests and procedures for this certificate. With only a few diving companies around the world possessing this highly regarded certificate, it was essential to Hydrex that the ABS certificate be issued as quickly as possible so that repairs could be carried out. With three of its divers already highly trained, all that was needed following paperwork was setting the ABS test day. Early in January 2000 an ABS surveyor arrived to witness the test, and Hydrex's three diver/welders performed the wet weld in the training tank, with a live video link-up so that the surveyor could witness the event up all three close. The result: diver/welders were fully certified.

Once on the scene, Hydrex's staff utilized the report of a local diving company in Fujairah, which had reported the cracks on the rudder. Upon making the initial dive, however, it was found that both cracks had actually increased in length since the earlier inspection, meaning that immediate repair was crucial. With the approval of the ABS surveyor, the crack repairs got underway. Firstly, the preparation work was done and then the task was passed to the certified wet welders. The welds were performed in one working day and were fully passed and approved by the ABS surveyor on site.

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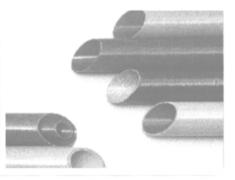
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A New Wave of Customer-Driven Offerings: The SAGA Process

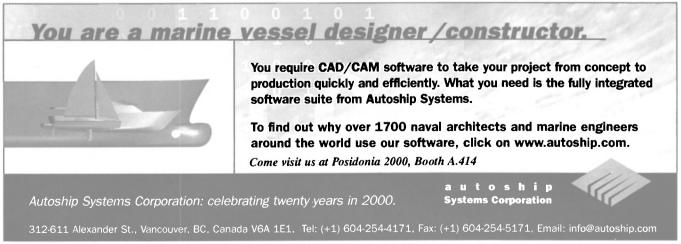
In the past, companies have expanded their product lines via strategic acquisition of complimentary companies. More recently companies have expanded their product offerings by creating strategic alliances with other companies to surround clients with recognizable brands. The wave of the future is to expand through customer requested and customer led programs. Cruise ship operators have long known that the only way to guarantee repeat business is by offering the guest a fair price and by exceeding all of the guests expectations. To meet these ends, cruise ship operators are requiring more specialized services in support of the expanded needs of guests. This growing trend of vendors that focus on customer needs is already effecting the field of vessel procurement. To meet these changing needs progressive vendors, such as Unitor, are already following strategic models to support the expanded needs of their customers. Successful vendors will increasingly utilize a SAGA process to promote a culture of customer driven programs. The SAGA process is a fourstep model for launching a new customer offering onto the market. SAGA stands for (S) Start a New Strategy, (A) Advance the strategy, (G) Group Focus, (A) Analyze the strategy.

When commencing a strategy, the vendor must have a process to identify the needs of the customer. A vendor must always be in tune with its customer's evolving needs. Customers' businesses are constantly expanding or contracting and — depending upon the direction the industry is going — will change the nature of the business relationship. It is no longer acceptable to solely monitor product shortages to customers to determine effectiveness. One must monitor all aspects of the business relationship. A critical area to monitor is customer requests. What a customer actually requests of the vendor, regardless if it is part of the vendor's portfolio at the time, is critical information. For example, it was this type of data that was the basis of the Unitor Cruise Service concept product list. Vendors must monitor what the customers' request beyond the traditional supply. If one customer requests a cer-

tain item, chances are good that five other companies believe that the vendor supplies it on a regular basis. Start offering what the client is requesting, rather than what the vendor feels the customer should be requesting. It is these requested items that make the best strategies to start.

The second process in SAGA is to advance a strategy. Once data has been gathered about possible new offerings, advance these thoughts within the organization. Discuss these new products or services with all





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levels in the organization, especially with customer service. Gather as much information from within the company regarding the merits of the idea. Let others add, modify and grow the idea. The best idea to advance is one that was formed at all levels of an organization. If one person has heard these requests, then chances are good that others have heard them as well. If it turns out that other groups have heard similar requests often then the chances are good that the project will be very successful. A common concern in this process is that it leaves the initiator open to rejection and criticism. Do not be afraid of rejection by others in your organization. Rejection is just a sign of resistance to change and has nothing to do with the value of the idea. Do not let this stop the process. If it is fact-based, criticism can be extremely helpful. Always search for valid reasons that are based in fact and not answers such as "we have already tried that years ago and it failed," or "I feel that my customers will not go for that." If you find these reasons early, you can avoid having a fatal flow in your business plan. On the other hand, if others state they have not had similar requests or there are some compelling valid arguments why the company should not go in that direction - then this is valid criticism. If the facts do not support the expansion, scrap the project and search for a new offering. Regardless of the outcome, make the most of the data and then either proceed to gathering external data or start the SAGA process over.

The third process in SAGA is group focus.

Once the vendor has gathered internal information,

then proceed with gathering information externally. Group focus, unlike the other processes, has two distinct phases. Phase one is to discuss the ideas in small focus groups; phase two is locating a suitable company for a strategic alliance. In phase one of group focus the vendor must contact a few long-standing customers for feedback. The vendor must gather a small group of long standing customers and ask them if the direction under consideration has merit. These vendor comparisons will undoubtedly offer both positive and negative comments - leading to an effective learning experience through these discussions. Focus groups are excellent forums to establish exactly what favorable and poor vendor performance look like to customers. If customer response is negative, consider scrapping the idea. More companies have failed by introducing a host of products that customers do not want than by the launching of a single program that the customer really requires. If customer response is positive, then proceed to phase two of the group focus process.

Phase two is to find an acceptable vendor to partner with in this new direction. If possible, start discussing cooperative efforts with companies that may have been mentioned in the focus groups. This phase of the process will take considerable effort, however the final result will certainly be worth the effort. This step will also take time to educate this new partner vendor to the ways of the customers, as well as the ways of the industry. Once all contractual and operational details have been completed, launch the program with as much fanfare and enthusiasm as possible.

Analyzation is the focus of SAGA's fourth step.

Once the new vendor program has been launched and has been operating for a few weeks, one must analyze and review feedback about the program. Gather feedback from the industry as well as from customers receiving the new product or service. This process is very important and many organizations have a tendency to skip this process. Typically, if a program becomes a financial success - the company does not follow up. If it is unsuccessful, the follow up consists of an inquisition-type search from someone to blame within the organization.

These types of behavior are to be avoided and real analysis of what succeeded and what failed is necessary for the success of the next project. Companies must learn from their successes and failures alike. More importantly, just because a new project achieves its sales targets does not mean that it does not have a hidden potential of one hundred times its current success. Companies have a tendency to forget that sales targets established for any new program are only a guess; the actual potential of the program can only be determined after reviewing the reaction of the market.

Although the goal is to always create successful new programs, much can be learned by examining failure. Unsuccessful programs should be examined quickly, as failure can be a result of many different factors. A common mistake of companies is to slowly reduce a program over time. It is best to totally

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end a program and give ample notice to users prior to the ending of the offering. This allows for an orderly transition and avoids a long drama of both companies watching sales and service slip, and while it may not be popular with customers, it certainly will not turn them away from a new company offering. Companies that consistently apply the SAGA process will find themselves with a strong portfolio of aggressive programs that offer customers superior quality and service. Unitor is one such company that clearly follows the SAGA process. The Unitor Cruise Service program is a clear sign of the new wave of programs that will be designed for and by customers.

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In order to reduce the running-in time when testing components on its 4T50MX research engine, MAN B&W



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developed an aluminum-bronze coating for the sliding surface of piston rings. Aluminum-bronze has shown excellent results as a piston ring coating too, and has consequently been introduced o the company's new engines in order to reduce the running=in time and the cylinder oil consumption. Alu-Coat rings are also offered as an alternative standard for MAN B&W MC type engines already in service. The company reports that the difference in price versus un-coated rings is about 20 percent, a cost that is more than covered in savings from reduced cylinder oil consumption.

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Seasafe Offers Fiberglass Strut Systems

Seasafe offers a complete selection of non-metallic accessories, fasteners, hangers, pipe clamps and channels in its Fiberglass Strut and Accessories. Most Seasafe Strut Products are available in a choice of resins: either vinylester or polyester, and the company offers its staff to help customers with their choice. **Circle 68 on Reader Service Card**

Cost-Saving Coating Approved

A new machinery coating has recently qualified for use aboard Navy ships. The new coating is comprised of nanostructured particles, will allow the Navy to save money by extending the service life of machinery and other assets. The first use of the coating will be as a replacement for hard chrome on a series of submarine components.

The coating was developed under the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Science and Technology (S&T) Affordability Initiative and the DoD Dual Use S&T Program. The new coating is a nanostructured version of a widely used conventional alumina-titania ceramic composite. It is applied by an environmentally safe thermal spray process using existing commercial off-the-shelf equipment. Nanostructured materials contain particles or grains that are smaller than 100 billionths of a meter (4 millionths of an inch) in diameter, or 100 nanometers. Materials with this ultra-fine microstructure exhibit unprecedented mechanical properties."The mechanical properties of materials begin to change drastically as we reduce grain size into the nanoscale regime," said Dr. Lawrence Kabacoff, ONR Materials Division program officer.

Kurz Joins Hvide As CEO

In the latest of various corporate changes that have occurred at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based Hvide Marine, the company has elected Gerhard E. Kurz as CEO and a member of its Board of Directors. He replaces James J. Gaffney, who had been serving as interim chairman and will now hold the position of non-executive chairman of the board. Jean Fitzgerald, who managed to bring Hvide to new levels by taking the fledgling company out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, took on Hvide's reins as chairman and CEO following the resignation of longtime CEO, Erik Hvide last year. Fitzgerald, who recently underwent successful heart surgery, will continue to serve Hvide as a consultant and member of its Board.

Kurz comes to Hvide following his recent retirement as president of Mobil Shipping and Transportation Company (MOSAT) - a position he had held since 1989.

Leading up to his final position at The Mobil-Oil affiliated company, which operated a fleet of 30 deep-sea tankers and 26 tugs and barges, Kurz began his career in London at Mobil Shipping Company Limited in 1964 as a chartering assistant. The following year, Kurz was transferred to the company's Marine Division in New York where he pursued and earned an MBA from New York University. Proceeding a slew of promotions, Kurz was appointed vice president of planning, Middle East and marine transportation before taking on the head position at MOSAT.

AMSEC Acquires Rosenblatt & Son

AMSEC LLC has attained the naval architecture and marine engineering firm M. Rosenblatt & Son, New York, New York. The company, which is known as one of the premier marine design engineering firms worldwide, has aided in the design of ships and shipboard systems for the U.S. Navy since 1947. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

With headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va., AMSEC recently expanded by more than 30,000 sq. ft., resulting from its strong business growth on all fronts, including design, maintenance and inservice engineering support.

Caterpillar Acquires Sabre

Caterpillar, Inc. has attained Sabre Engines, a U.K.-based company that specializes in high performance marine diesel engines.

Sabre established a cooperation agreement with Perkins Engines Company in 1991, calling for Perkins to tout core engines to Sabre for marinization. The addition of Sabre to the Caterpillar oper-May, 2000 ation will complement the company's global offering of marine power systems below 300-bhp.

New MD At Schottel

Dr. Detlef Reinsberg was elected the new managing director of Schottel GmbH & Co. in Spay/Rhine, Germany. Reinsberg, who began his career as a financial director with ABB in Manheim, and later with the Fresenius Group in Bad Homburg, will spearhead a group of companies whose main plant reached sales of \$61.3 million in 1999.

UTC And Carrier Acquire Electrolux

United Technologies Corp. (UTC) and its Carrier Corp. subsidiary have attained Electrolux Commercial Refrigeration from Electrolux Group for approximately \$145 million.

A global supplier of refrigeration equipment for commercial customers within the supermarket, food and beverage markets, Electrolux Commercial Refrigeration will be integrated into Carrier's Commercial Refrigeration Operations Unit. With 2,300 employees, Electrolux Commercial estimates its 1998 sales at more than \$300 million.

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Efficient Bunker Buyers "Need to Know"

By Ivar Tønnesen, chairman of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA)

The bunker industry is witnessing interesting times. Throughout the last 12 months, prices have doubled for many grades of fuel, reaching unparalleled levels. At the same time, the industry has seen the launch of the first serious Internet-based marine fuels sales operations. While apparently unconnected, both developments have had a similar effect on the industry. They have underlined the importance of training and education for those in the bunker business. Without knowledge, those working in marine fuels, purchasers in particular, will not be able to face up to the challenges of high prices and electronic trading.

The sharp increase in bunker prices during the last year is in stark contrast with what was going on immediately prior to the rise. Eighteen months ago, oil prices around the world were at levels that could barely sustain well exploitation in some areas, and they looked to be heading lower still. The Economist went so far as to predict that oil prices would dip as low as five dollars per barrel. Behind the fall was a

massive oversupply of oil in nearly every market. This was good news for consumers, including the shipping lines, for whom buying bunkers is the most expensive part of running a fleet. Bunker prices in key markets edged close to \$50 per ton at one stage.

It didn't last, though. The Economist was proved wrong. Rather than dipping further, oil prices suddenly started to rise. Alarmed at collapsing revenues, OPEC dramatically pegged back its production. The tried and trusted supplyand-demand mechanism did the rest. Oil prices started to climb. First back to sustainable levels, then to heights that sent jitters around the world. At the time of this writing, oil in some markets is being quoted at close to \$30 a barrel, a rate previously only matched during the oil crises of the 1970s.

The consequences for the bunker industry of the high oil prices were profound. Prices rose in line with the wider oil picture. Fleet managers saw their monthly fuel bills increase dramatically. Rates were rising so fast that even a

day's delay in placing an order could add thousands of dollars to the final invoice. Shipping companies, already operating with slim margins or even at a loss, reacted by charging shippers bunker surcharges and told their crews to go slow in order to burn less fuel. Some made the error of buying as cheap as they could, regardless of quality, and got caught out with off-spec fuel.

The increase in bunker prices has proved the merit of training and education in the industry. It is almost certain that those ship operators who invested in training for their bunker purchasing staff are now reaping the benefits. They are doing so, either because their purchasing staff were able to buy their fuel ahead of time at lower prices, using sophisticated products now available to the bunker industry, or because their staff are able to make the best of a bad situation.

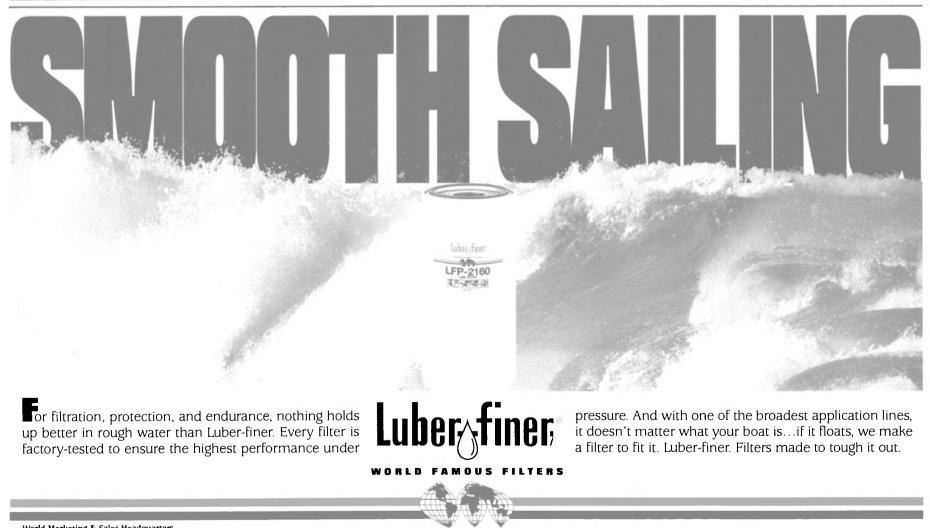
You would think that in an environment where a difference of a few dollars in bunker prices can spell the difference between a profitable and a loss-making voyage, that the Internet, with its capacity to provide information from a wide range of sources directly to the purchaser's PC, would be a boon. Indeed,



there is a lot of bunker price information available on the Internet. It is even possible to buy fuel on the Web. Yet without proper knowledge of how the bunker industry works, purchasers will not be able to get the best out of these new services.

Many news articles have focused on the launches of online bunker purchasing sites. Two of the most renowned launches have been of eFueloil.com (backed by Chemoil and Itochu) and OceanConnect.com (founded by a grouping of Shell, BP and FAMM, itself a joint marine fuels marketing initiative of Chevron and Texaco). So far, newly-

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Lubricant Technology Proven Tough Under Fire

In modern medium speed diesel engines the fuel

pump pressure has been increased, sometimes up to

1600 bar. This contributed to high fuel pump leakage

and increased fuel contamination of the lubricant.

Analyses of used oils from medium speed engines run-

ning on heavy fuel (HFO) indicated an average HFO

contamination of two percent. In some cases levels up

Most of the HFOs in use today come from cracking

installations. The cracked asphaltenes, an inherent part

of modern HFOs, don't dissolve in lubricants but

instead coagulate and form floating asphalt particles of

two to five microns. These particles are very sticky and

form black deposits on all metal surfaces of the engine.

These result in black deposits in the cambox and in the

crankcase. The deposits also cause oil scraper ring

Deposits are also formed in the hot areas of the

engine such as the piston grooves, the piston lands and

in the cooling spaces of the piston. If an oil barrier is

used to seal the fuel pump, asphaltene coagulation can

occur on the surface of the fuel pump plunger, some-

times leading to fuel pump blockages. These deposits

clogging. This can lead to high oil consumption.

Engine blackening through

to 15 percent were detected.

fuel contamination

When Texaco, now represented in the marine lubricants market by FAMM (Fuel and Marine Marketing), launched Taro 40 XL 40, the lubricant was designed to address pressing field problems in medium speed engines. Three years later FAMM is in a position to evaluate the performance in a large number of engines and to compare the field results with competitive lubricants. The pressing problems arose from a series of engine design and fuel processing changes. Although aimed at improving engine efficiency and making savings, the changes resulted in a series of difficulties. The best known are engine blackening, undercrown deposits, piston head corrosion, fouling of purifier heaters, increased oil consumption, base number depletion, oil scraper ring clogging and increased piston deposits. To operate the new medium speed engines satisfactorily, a new generation of lubricants was needed. The new oils had to be able to disperse high concentrations of cracked asphaltenes in the lubricant and have enhanced thermal stability to resist extreme temperature conditions.

To understand the impact of the new lubricant generation on the field performance, it is necessary to look into the causes of the field problems and the working mechanisms of the new lubricants.

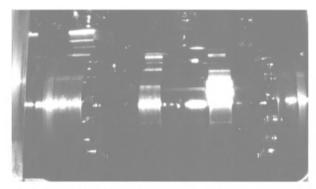


Fig 1: Typical blackening of a cambox due to 4 percent HFO contamination of the lubricant

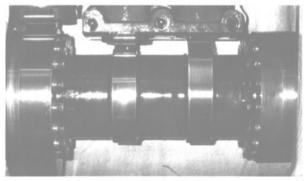


Fig 2: A cambox lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40, despite a high HFO contamination level of 4 percent, the blackening is fully eliminated.



Fig 4: A clean crankcase operating with Taro 40 XL 40

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Fig 5: Carbon layer build up in cooling chamber

can obstruct the fuel pump drain. This results in excessive fuel ingress into the lube oil, aggravating the deposit problems and causing serious viscosity increases due to fuel admixture.

Significant differences in the degree of blackening can be observed in the field. The differences are largely due to purification conditions and fuel pump type. The problems can be minimised by effective purification, which removes the asphalt particles from the lubricant. Extreme engine blackening is experienced in case of poor purification in combination with high HFO pump leakage.

Solutions

It was to resolve these problems that the new lubricant technology was developed. In the latest generation of lubricants, asphaltenes are dispersed in the lubricant.

Inspection of a high number of engines of different makes, which have accumulated up to 20,000 hours with Taro 40 XL 40, show excellent general cleanliness and considerably improved piston cleanliness. Excellent results are obtained even with high HFO contamination levels up to 8 percent. Product testing in the laboratory and engine inspections in the field indicate that there is a substantial difference between the performance of the different commercial oils on the market. In particular, the amount of asphaltenes that can be dispersed is significantly different. This is reflected in the high number of dirty engines still found in the field. Engines with a relatively high level of HFO contamination and a moderate oil quality still suffer asphaltene deposits, heavy deposit formation in purifiers, in purifier heaters, high filter consumption etc.

FAMM found that of all the tested commercial lubricants, Taro 40 XL 40 was able to disperse the highest level of cracked asphaltenes. Nearly all engines lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40 were fully clean. Excellent piston cleanliness was obtained. The cleaning intervals of the purifiers were reduced as was, in many cases, filter consumption. Deposit formation in purifier heaters was almost eliminated.

The field results obtained with Taro 40 XL 40 are illustrated in Figures 1 to 4.

They show the cleanliness obtained with the new lubricant as compared with the previous generation of oil. Figure 1 shows typical blackening of a cambox due to 4percent HFO contamination of the lubricant.

Figure 2 shows a cambox lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40, despite a high HFO contamination level of 4 percent, the blackening is fully eliminated.

Figures 3 and 4 compare crankcase cleanliness in an

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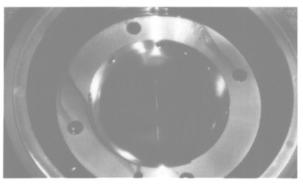


Fig 6: A similar cooling chamber in an engine lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40 $\,$

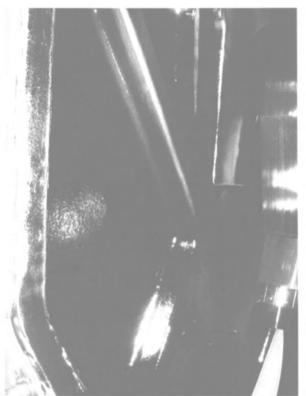


Fig 3: Crankcase blackening due to heavy fuel contamination

Online Fuel Supplier Fueled By Support

Online marine fuel supplier Ocean-Connect signed a strategic alliance with ship broking group Horace Clarkson

Plc. "Clarksons will support OceanConnect.com's initiatives to develop credit insurance and swaps capability to the online marine fuels marketplace," the company said. Clarksons, the world's biggest shipbroking group will also

become an equity partner in OceanConnect. In the last month OceanConnect has announced partnerships with shipping companies Eletson Corporation, Keystone Shipping Co and Stena Bulk AB plus Japan's Nippon Mitsubishi Oil



Company and energy information provider Petroleum Argus. Scheduled to begin operations in late spring, Ocean-Connect said it aims to provide a fast and price-efficient marketplace for marine fuel transactions plus real-time information on pricing and product availability. Other investors include BP Marine (a unit of BP Amoco), Fuel and Marine Marketing LLC (a joint venture between Texaco and Chevron) and Shell Marine Products (a Royal Dutch/Shell

ExxonMobil Forms New Global Team

ExxonMobil has established a new global marine lubricants organization, which is part of the company's Lubricants & Petroleum Specialties Company. The new team is com-



Mark P. Andreotta

prised of executives from both former companies with a combined total of 60 years of marine lubricants experience. The new group includes: Mark P. Andreotta, vice president, Global Marine and Aviation Lubricants, Fairfax, Va.; Ray J. Pomfret, regional manager, Africa, Europe and Middle East, Leatherhead (Esso Petroleum); Tom Arne Ingovoldstad, regional marine manager, Asia Pacific, Singapore (ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte.); Andy Janssen, regional marine manager, Americas, Fairfax, Va. and Keith P. Saddler, Global Equipment Builder and Marine Products Manager, Fairfax, Va.

The company also appointed Steve Walker as technical manager to oversee the implementation of an Operations Integrity Management System (OIMS).

Fuel-Tek Touts New Fuel Conditioner

Florida-based Fuel-Tek



has developed a new fuel conditioner specially designed for the marine market - Fuel-Tek Marine CAL-5 - a multifunctional

additive package. The product addresses every fuel storage and handling problem encountered within the maritime industry. Cal-5 is a fuel stabilizer that contains surfactants, non-ionic dispersants and organic combustion catalysts coupled with proprietary FAB-20 technology. This conglomeration offers an environment that is unsuitable for the formation and growth of fungi, algae and bacteria. Cal-5 also eliminates soot in the exhaust stream, lubricates the fuel sys tem, extends filter life and disperses water. A 16-ounce bottle will treat 640 gallons and a one-gallon container will

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Marine Fuels, Lubricants & Additives

Onboard Napa Power Promotes Fuel Economy



Finnish-based marine software developer Onboard-Napa Oy has added a system for lowering the operational costs of ships. The

system aids the user in planning voyages so that the destination port is reached on time in a cost-effective way. This idea is modeled on the same technology utilized for the Napa system for CAE tasks, and for the Onboard-Napa system used with onboard calculations of ship loading and damage stability. A userfriendly tool for planning routes, schedules and optimizing ship operations, Onboard Napa-Power can also be used for reporting fuel consumption and costs, and compiling statistics on various voyages. The system can be interfaced with the other systems already installed on the bridge, thus minimizing the input required from the user.

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World Fuel Services Sells Oil Recycling Segment

World Fuel Services Corp. has sold its oil recycling segment - known as the International Petroleum group of companies - to Dallas-based EarthCare Company. The transaction was valued at \$28 million in cash and \$5 million in EarthCare common stock, subject to certain resale restrictions and price protection. The company is expected to record a considerable gain from the sale during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000.

The sale of the oil recycling segment repositions World Fuel Services as a downstream marketer and financier of aviation and marine fuel products and services to a worldwide customer base.

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Dylon Lubricant Develops Heavy Duty Grease

Dylon Lubricant Technologies has developed heavy duty grease Grade GR-424. The water-resistant grease formulated for industrial equipment is designed specifically for heavy duty service where high loads and demanding environments are common. GR-424 remedies most heavyweight lubrication problems, and is perfect for use in antifriction bearings, open gears, universal joints and other harsh environment equipment. The grease is comprised of a heavily loaded chemistry featuring four percent solid film additives, which build a barrier between metal parts for maximum metal-to-metal separation. What could most likely be dubbed as the product's most unique feature is its advanced polymer and its ability to lock out moisture and other contaminants.

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A full color Zee Line New Product brochure touts new industrialgrade transfer and storage products from National-Spencer, Inc. The brochure is comprised of detailed information on new product



offerings in hose reels, 3:1 ratio oil pumps, preset digital meters and equipment packages.

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Biotech Device Cleans Enviro

EnSolve Biosystems was granted USCG and IMO certification for its oily water separator. The premiere commercial unit will be installed on a 1,000 ft. (30.4 m) cargo vessel operating in the U.S. Great Lakes. The PetroLiminator is the first of technologically-driven separators that meld modern biotechnology with physical separation of oil from water. Using a newly patented biotechnology process to clean oily water, the Petroliminator includes a fail-safe monitoring process to ensure that water discharged is cleaner than the regulatory limit of 15 parts per million.

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Greek Ferry Report

Greek Ferries: The New Business Model

The ultra competitive Greek ferry market has not only proven to be a fertile breeding ground for advanced marine technology, it has served as a role model for the direction of shipping services in both the region and the world.

The Greek market has provided the collective builders and suppliers of advanced fast and conventional ferries a rich environment for business over the past few months, a trend that seems likely to continue. Specifically, Greek owners and operators have been at the forefront of an international buying binge for large, fast passenger, vehicle and cargo carrying craft. Driven by the need for speed, many owners are turning to advances in marine electronic and propulsion systems to ensure that the multi-million dollar investments are kept running safe and efficient.



"Consumers can choose the best available rather than being forced to accept mediocrity, so that competing companies are forced to continuously improve their products or service," said **Pericles S. Panagopulos,** chairman of Attica Enterprises board in the company's annual report. "This is exactly the opposite of what is happening in Greece's domestic sea transportation,

where lack of competition

Pericles S. Panagopoulos, chairman, Attica Enterprises

and the perpetuation of monopolies have created a lackluster industry."

Heavy Investment In New Ships

Hallmarks of the Greek ferry market in the past 12 months have been consolidation and major investment in new ships, and the December 1999 takeover over of Strintzis Lines by Attica Enterprises serves as the perfect example.

Attica Enterprises, a leading Adriatic passenger shipping firm, recorded a net profit improvement of 0.5 percent to 9.1 billion drachmas (\$24.5 million) in 1999 (excluding Strintzis Lines; Strintzis and Attica results will be combined in 2000), on earnings before interest and depreciation growth of 3.4 percent to 13.1 billion. Strintzis Lines 1999 net profit rose 27 percent to 3.0

billion drachmas (\$72.3 million) on sales growth of 10.5 percent to 26.8 billion, with earnings before interest and depreciation increasing 10.3 percent to 7.2 billion.

Strintzis Lines is ideally positioned to capitalize on phenomenal growth in both its passenger and truck segments. Yearend 1999, Strintzis saw passenger volume jump nearly 20 percent to 1.9 million, and truck volume leap an astounding 39 percent to 131,000, as compared to 1998 numbers.

The substantial increase in commercial traffic in the Adriatic is in line with the



company's strategy of reorienting the fleet to RoPax ferries with greater truck capacity and higher speed. It is worthy to note that the growth rates in the Adriatic were achieved despite the introduction of three new fast ferries by other operators.

The company has staked its future on partnerships and new ships. In September it agreed to a takeover with Attica Enterprises. The companies aim to expand their operations into new domestic and international routes while taking advantage of economics of scale and operating synergies. After signing its agreement with Attica, the company proceeded to launch three new brand names: Blue Star Ferries, Blue Ferries and Blue Star Jets.

Under the Blue Star Ferries trade name will operate all newbuildings, ie. Blue Star 1, Blue Star 2, Blue Star Ithaki, Blue Star Chios and Blue Star Mykonos. All other vessels of our fleet will operate under the trade name Blue Ferries, except of the two catamarans, the Seajet 1 and Seajet 2 that will trade as Blue Star Jets.

This rebranding is expected to help increase sales and our market share, domestically as well as in Adriatic routes

Strintzis has been particularly active in the ordering of new ferries for expanded operations, and on March 31, 2000 it took delivery of Blue Star Ithaki from Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. Blue Star Ithaki is an ultramodern RoPax Ferry and can achieve maximum speed of 25 knots. This month and later this summer, the company plans to take delivery of Blue Star 1 and Blue Star 2, which are currently at their final stage of construction.

The vessels will serve daily the Patras - Brindisi route at a record time of nine hours and the Patras -Ancona route via Brindisi daily at 21 hours. In addition, during the first quarter 2000 the keel-laying of the vessels Blue Star Chios and Blue Star Mykonos will took place at the Hellenic Shipyards Co.

Last November Strintzis exercised the option for a third newbuilding at Hellenic Shipyards Co. This vessel is due to be delivered within the first six months of the year 2002.

The company sees its investment in newbuildings and the cooperation with Attica Enterprises paying immediate dividends, with an improved profit margin owed to the operational efficiencies of its new ships and intense marketing and promotion of its new brands.

Superfast Ferries Profits Flying

Attica Enterprises said its main unit Superfast Ferries Maritime SA posted a 15.1 percent rise in net profit to 8.6 billion drachmas (\$23.2 million) in 1999, on sales growth 10.4 percent to 29.6 billion and a 11 percent rise in earnings before interest and depreciation to 12.5 billion.

Superfast Ferries Maritime SA ranked first for the second consecutive year in passenger and commercial vehicle traffic, and second in private car traffic among the 45 ships in service in the Adriatic Sea routes

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Greek Ferry Report

between Greece and Italy.

Its four Superfast ferries carried 13.7 percent more passengers, 20 percent more trucks and 24.2 percent more private vehicles in 1999 compared to 1998. Strintzis Lines was in third place in overall traffic in the Greece-Italy routes with its six ships, carrying 14 percent of passengers, 16.1 percent of lorries and 13.3 percent of private vehicles. It recorded a 21.4 percent rise in passenger rise in 1999 versus 1998, 60.1 percent growth in trucks and 63.1 percent growth in private vehicle traffic. The six brand new ferries of latest technology due for delivery this year are expected to boost group sales and profits in 2000.

Minoan Earnings Up 60 Percent

Minoan Lines reported that 1999 earnings bofore depreciation grew 60 percent year-on-year to 20 billion drachmas, on operating revenue growth of 7.5 percent to 46.5 billion drachmas (\$125.5

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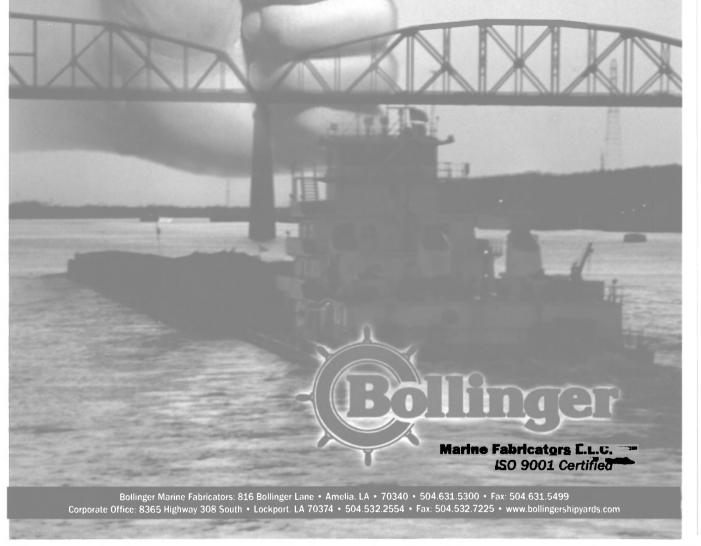
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million). Earnings before depreciation and financial expenses improved 53 percent in 1999 to \$62.1 million. The earnings report was particularly impressive in the face of traffic losses due to the Kosovo crisis. Its investment of \$660 million in seven newbuildings is expected to be completed mid-2002, allowing for a renewal of its fleet and the realization of capital gains from the sale of older vessels. Four of the new vessels are being built by Fincantieri, with the other three coming from Samsung.

34 Ship Ordering Binge Subsides

Fast moves on the water were matched with like speed in the boardroom, as Minoan Lines' 70-percent subsidiary Minoan Flying Dolphins completed a rather aggressive and amazing buying spree last year into this, acquiring 34 vessels. The company, which became a instant favorite with equipment suppliers and shipyards alike, went on a purchasing swing that included buying:

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• ferry Penelopi A. from Agoudimos Lines for an undisclosed sum, adding about 350,000 passengers and 60,000 cars to Minoan Flying Dolphins' total of passengers and vehicles transported and about 1.2 billion drachmas in revenues annually.

• four ferries — Super Naias, Panagia Ekatontapyliani, Apollon Hellas and Ulysses — operating on routes to the Cyclades islands and the Argosaronic Gulf.

• in November 1999 a block of 10 ferries, including Poseidon Express II, Pegasus, Milos Express, Papadiamantis, Poseidon Hellas, Aeas, Apostolos, Hellas, Aphaea and Aegina

• three ferries — F/B Anemos, F/B Lemnos and F/B Macedon — from the shipping family Nomikos for an undisclosed amount. At the time the company reported that the three ferries have a combined annual turnover of about 2.05 billion drachmas (\$6.51 million), carrying 300,000 passengers and 50,000 cars to the Sporades annually and 125,000 passengers to the Dodecannese destinations.

• six ferries, operating in the sea routes linking the ports of Piraeus and Rafina with the Cyclades islands.

The ferries are Express Afrodite, Express Athena, Express Apollo, Express Hermes, Express Olympia and

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(Sel	ect Financia	al Details)	
January	1 to Decer	nber 31, 199	9
(GRD million)	1999	1998	1997
Revenue	26,762	24,678	21,175
Operating Profit	2,891	3,678	3,194
Net Profit (Loss)	3,253	2,118	1,081
Total Assets	96,110	75,661	43,639
Vessels	80,996	65,434	36,234
Long-Term Debt	36,201	19,268	15,441
Equity	50,522	47,511	20,456
Investing activitie	s		
Vessels acquisition	s & Improv	ements	
	(27,280)	(29,260)	(6,025)
Property, plant, and	d equipment		
	(115)	(284)	(252)
Proceeds from sale	of subsidia	ry, net	
	232	0	0
Proceed from sale	of vessel. ne	et	
	10,190	0	0
Financing activiti	es		
New loans	45,356	5,333	2,517
Repayment of long	g-term debt		
	(28,066)	(2,273)	(2,205)
Key Traffic	Data (Janu	ary to Decen	nber)
Vo	lumes in th	ousands	
	1999	1998	%
Passengers	1,865.7	1,558.8	19.7%
Vehicles	256.2	249.1	2.8%
Trucks	131,7	94.9	38.8%

Express Santorini.

• ferry Sea Speed 1, a three-month-old newbuild from FBM Marine.

• four RoRo vessels, including Sea Trailer from Valentine Marine Ltd., Star Trailer from Kameron Marine, Nave Trailer from Nave Maritime and Cielo Trailer from Cielo Maritime. At the time the company said that the RoRo vessels were acquired to complement Minoan Lines' six highspeed ferries operating in the Adriatic Sea, offering cargo transport services. • five used ferries which service routes linking the port of Piraeus with islands in the Saronic gulf.

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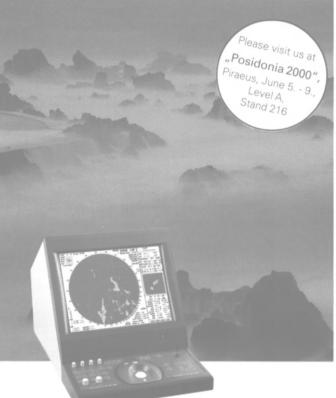
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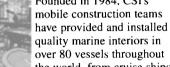
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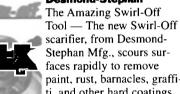
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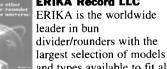
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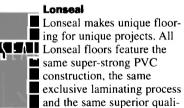
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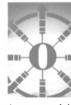
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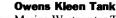
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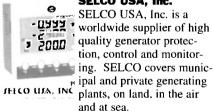
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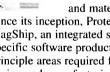
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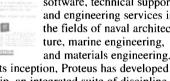
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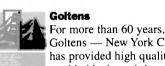
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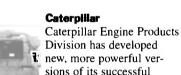
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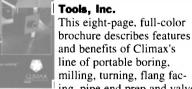
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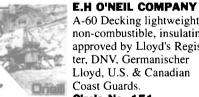


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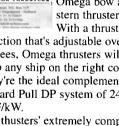
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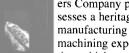
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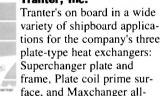


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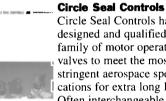
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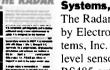
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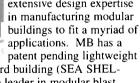
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Icy Wasteland Or Shipping Utopia?

Controversy between the U.S. and Canada regarding the rights to the Northwest Passage became a frontburner item recently, based on the deployment by the U.S. of an icebreaker on a rare trip through Canada's disputed Arctic waters.

The U.S. Coast Guard's new polar icebreaker Healy is scheduled to carry out a series of experiments in the Arctic ice before sailing through the passage in June and July. In discussing the matter, Canadian officials stress that permission was granted for the trip, and that the country was not relinquishing its claim to all the waters that fall within its boundaries.

These include the Northwest Passage, a term used to describe the different possible routes through the numerous islands that dot Canada's vast Arctic which --- while rarely navigable because of ice - represent by far the shortest potential sea route between Europe and Asia. However, the not so small matter of global warming and the prospects that in the not so distant future a clearer, more navigable lane - even for a portion of the year - would be available for regular maritime traffic, has raised the matter's importance of anyone involved in trade matters, which could benefit from the cost-saving route.

Washington disputes Ottawa's claim and others, who say the usually iceclogged waters of the passage are international and therefore open to all shipping. The commander of Canada's forces in the far north has already said the country might have to use its military to enforce its claims over all its territory.

Washington has, in the past, stoked tension with Canada by twice sending ships through the passage without permission - the specially designed oil tanker Manhattan in 1969 and the icebreaker Polar Sea in 1985.

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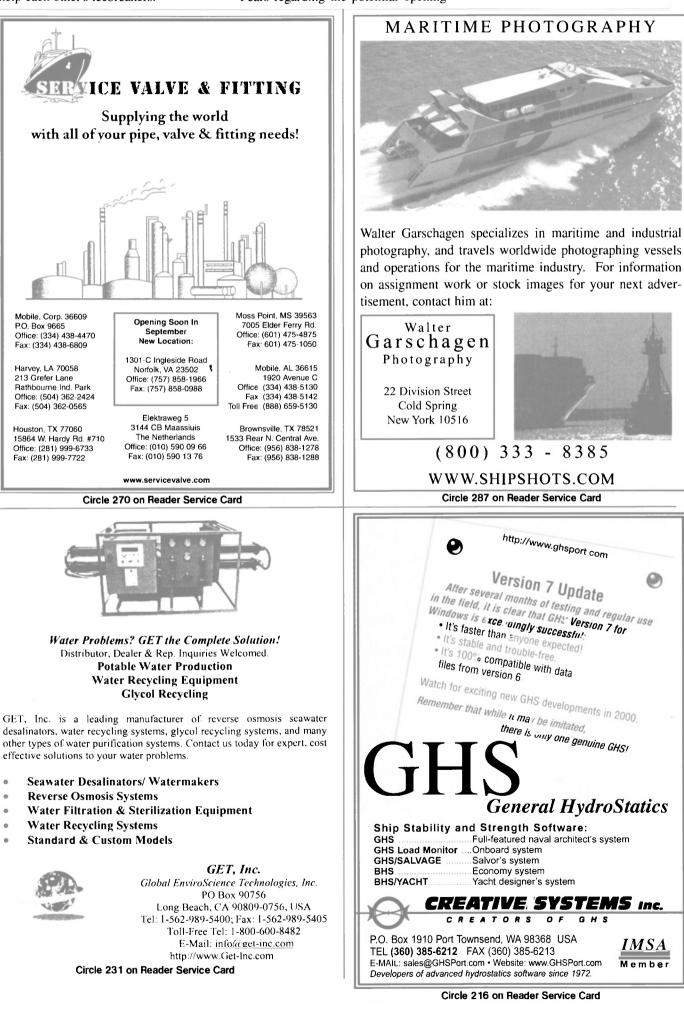
through the passage by a U.S. ship since the two countries signed a 1988 agreement on Arctic cooperation pledging to help each other's icebreakers.

Healy can carry 75 crew members and up to 50 scientists and is primarily designed as an Arctic research vessel. Fears regarding the potential opening of the waterway center around possible damage to the ecologically vulnerable passage each year. Canada's belief that it has the right to regulate traffic in the Northwest Passage rests partly on a law it passed in 1970 to protect the fragile Arctic environment from spills of oil and other waste from large bulk carriers.

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The past decade was a tough one for the Canadian shipbuilding market. It was a decade that produced a decline of both employment and decline of newbuilds, many of which were contracted in the late 1980s still awaiting construction. This unfinished business was concentrated mostly on various military projects that had been thought out but were never actually followed through. It is estimated that by the time the 1990's came to a close that Canadian yards had experienced the worst decade since postwar times with total sales declining by about 50 percent since 1991. In addition, total employment in the industry has broken off by about 50 percent from 12,000 workers in 1990 to today's figure of 5,000.

It has been reported that these figures, while they are grim, are not a reflection of the Canadian maritime industry as a whole, but merely the shipbuilding community's staggering unemployment and economic rates. Some may find that in these trying times, they are better suited for employment in a field that would deem more productive, despite the industry's relatively high wage pay out.

Customarily, shipbuilders around the world would fall back on their government and national carriers for sustainment, but alas, this is no longer an option. All shipbuilding countries must construct vessels for export, as well as for their own use. For instance, government policy states that government fleets must be renewed and repaired in Canada, while this is good news for the country's shipbuilding arena in that owners will not call upon outside yards, the maintenance of the country's government fleets alone cannot sustain the industry.

In revitalizing this industry, Canada's strengths lie within the construction of high-value specialty vessels, such as ferries, ice breakers, naval craft, offshore support vessels and barges. The vessels are an intricate portion of the country's economy, as they can be marketed internationally. In fact, it has been noted that Canadian shipyards have experienced a government assisted rationalization that has lowered their capacity by 40 percent - furthering the industry as much better suited to future market prospects.

To further implore Canadian companies to build their fleets and Canadian yards, other means of revenue could be dedicated to Canada's Coastal Trading Act, which states that the owner of a ship constructed or purchased internationally must pay a 25 percent tariff (except as provided under NAFTA), to have their vessel fly the Canadian flag, as well as operating in the country's domestic trade. This tariff, combined with the additional Capital Cost Allowances shown in the Income Tax Act and Regulations provide the only policy tools. According to Les Holloway, executive director, Marine Workers Federation, the Canadian maritime industry is important to the country's infrastructure and sovereignity.

Holloway feels that more pressure needs to be placed on Canada's federal government to get the wheels spinning on an industry that is in dire need of set policies and procedures. He will, in fact be presenting his argument to a federal committee comprised of all political parties regarding a pending bill titled: Bill C.213 - Calling For A National Shipbuilding Policy. At press time, the committee was gearing up for a second reading on this bill.

Touting itself for the production of quality products, the Canadian maritime industry has strived to further its means for the past 10 years, despite a downturn. The industry recently experienced a successful run with its patrol frigate construction program, which could most



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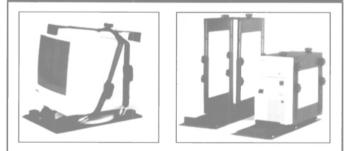
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probably be the mold for a premiere vessel on the cusp of the latest technology. This program has led to Canadian industry as holding automation and system integration skills that are top-of-the-line. The industry also has the means to develop, design and build specialty vessels for niche markets. Specifically, naval architect Robert Allan who completed the design last year for a new escort tug for Norwegian tugowners Johannes Ostensjo dy AS. The tug, which incorporates many unique hull form developments is currently being built at Astilleros Zamakona of Spain. The company also created a low manning design that features many new components in the development of a high-performance ship-assist tug for Brusco Tug & Barge of Longview, Wash., which will be delivered during the fourth quarter 2000.

While the overall aura within Canadian shipbuilding seems to be industry downturn, the yards have not let up in terms of competition. Canadian chargeout rates are comparable to the U.S. and Japan, and in some instances less than European competitors, but higher than Korea and China. On another hand, labor costs, after converted into U.S. dollars are typically lower in Canada than in the U.S. when dealing with most industry aspects. It has been estimated that the average total

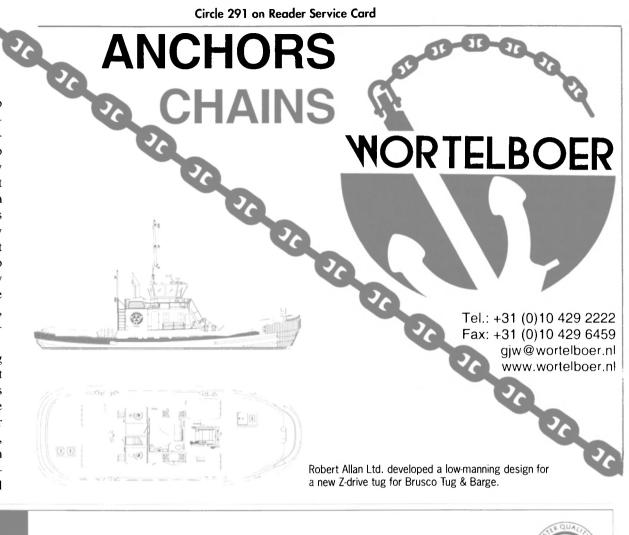
hourly labor costs in Canadian shipbuilding are \$5 per hour less than in the U.S. The country's labor costs are low in terms of its competitors, with hourly costs standing at 50 percent less than German yards and 40 percent lower in Japan. Despite the downturn in business, Canadian yards successfully completed some technically challenging projects. Canada Steamship Lines (CSL) has fared well, with CSL Niagara (one of MR/EN's Great Ships of 1999) and the M.V. Rt. Hon. Paul J. Martin - two seamax vessels that are the largest Canadian ships to be constructed for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence. Paul J. Martin is also noted as the second (including CSL Niagara) of a three part forebody joining to be built by Port Weller as part of a \$100 million fleet reinvestment program by CSL.

Consortium Acquires Davie

A U.S. consortium comprised of Syntek Technologies and Transnational Capital Venture attained Davie Industries of Levis, Quebec, Canada.

Located on the St. Lawrence River near Quebec City, the shipyard had previously been functioning under a trusteeship for the past two years, resulting from a failure of its previous owner, Dominion Bridge Corp. of Montreal. Despite this, Davie has managed to remain fully operational with successful completion of refit work for the Canadian Navy, upgrade work on the oil production platform P-36 for Petrobras in Brazil, as well as damage repairs on the cruise vessel Norwegian Sky. The consortium's transaction will readily lift all constraints to Davie's recent activities.

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Irving Shipbuilding Appoints New President

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1998.

St. John Shipbuilding is the largest of the yards in the Irving group, and is completing the final stages of its second 1,174-teu containership Kent Sprint. Halifax Shipyard is preparing to deliver the second UT722 Atlantic Hawk to Atlantic Towing Limited. In addition,



East Isle Shipyard completed the 10th in a series of 4,000-hp Z-drive tugs. Circle 28 on Reader Service Card

Autoship, PAI Join Forces

Autoship Systems Corp. (ASC) and Port Automation International (PAI) have formed a marketing partnership.

Per the agreement, PAI will market ASC's load planning software solutions to their customers. Beneficial to PAI customers is that they will now be allowed to electronically extend the logistics chain from port to carrier. In turn, ASC's customers will receive more accurate, complete and timely cargo information.

Combining their expertise, the two companies will focus on selected ports worldwide that handle container traffic, break bulk and RoRo vessels. Separately, Autoship recently introduced Release 8 of its Autoship hull design program. The software release, which includes supporting documentation, a new help system and new online user's manual, also boasts Library of Parts marine equipment that will enable the user to quickly finish a detailed model of the fully outfitted vessel.

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Thordon Compac Bearings Used For Algonova Refit

Despite a tight delivery schedule, Thordon Bearings was able to convert the oil tanker Algonova to a Thordon Compac water lubricated propeller shaft bearing at Heddle Marine in Hamilton, Ontario. "This was the first vessel at Algoma Tankers where we used Thordon in the stern tube," says Eric Height, marine superintendent-engineering at Algoma. Since the stern tube was now shorter than the previous bearing (2:1 vs. 4:1 L:D ratio), the only modification to the existing stern arrangement was a ring in the housing to prevent the bearing moving forward. In addition, Fincantieri has ordered Thordon's Compac system for three vessels in P&O/Princess Cruises' Grand Princess series newbuild program, with an option for a fourth Thordon system.

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Federal Welland Named After Historic Canal

Currently gearing up for its 171st season, the Welland Canal was formally recognized by Fednav by naming its ocean bulk carrier Federal Welland upon its September 2000 christening. Currently under construction in Japan, the vessel will transit the Great Lakes/Welland Canal during the 2000 autumn season.

Maritime Reporter/Engineering News

Premier Miller Supports Offshore Oil Development

Voicing his support of the development of the offshore oil and gas industry on the coast of British Columbia, Premier **Dan Miller** stated that he is "not opposed to the lifting of moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration." Discussed at a luncheon during a business summit held by the Mayor and City Council of Prince Rupert this past January, Miller added that "clearly, there are some benefits to be realized from the development of the industry."

The Business Summit also recommended that a Canada/British Columbia offshore petroleum board be established with decision making capabilities modeling those established in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. As it stands, there is both federal and provincial legislation preventing offshore oil and gas exploration of Canada's west coast.

MV Paul J. Martin Christened At Port Weller

Canada Steamship Lines christened M.V. Rt. Hon. Paul J. Martin at Port Weller Drydocks at the Lake Ontario entrance to the Welland Canal. The vessel is the newest addition to Port Weller's fleet joining CSL Niagara as one of two Seamax vessels - the largest Canadian ships ever constructed for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence.

Paul J. Martin is the second part of a forebody trio to be built by Port Weller as part of a \$100 million fleet reinvestment program by CSL.

Measuring 740 x 78 x 48 ft. (225.5 x 23.7 x 14.7 m), the vessel required 6,000 tons of steel, and a new hull was constructed and joined to the engine room portion of M.V. H.M. Griffith. Paul Martin is designated as the second ship to be constructed to the St. Lawrence Seaway's new maximum size allowances, and boasts the most technologically driven, self unloading system available. The vessel holds the ability to unload cargo rates up to 5,445 tons per hour. The third vessel of this \$100 million contract is scheduled for a 2001 delivery. CSL holds options on two additional vessels with Port Weller Drydocks delivery in 2002 and 2003.

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Construction Contract Awarded For New Z-Drive Tug

Brusco Tug & Barge, Inc. of Longview, Wash. has awarded a construction contract for a new 78 ft. (23.8 m) Z-drive tug to Diversified Marine, Inc. of Portland, Ore.

This new tug is the seventh in the series of the ASD 23/35 high-perfor-May, 2000 mance, low-manning tug design developed by Robert Allan Ltd. (see illustration page 57), and incorporates several new features reflected in the ongoing development of this class of modern high-performance ship assist tug. The most significant change to the design is the increase in power installed in this tug design since its initial development more than 20 years ago. As a consequence of the higher power, the beam of the tug has been increased to provide greater stability, and the fendering system has changed significantly to reflect both the higher power, and changes in fender and hawser technologies. During the two decades of development and refinement to this particular Robert Allan Ltd. design, six tugs were built and are presently operating in Canada and the U.S. The tug is powered by two Detroit Diesel Model 12V4000 diesel engines, each rated at 1,800 bhp driving Ulstein Model 1350H Z-drives. Markey Machinery Co. is supplying the hydraulic towing winch, which has a "render recover" feature.

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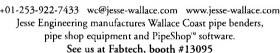
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Canada News Notes

Fleet Technology Completes Option Study

Fleet Technology Limited concluded an option study for the Canadian Navy's proposed Logistics Support Vessel. The study, which was performed under contract to the Navy, examined various vessel types and mixes to satisfy the current

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Naval requirements, seeking a variety of capability and cost solutions.

As prime contractor, Fleet Technology was supported in the project by BMT Defence Services Limited and Fleetway Inc. Fleet recently completed its premiere year of operations as an affiliate of the BMT group of companies. BMT holds a 30 percent stake in the otherwise

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Canadian privately-held company. During its first year of operations, FTL has included BMT Defence in the work on concept designs for the new Canadian Navy ALSC, while recently, the staff from FTL has contributed to BMT Ship Design in England for work on cable ship conversions. Fleet is responsible for the development of the design and class approval process for a unique floating coal transfer station based on a semisubmersible hull. Named the SST or Sea Spider, the vessel has been developed by Massachusetts-based Semi-Submersible Transshipper (SSTI). Following Class approvals, Fleet was called upon by the owner to assist with engineering support for the delivery voyage from Shanghai to Berau transshipment site off Borneo. The company initially considered a wet tow. but abandoned this notion when it was determined that a dry tow, using a barge involved the least risk. The SST has since been successfully commissioned and is expected to be a prototype for future, similar vessels.

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Zenon Patents Unique Black Water Treatment

Zenon's AMST (Aerated Membrane Treatment System) is an integrated system that purifies black and gray water meeting the strictest international standards. The AMTS complies with all environmental rules, but with those of the future as well - a necessity for today's contemporary vessels.

The rugged and reliable AMTS system includes the company's patented Zee-Weed® membrane technology, which will be installed onboard Holland America's Statendam for a July 2000 operation date. The system requires low maintenance for standard ship operations.

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Allied Shipbuilders

Situated on the north shore of Vancouver Harbor is Allied Shipbuilders, which up until the mid-1980s, operated a near capacity newbuilding facility producing various types of vessels. Business conditions led the company to concentrate more on repairs, while performing new construction as needed. This strategy has proven itself, as the yard now drydocks and repairs a large portion of the Canadian west coast commercial fleet. The yard services more than 200 vessels from 50 to 250 ft. (15.2 to 76.2 m) annually at its three floating drydocks.

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Deutz Canada

With three authorized distributors in Canada, flanked by various dealers, Deutz Canada has two service centers in Montreal and Sudbury, as well as various dealers tapped to service and maintain Deutz equipment in Canada. A subsidiary of Deutz AG, the company distributes a variety of high, medium and low speed engine series. High speed engines come in seven series, in various cylinder multiples that offer a closely stepped power range from 6-hp to 600-hp with continuous operating speeds of 3,600rpm. The medium speed 628 series is manufactured in six, eight and nine in-line, and V-12 and V-16 configurations. This series focuses on a power range from 1,000 kW to 3,600 kW.

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IMPEG

IMPEG (Industrial Marine Power Engineering Group) offers comprehensive turnkey marine propulsion systems, focusing on Z-Peller systems and controls. The company now features various models of Niigata Z-Pellers FPP Series and Niigata Controllable Pitch Z-Peller (CPP Series) models, which cover 1,000-hp-3,600-hp range.

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Midwest Power Products

Midwest Power Products is the authorized Canadian distributor for GM Electro-Motive Division Power Marine and Industrial Products. Ranging in individual outputs from 1,050-bhp through 5,000-bhp for continuous duty application are the Electro-Motive Division diesel engines/marine propulsion units. Marine generator sets range from 745 kW through 3,580 kW continuous when operating at 900-rpm.

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Prime Mover Controls Focuses On Versatility

Prime Mover Controls specializes in versatile propulsion control heads. The remote control device is available in a variety of configurations with many options, configuring it for a vast range of control applications. The head's watertight construction allows for installation in outside stations, while large illuminated scales and pointers focus on the control handle so it can be seen from a distance. Available with up to four switches and eight potentiometers per side, the control head's standard control lever movement is 140 degrees. It is also manufactured in single or dual lever models with electric, pneumatic or mechanical output, and in most models, a propulsion order telegraph can be implemented as a backup communication system. Circle 13 on Reader Service Card

RC Marine

RC Marine has refit CFAV Quest with its ISAC CDP-3000D integrated steering and autopilot center, replacing the vessel's existing system with current technology. The innovative center includes micro processing based on controllers, navigational steering/track keeping capability, accurate dual rudder synchronization and helmsman steering and information displays. The CDP was customized to interface into Quest's already present steering system. This procedure encompassed major electrical, electronic and mechanical engineering to successfully combine both systems.

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Simsmart Touts Advanced Design Tool

Simsmart has developed a unique and technologically driven process and control design tool through dynamic virtual opera-

tion and modeling. Touted as the virtual engineering environment, Simsmart is used in various military and industrial applications concentrating on fluids and gas processes, Heating-Ventilating-Air Conditioning (HVAC) and associated AC/DC electrical systems and related process controls.

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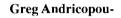
Mannesmann Board Appoints Top Executives

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The Board of Directors of Mannesman Rexroth Corp. has elected five executive vice presidents, furthering the company's new "Combined Strengths Strategy."

Established in 1999, this concept focuses on improving customer service and taking advantage of the synergies among the company's seven individual businesses.



los was appointed vice president, corporate finance; Mike Cossentine assumes the position of vice president, marketing services group; Susan Hallsby was elected general counsel and secretary; Martin Hoelscher was named vice president, information technology; and Ron Keller will serve as vice president, Hydraulics Group Finance.

Tampa Bay Shipbuilding Elects New CEO

Tampa Bay Shipbuilding & Repair Company announced the appointment of **Walter J. Hartley Jr. (Joe)** to the position of president and CEO. A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Hartley has an extensive background in the ship repair and conversion industry. His previous experience includes vice president at Atlantic Dry Dock in Jacksonville; president and CEO of Atlantic Marine in Mobile, Ala.; and president and CEO of S & H Land Corporation in Jacksonville.

Raytheon Enters Distribution Agreement With STN Atlas

Raytheon Marine Company High Seas Products (RMC) has entered into a cooperative agreement with STN Atlas Marine Electronics for worldwide distribution of Inmarsat-B Satellite Communication Systems. The agreement calls for Raytheon to offer its own branded supplemental Inmarsat-B satellite communication system

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Japan Radio Adds New Staff

In an effort to continue its ever widening expansion program within the marine electronics market in both North and South America, Japan Radio Company has added key personnel to its U.S. headquarters offices, JRC North America, Seattle, Wash.

Ray Carter has joined the company as national sales manager, with experience in the commercial fishing electronics industry. **Matthew Wood** was elected as the new western regional manager, responsible for sales administration on the U.S. West Coast, in Central and South America, as well as coordination of JRC projects in the Russian Federation. **Randy Murray** joins JRC as a customer service representative from West Marine, where he worked as electronics manager for the Seattle-Lake Union branch.

Neva Set For September

There is currently a large potential for expansion within the cruise industry in



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Russia and the Black Sea, which will be analyzed and presented during the two leading Shipping Exhibitions in these areas throughout the next 18 months.

Regarding Russia, St. Petersburg leads the expansion with more than 160 vessels scheduled to port this year. The local market also plans to grow extensively while also planning the eventual introduction of turnaround and home port operations. These developments will be instrumental in the formation of the exhibition, conference and seminar programs at the fifth NEVA maritime exhibition at St. Petersburg from September 25-28, 2001.

Meanwhile, Dolphin Exhibitions will present Dolphin Capital Cruise for the Black Sea at its fourth international maritime show Odessa 2000 in the Ukraine, which will occur from October 17-20, 2000.

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Friede Goldman Appoints Two

Friede Goldman Halter (FGH) has elected **John F. Alford** as president and COO. Alford, who previously served as FGH vice president with responsibility for business development, joined Friede Goldman Intl. in 1996 following a career in banking.

Richard T. McCreary assumes the role of group president, Halter Marine. McCreary was previously the company's senior vice president, administration and managed the company's vessel repair business.

Bender Adds Pinkham To Sales Team

Bender Shipbuilding & Repair has named **Michael Pinkham** to its sales

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ing team. Pinkham, who has 23 years of experience in the marine and shipyard industry, will be responsible for solicitation and coordination of international inquiries, as well as calling on domestic accounts.

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Mackay Attains Raytheon's Field Service

Mackay Communications has acquired Raytheon Marine Company's seven U.S. field service locations. The addition, which includes four Raytheon locations on the East Coast and three on the West, expands Mackay's presence into all major U.S. ports. The new locales will be run as part of Mackay Marine.

Marguette Expands Fleet

Marquette Transportation, Paducah, Ky., has added a pair of 8,000-hp vessels to its inland waterways towing operation. Currently being built at Quality Shipyard in Houma, La., the 180 ft. (54.9 m) sisterships of John Paul Eckstein were designed by CT Marine, Rowayton, Conn. Named Kay A. Eckstein and Ray A. Eckstein, the vessels will commence operation this month, and in August, respectively.

Powered by twin CAT 3612 marine engines, each rated at 4,000-bhp at 900rpm, driving Bollinger propellers, the new vessels' propulsion package will be identical to John Paul Eckstein, except for o n e new addition — Even-Flow Struts.

Thrustmaster

To Rep MJP Thrustmaster of Texas was chosen by MJP Waterjets as the sales and service

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Appeal Favors Comsat

Under the terms of the contract with a maximum value of \$111.9 million over a five-year period, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed and vacated a ruling by the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, thereby validating this contract awarded by the U.S. Navy to Comsat. The court of claims decision had effectively blocked implementation of the company's contract beyond January 2001 to provide worldwide satellite services to the Navy via the Inmarsat satellite system. Litigation began when Stratos LLC challenged the award of the Navy contract to Comsat in a federal court of claims. Originally awarded to Comsat in June 1999, the contract is an Tel.: +31 (0)10 429 2222 Fax: +31 (0)10 429 6459 gjw@wortelboer.nl www.wortelboer.nl

nite delivery/indefinite quantity ordering agreement, in which the Navy leases and pays for services on an as-needed basis.

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Willard Marine, MetalCraft Sign Teaming Agreement

Fiberglass marine defense contractor, Willard Marine, agreed with Canadian aluminum boat manufacturer Metal-Craft Marine to provide Willard with an extensive line of aluminum boat designs adding to its already successful fiberglass line of small boats and RIBs. MetalCraft, who is a major supplier to the Canadian Federal Government, will represent Willard's line in Canada.

Lubricant Technology Proven Tough Under Fire

(Continued from page 43)

engine with 4 percent HFO contamination before and after the use of Taro 40 XL 40.

Undercrown deposits

Due to the continuous increase in output, the piston cooling space temperatures have been increasing. The piston undercrown temperature is typically about 250°C. In the latest engines, temperatures of 300°C have been measured. This can cause carbon deposits on the piston undercrown due to thermal carbonisation of the lubricant. The carbon deposit layer forms an insulating layer upsetting the piston cooling increasing the piston temperature. Temperature increases of around 100°C have been measured.

A second deposit formation mecha-

nism is the adhering of the asphalt particles that originate from HFO contamination. The build up of such a carbon layer in the piston coolant chamber is illustrated in Figure 5.

To cope with the extreme temperature conditions, especially in highly loaded engines, the thermal stability and oxidation stability of lubricant had to be substantially increased. FAMM has found that the thermal stability and oxidation stability of Taro 40 XL 40 has matched and even exceeded a number of synthetic commercial oils.

Figure 6 shows a similar piston cooling space of an engine lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40. No carbon was formed in spite of very high cooling space temperature (300°C) and HFO contamination of 4 percent. This was due to a combination of thermal stability and asphaltene dispersion technology.

Piston Head Corrosion

Undercrown deposits in combination with high load operations can lead to piston head corrosion. Undercrown piston deposits inhibit cooling, resulting, as already mentioned, in an increase of about 100°C in piston temperatures. Above 450°C, some sodium/vanadium salts form a melt with the piston crown material, causing hot corrosion on top of the piston. In case of high load operations and reduced piston cooling, the critical temperature is easily reached at the top of the piston. As a result, material melt and material removal by hot corrosion is occurring. This means earlier replacement of the piston crowns and, in severe cases, hole formation in the pistons, a problem which could endanger the safety of a ship.

Field inspections of a number engines lubricated with Taro 40 XL 40 indicate that in nearly all cases the piston undercrown deposit problems were eliminated. Very severe applications, such as power plants in the tropics running constantly at 100 percent load, were included in the study.

Looking back at the experience of the last three years, Roger Stubbs, FAMM's General Manager Lubricants Europe, sees Taro's success as further evidence that marine lubricants cannot be regarded as just another commodity. He said the lubricant had shown 'outstanding' levels of cylinder and crankcase protection at a time when high output engines with high internal temperatures and pressures and reduced oil consumption had become the norm.

By Ing. A. Verhelst, of FAMM's Marine Lubricant Technology Department. First published in Marine Lube Buyer, March 2000.

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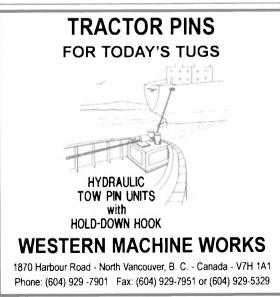
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created ExxonMobil has resisted the temptation to sell marine fuels online. The company says that buying online will mean buying the cheapest bunkers available, as price is the only factor under consideration. This is fine, if cheap fuel is what you want. But just what is cheap fuel? One definition says it is fuel that you buy at a low price. This, however, takes no notice of quality, which in turn can mean you end up paying dearly for your fuel after all. Bad quality fuel can lead to costly and time-consuming problems onboard ships. What the Internet quoted as the cheapest deal may cost thousands of dollars more. Online price quoting for fuels is in itself not a bad thing, but it does mean that the person using the net as a purchasing tool must be able to marry up the prices quoted with the quality of fuel they actually want - this requires knowledge. Critics of online bunker buying have asked where you can turn to when problems occur. Relying too heavily on the Internet means that you will have no recourse to a human being. Going online to e-mail a faceless, silent corporate entity will not bring the missing barge alongside. No doubt these fears are being overplayed, but it does set the mind thinking. Again, a sound knowledge of the industry will help locate the right person to solve the problem.

Technology has always served to make life both easier and more difficult. Computers are a good example. Modern life would be unimaginable without them. Yet they have created an entirely new set of problems for humans to wrap their heads around. Those who have used new technology to their advantage have always been the ones with the knowledge to do so. So it is with the Internet and bunkering. Those who can harness new online technology to make the most of their knowledge of the marine fuels industry will flourish. For evidence of this, you need only look at how ship operators are succeeding, or otherwise, in today's high-price bunker market.

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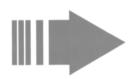
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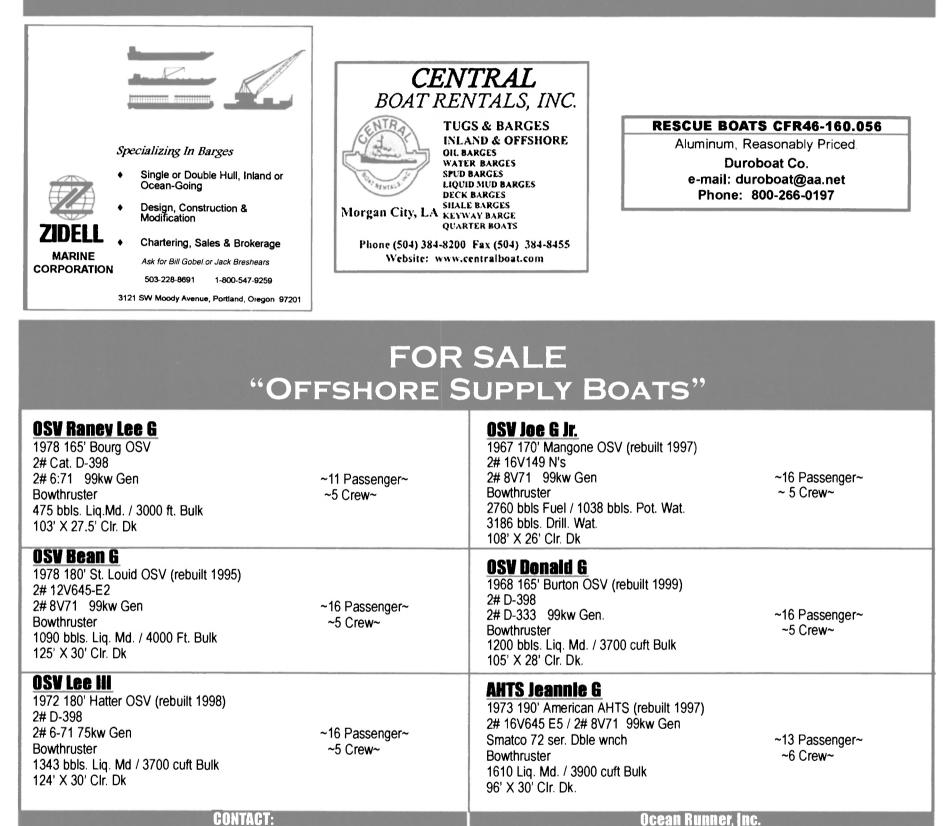


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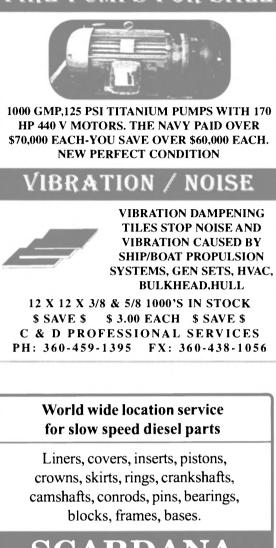
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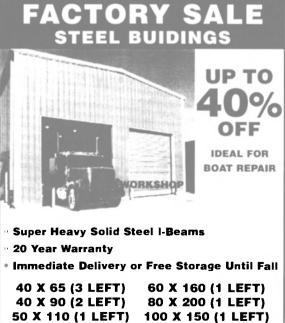
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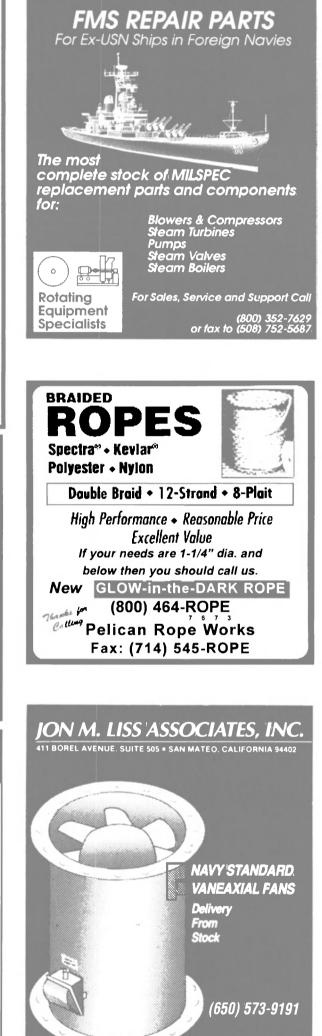


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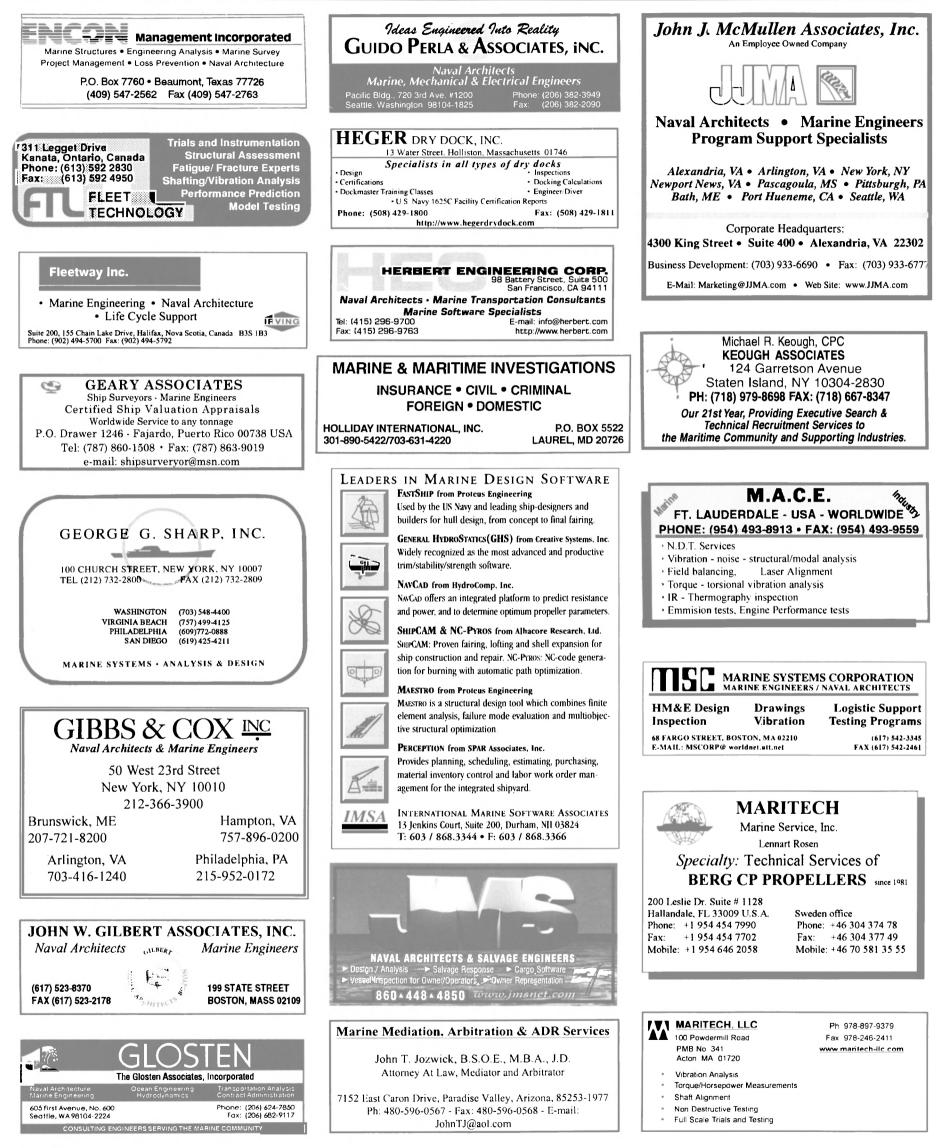
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