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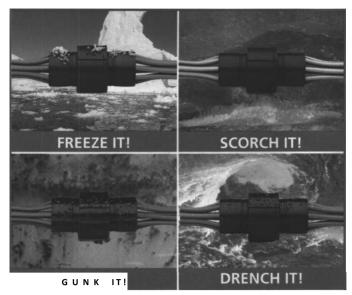
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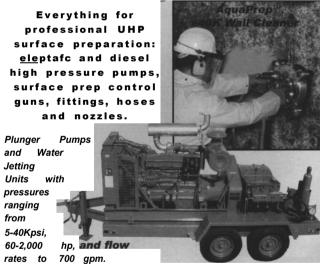
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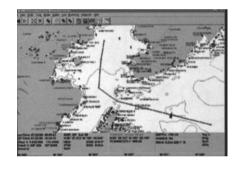
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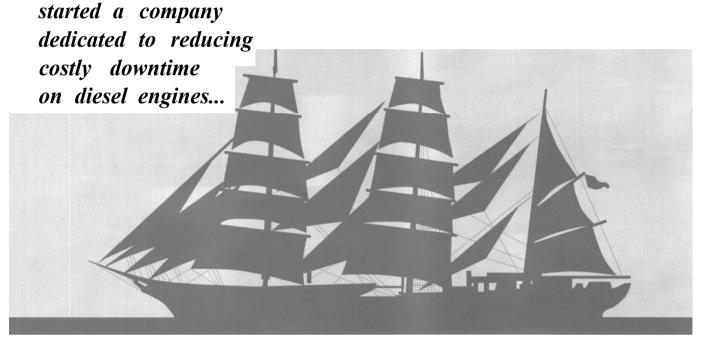
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ord from Washington, D.C. is not good for the U.S. maritime industry, though far from definitive at the time of this printing. Those in the industry who watched the November 2000 U.S. presidential election with amusement, amazement and much concern have now redirected their lobbying efforts to the first budget proposal from President George W. Bush that, among other things, *eliminates* the Title XI



financing program, a program which has helped to deliver billions of dollars in business to both large and small U.S. shipyards at a critical period of marine infrastructure consolidation and redevelopment.

Naturally, special interest groups are particularly vocal following an initial budget proposal, particularly when it is from a first-time president who has yet to establish his national track record on such matters. The standard rhetoric from all groups usually centers on the need to increase funding which is viewed as inadequate. However this year, the tone is a bit more desperate.

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) notes that the Civil Works budget represents a 14 percent decrease, a total that AAPA claims falls far short of meeting the nation's water resources infrastructure needs. The budget outline, released February 28, would decrease the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works budget to \$3.9 billion from \$4.5 billion, a sum which was then seen as too little given the enormity of updating projects needed.

More dire, however, is the state of the Maritime Administration and the Title XI Ship Loan Guarantee program. Cynthia Brown, president of the American Shipbuilding Association (ASA), simply states that "America will not be a maritime nation if it does not have a maritime industry." The proposal calls for the dismantling of MarAd, and the elimination of Title XI. While the budget is far from complete, interested parties (i.e. everyone reading this page!) should ensure that their voices are heard. To that end, Representatives Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Randy Cunningham (R-CA), Gene Taylor (D-MS), James Maloney (D-CT), Ronnie Shows (D-MS), Jo Ann Davis (R-VA), ed Schrock (R-VA), Tom Allen (D-ME), Walter Jones (R-NC) and Charles Pickering (R-MS) have jointly sent a letter to President Bush urging him to include \$100 million in the FY '02 budget for Title XI.

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Diesel renaissance in Italy

by David Tinsley, technical editor

t a time when the South Korean heavyweights have signaled their determination to capture more than 50 percent of the global market for low-speed diesel engines, an Italian renaissance in two-stroke production testifies to a determination in one of the European camps not to bow to oriental industrial ascendancy.

As part of a broad-based manufacturing program encompassing two-stroke and four-stroke designs, the streamlined Trieste plant of Wartsila Italia reported firm contracts, letters of intent and options for 25 Sulzer low-speed engines when your correspondent visited the works during February.

Since the former Grandi Motori Trieste (GMT) plant came under Wartsila management in 1997, followed by Finnish group's 100 percent takeover at the outset of January 1999, major efforts have been put into making the factory competitive on a worldwide basis.

That this has been achieved with a diversified production portfolio, in an era when large-scale manufacturing at any one location is trending towards optimized output of as few products as possible, is a measure of Wartsila's circumspect organizational planning and investment in production technology.

While in-house manufacturing capability is elemental to competitiveness in the four-stroke sector, the Finnish group's recourse to two-stroke building capacity at Trieste provides it with firsthand experience in a field of production otherwise dominated by licensees in the Far East. This type of involvement can only benefit its activities as a driver of two-stroke technology and design development.

Success in building the two-stroke business at Trieste, while reflecting the

increased efficiency of the plant and the group's European manufacturing network as a whole, has also been assisted by the recent rise in Far East engine prices, attributable perhaps to huge orderbook commitments

The Sulzer low-speed engine orderbook in Trieste includes a high concentration of RTA72U-B units for containership newbuild projects at German yards. It also features the RTA84C design, underscoring the Italian plant's scope for wide-bore machinery, and has recently been boosted with RT-flex common-rail engines booked for a reefer

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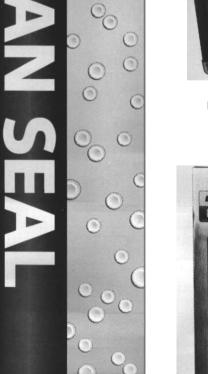
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vessel series entrusted to a Portuguese shipbuilder.

Trieste is currently operating at an output level in the region of 500-750 MW per annum, and is a showcase for the Wartsila Flexible Manufacturing System, the production model which has evolved out of the company's 'focused factory' concept. The Italian plant created something of the template for the new system, whereby nominated backup factories support each product-specific factory for engine assembly and component manufacture. Its role in meeting the surging demand for Wartsila 46 medium-speed engines, for which the Turku plant in Finland is the lead producer, is illustrative of the arrangements.

The enduring popularity of the Sulzer ZA40S four-stroke series is clearly in evidence at Trieste, where it contributes substantially to the delivery program through to 2004. The Italian works is also the nominated factory for the Wartsila 26X, aimed at high-speed transportation and naval applications, and for the mighty 64-type four-stroke, the world's most powerful medium-speed diesel, delivering a staggering 2 MW per cylinder. Commencing with the 13,645-dwt German vessel Containerships VI, commissioned in 1999, a total 11 engines of the Wartsila 64 type have now been supplied for marine propulsion. At press time, the Finnish engine group was hoping that the design would be nominated for an Italian tanker newbuild project, to set a major new phase of diesel production in train at Trieste.

While the largest modern-day diesel, which the plant is currently geared up to produce is the RTA84C in its eight-cylinder configuration, the Italian factory has the distinction of having produced the world's biggest diesel engine as measured by bore size. The record was set in 1972 with the delivery of a Fiat two-stroke unit with a bore of 1,060-mm. By comparison, the largest, albeit considerably more powerful, engines now available are of 960 mm and 980 mm-bore, turned out in the Far East under license from Wartsila and MAN B&W, respectively.

Dolphin Finds A Home

A growing appreciation of the benefits of podded electric propulsion is widening the concept's market reach, although business for such systems has remained concentrated among just a handful of suppliers. The recent deal for the Dolphin system, while denoting the commercial breakthrough for the alliance between STN Atlas Marine Electronics

of Germany and John Crane-Lips of the UK, also expresses the market's receptivity to a further option and additional player.

Two Dolphin propulsors have been ordered for Radisson Seven Seas' 48,000-gt diesel-electric cruise liner

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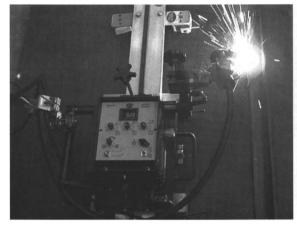
STN Atlas Marine's prowess in electrical engineering melded with John Crane-Lips' Dutch-honed skills in propellers, thrusters and hydrodynamics has resulted in a pod line covering units

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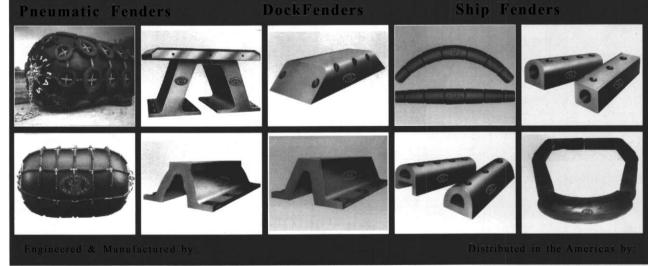
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(Fuel) Cells of Endeavor

German high-speed diesel maker and power systems supplier MTU-Friedrichshafen showed its willingness to push back the technological bounds when it announced at last year's SMM Exhibition in Hamburg that it had started development work on fuel cell marine propulsion. German propensity for front-line advance in engineering is also implicit in the nomination of

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Pimentel Steps Down From Top Post At Cunard Line

Carnival Corp. announced the resignation of Larry Pimentel, president and CEO of its Cunard Line Limited unit. Pamela Conover, COO of Cunard, has been given the additional title of president and will replace Pimentel as head of the luxury cruise operator. Both management changes are effective immediately. Pimentel has served at the helm of Cunard Line, which is comprised of both the Cunard and Seabourn cruise brands, since 1998, when the Miami-based combined entity was formed, following Carnival Corp.'s acquisition of Cunard. Prior to that he spent six years as president and COO of Seabourn Cruise Line, formerly based in San Francisco. Pimentel resigned for personal reasons, citing a desire to spend more time with his family. "It is with great difficulty that I have made the decision to step down from my current post. My years at Seabourn and Cunard have been extremely rewarding. However, from a personal perspective, this is the right decision for me and my family," said Pimentel. He is reportedly in discussions with Carnival Corp. regarding a consultative role in connection with certain corporate-wide business initia-

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Maritime Transportation Is On Senate Subcommittee Agenda

Rep. Don Young (R-Ark.) has taken USCG To Explore Deeper Waters over the helm of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, after chairing the Resources Committee for the past six years. In one of his first acts as Chairman, on January 31, 2001, Chairman Young announced the new subcommittee Chairmen for the Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee for the 107th Congress. Chairman Young also set an ambitious agenda for the T&I Committee.

The following were named as new subcommittee Chairmen: Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wisc.) - Highways and Transit Subcommittee; Rep. John Duncan (R-Tenn.) - Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee; Rep. John Mica -Aviation Subcommittee; Rep. Jack Quinn (R-N.Y.) - Railroads Subcommittee; Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-Ohio)-Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee; and Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-N.J.) - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee. Ranking Members of the Subcommittees are, respectively, Reps. Robert Borski (D-Penn.) for Highways; Peter **DeFazio** (D-Ore.) for Water Resources; William O. Lipinski (D-111.) for Aviation; Bob Clement (D-Tenn.) for Railroads; Jerry Costello (D-111.) for Economic Development; and Corrine Brown (D-Fla.) for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Whether the reauthorization of TEA-21 — not scheduled until 2003 — will include further funds form maritime programs such as former Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater's ambitious Marine Transportation System of the Americas remains to be seen.

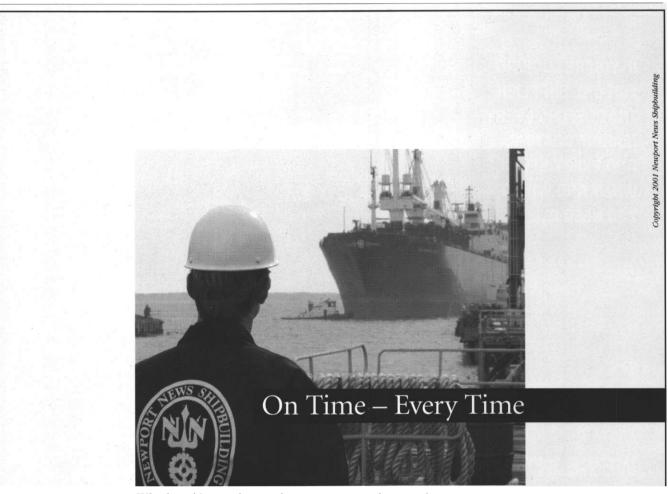
The responsibilities of the Subcommittee on Aviation, the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment will not be changed.

The leadership of the Senate Commerce Committee remains more constant, with Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) continuing as Chairman this Congress and Sen. Ernest (Fritz) Hollings (D-S.C.) as the Ranking Member.

Maritime jurisdiction in Commerce is divided between Senator Olympia Snowe's (R-Maine) Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries (which includes Coast Guard jurisdiction), and Sen. Gordon Smith's (R-Ore.) Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee.

The Coast Guard is urging Congress to find an estimated \$9 billion for its Project. According to the Coast Guard's tract to one of three competing teams in 21st Century Preview (January 2001), January 2002 to begin "cutting steel" for

new Deepwater Capability Replacement the Coast Guard plans to award a con-



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the delivery of the new deepwater assets to replace its aging cutters, aircraft, and communications systems. For FY 2002, the Coast Guard is looking for \$350-\$500 million to initiate the Deepwater Project. The T&I Committee has jurisdiction to authorize such a Project, but only the Appropriations Committees can provide actual dollars. Where to find

this money at a time of tight budgets remains an open question.

Also facing the Coast Guard Subcommittee will be what to do with ballast water exchange programs. A few years ago, Congress passed federal legislation requiring all ships entering the Great Lakes to exchange ballast water and then amended the legislation to establish

a nation-wide program modeled after the Great Lakes region. States have also adopted legislation setting their own ballast water standards. This issue has become very controversial and Congress may decide to take further action.

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Aluminum Crewboat Built by Dubai Drydocks

On January 20, 2001, Dubai Drydocks delivered the new aluminum crewboat Khulood to Mutawa Marine of Abu Dhabi, for service in the offshore oil industry in the Arabian Gulf. Designed by Robert Allan Ltd., Naval Architects of Vancouver, the new vessel is the first newbuilding in welded aluminium built by Dubai Drydocks, and represents the first in a proposed new line of offshore crewboats to be offered by the shipyard to clients worldwide.

In collaboration with Robert Allan Ltd., Dubai Drydocks will offer a range of high-performance aluminium crewboats from 82 to 164 ft. (25 to 50



m) in length, with service speeds up to 30 knots. Robert Allan Ltd. provided Dubai Drydocks with a complete contract design package for the boat, based on the end-user's specific operating requirements, In addition, Robert Allan Ltd. provided with a complete set of production working drawings, including all parts and plate developments for NC cutting of all aluminium. Khulood was built to the approval of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

The crewboat was designed to offer a good combination of speed, cargo capacity manoeuvrability, and seakeeping in a boat of modest size. The design features a spacious forward wheelhouse with excellent all-round and overhead visibility, with a large passenger area with comfortable seating for 31 behind. Below decks are

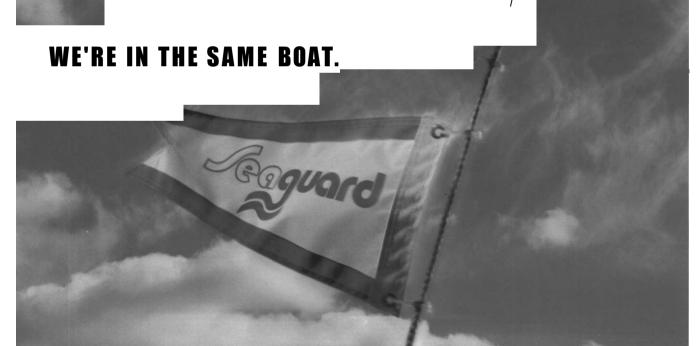


Main Particulars Length, (o.a.) 90 ft. (27.4 m) Beam, (molded). 22 ft. (6.7 m) Depth, (molded). 10 ft. (3.2 m) Maximum draft 7 ft. (2 m) Total deadweight 35.8 tons Passenger capacity Fuel capacity Fresh water capacity 2,000 liters Main engines .Cummins KTA38-M2 Gearboxes Reintjes WVS 430 Propellers Teignbridge Generators Perkins, 60 kW

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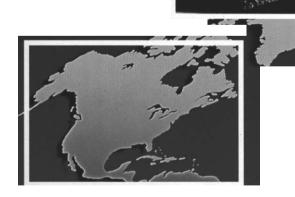


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crew quarters for six, a galley, and lavatory facilities. The engine compartment is accessible by large watertight hatches in the aft deck, permitting ready access to the machinery for servicing, or for removal of engines, or any large components should that be necessary in the life of the boat. The aft deck is strengthened for carrying deck cargo, with a design capacity of 20 tons. Khulood is propelled by twin high-speed diesels, each driving a five-bladed propeller through a reverse-reduction gearbox. On trials conduct-

ed in January, 2001 Khulood demonstrated excellent performance in every category, with a top speed of 22.8 knots, excellent high-speed and low-speed manoeuvrability, and a very stable and comfortable ride.

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Horizon Delivers Z-Drive Tug



Horizon Shipbuilding, Inc. recently delivered Belle Watling, a 72-ft. (21.9 m) Z-drive tug to Dixie Towing of Jacksonville, Fla. The first azimuthing tug to be built at the Bayou La Batre shipyard, Belle Watling was delivered 30 days ahead of its contractual delivery date. Glowacki Engineering of Jacksonville provided the contract design for Dixie Towing; Horizon's design staff completed detail design.

The boat features a separate engine control room forward of the engine room. The Glowacki design provides for good deck stowage space and stowage below deck. The pilothouse is designed for 360-degree visibility and for working under a bow overhang when engaged in docking operations. The narrow pilothouse width is designed to enhance alongside and docking operations. Glowacki Engineering has prepared an 85-ft. (25.9 m) Z-drive design exclusively for Horizon, which is similar in concept to Belle Watling. Horizon hopes to market its new 85-ft. (25.9 m) 1,800-2,000 hp design at a very competitive price.

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Maritime Reporter staffer Rob Howard recently took to the seas aboard Carnival's Imagination, and although on vacation, he was kindly hosted by the crew to some behind-the-scenes activities. Here, Rob is pictured with Staff Chief Engineer Polisi Vincenzo in the engine control room.

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Abu Dhabi Granted \$50M Naval Contract

Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) has signed a contract with the UAE Armed Forces to complete major combat system upgrades for a series of six missile patrol boats in the UAE Navy's existing fleet. Valued at more than \$50 million, the contract will significantly improve the capabilities of these vessels by integrating and installing new, state-of-the-art combat equipment

as well as substantially upgrading the existing shipboard systems. The UAE Navy chose ADSB as the prime contractor for this project, which is known as Tarif-45. ADSB will have full responsibility for the complex upgrades that will be performed at the company's Abu Dhabi facilities. The company expects to join forces with several other international firms who will serve as subcontractors - including Combat System Integration company SaabTech Systems.

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VISA Extended To 2003

The Maritime Administration (MarAd) published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the extension of the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) for an additional two-year period, until February 13, 2001, pursuant to the provision of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. The VISA program is the principal commercial sealift readiness program of the Department of Defense, and is sponsored by the Maritime Administration. The purpose of VISA is to make intermodal shipping services, intermodal equipment and related management services available to the DoD as required for emergency deployment and sustainment of U.S. military forces.

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The vessel, which will have a top speed of 33 knots when loaded at a dwt of 18.6 tons, will complete the 12-mile ocean crossing in approximately 22 minutes - according to shipyard officials.

Designed by Incat Designs, Sydney, Australia for commuter and tourist service, the all-aluminum vessel will be powered by twin Caterpillar 3412E, 1,100-bhp diesel engines driving Hamilton HM521 water jets through ZF 1950 reduction gears. The vessel boasts Incat's single chine Z-bow shape. The resulting longer waterline improves the vessel's high speed performance and seakeeping ability. Also featured onboard is a Vosper/MDI trim tab motion control system, which is expected to reduce the vessel's motion from wave action by as much as 60 percent.



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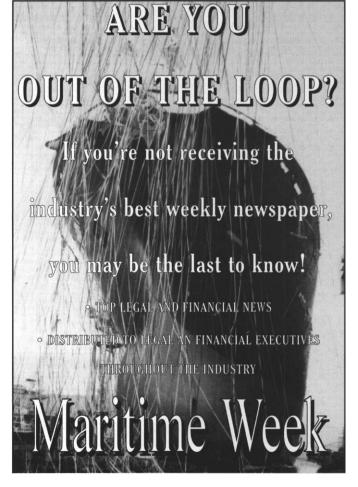
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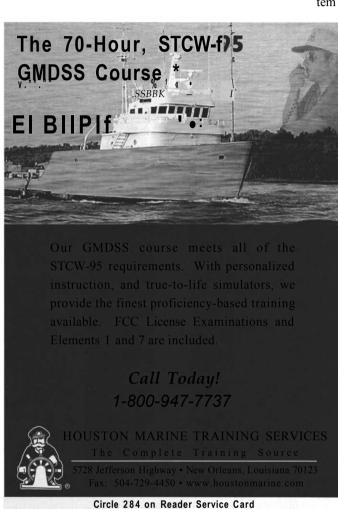
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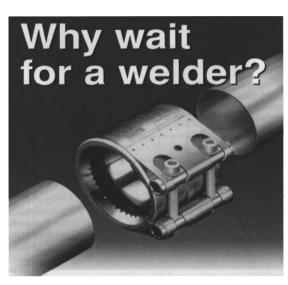
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Notwithstanding the hysteria surrounding it, Y2K turned out to be a non-event, but it did produce an unintended consequence. Business-to-Business (B2B) ventures that would have been introduced in the second-half of 1999 were postponed until the effects of Y2K could be determined. Thus, there was a flood of introductions of B2B's in the first quarter of 2000 that created a stampede of announcements by companies that were reluctant to be left behind. Many announcements were mere hype with empty websites or no website at all. However, there are enough operable websites to give sustenance to the expectation that the long-awaited electronic commerce revolution in international trade and transport may be at hand.

Throughout the 1990's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) promised to capture the business world and lend it to the promise-land of paper-free transactions. While EDI was the solution for large enterprises, particularly in the automotive, chemical and retail industries, small and medium sized enterprises did not take to EDI due to the high entry cost for software, training, and steep learning curves. B2B sidesteps these hurdles and permits access with relatively inexpensive desktop computers and an Internet connection. A typical B2B website is user friendly, and requires no additional software for training. Colorful graphics and well mapped out pages, lead the user to cheap and easy transactions.

As the Internet is currently used, a website is accessed, a transaction made and a printout is obtained. This is fine for one-time or occasional transactions, but the multiple transaction of business requires integration between the systems of the parties making the transactions to retrieve and send data between them, then record it or reuse it. The advantage of EDI was, and is, that a data field, such the description of goods being purchased, could be captured and re-used over and over again in bills of lading, insurance certificates, customs documents,



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etc. Unless the parties are both using EDI, or happen to have the same computer business systems, a B2B website is a one-way street for the flow of information, leaving the user unable to capture any data. However, XML (Extensible Markup Language), a variation of HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) — without which websites would not have been so easy to put together, provides the ability to integrate systems, thus allowing a user to capture data. Already in use, XML is providing such integration to many systems, and as XML standards are created, data can be downloaded and exchanged between any systems. The beauty of this solution is that companies would not have to discard their EDI systems to participate in B2B as long as they add XML to it, and users of such a Web site would not have to have EDI in order to capture data to record and reuse in their own systems. Many B2B websites for international trade and transport are online in one stage of development or another as has been reported in this magazine. The advantages of B2B to such a fragmented sector as international trade and transport are many: access to a more diverse customer base, fewer barriers to trade, faster and cheaper transactions, avoiding expensive private networks, the ability to partner with complementary services, and a "no-tech" business solution that is affordable.

While there are far too many websites for some areas such as trading chemicals or freight auctions, natural selection has begun to whittle them down to a select few. The successful B2B websites will be those that can provide the means to obtain all needed services through links or other means to complete a transaction. Transportation websites, which are numerous, have been slow to partner with trading websites. One of the largest chemical trading Web sites, Chem-Match (which has financing and other links), has linked with the chemical shipping website, ChemLink (affiliated with Stolt Tankers), in the first of such linkages. The natural advantages of such linkages will, no doubt, lead to other arrangements.

Unlike the other computing hypes of the past, the revolution in electronic commerce through B2B's will take place, and, in fact, is taking place. However, computing rarely delivers on time, so it is going to take a while to sort out all the websites, get all the ancillary services up and linked, and have all the bugs worked out of XML, before electronic commerce for international trade and transport can be said to be an established business

practice. But, at least, it has found a direction. Recently, the U.S. and the U.K. took important steps to recognize digital signatures by enacting laws permitting their use, and putting electronic commerce on the same footing as other methods of doing business. These laws are neutral as to the technology and techniques to be used, even though many sought to lock in the technology and have firm rules for techniques. At least electronic commerce and digital signatures have a legal basis in the U.S. and the U.K., and most developed countries will soon follow, such that the main uncertainty in using electronic commerce, in general, and digital signatures, specifically, has been removed.

The dawning of B2B has removed the excuses for resisting the extension of computer systems into all aspects of trade and transport. Cost and training are no longer an impediment to participating in B2B. Legal impediments are being removed as well. Those involved in trade and transport that fail to include this new business technique into their business procedures, run the risk of losing out to competition that will become more effective and efficient through the use of B2B.

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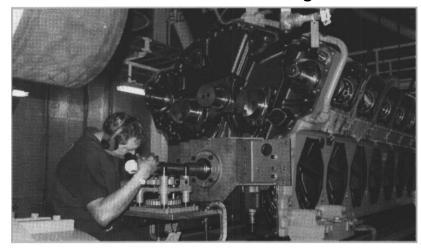
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Jumbo Orders Super Heavylift Ships from Damen

Dutch heavylift shipping specialist Jumbo ordered two Super Heavylift vessels from Damen Shipyards Group of the Netherlands. Scheduled for delivery in 2003, the new 11,000 dwt J-1600 class vessels will reportedly be the heaviest heavylift vessels in the world.

The design reflects demand for greater lift and outreach capabilities. The vessel's equipment outfit takes account of market needs. The ships will have a pair of state-of-the-art rotating mast cranes, with a combined lift capacity of 1,600 tons at 16 m outreach and a maximum outreach of 35 m. The vessel's shallow draft of 6.5 m maintains the small port operational capability that is the basis of the Jumbo fleet.

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McAllister Towing Orders New Tug Pair



McAllister Towing and Transportation Co. has ordered two new 5,000 hp tugs scheduled for delivery this year. The first vessel, which will be named Janet M. McAllister, is scheduled for a spring delivery; the second vessel, Vicki M. McAllister, will be delivered this summer.

Designed by Jensen Maritime Consultants of Seattle, Wash., the tugs are being built to ABS classification standards by Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Panama City, Fla. Measuring 98 ft. (29.8 m), each will be equipped with two EMD engines and two Schottel drives - designed to produce a bollard pull up to 60 tons. Fire pump equipment will include Detroit Diesel PTO at 1,800 rpm to Goulds 3410 eight by 10 in. pumps, producing 3,000 gpm delivered to two fire monitors, each with 1,500 gallons AAAF Foam Capacity. Each tug will also be equipped with two NETEC winches holding 475 in. of 10 in. circumference line.

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Seven Seas Voyager Will Boast Dolphin Podded Propellers

Seven Seas Voyager, the new 50,000-gt cruise ship under construction at T. Mariotti Shipyard in Genoa, Italy for Radisson Seven Seas, will be among the first ships to house the new Dolphin podded propulsion system jointly developed by STN Atlas Marine Electronics and John Crane-Lips. The vessel, which is scheduled for a 2003 delivery, will boast podded propulsors delivering 2 x 7,000 kW at 170 rpm. Main features include integration of a powerful electric drive into a hydrodynamically optimized pod below ship, resulting in a directly-driven propeller. Extensive CFD analyses and model tank tests have led to the development of a pod shape with enhanced efficiency and maneuvering characteristics.

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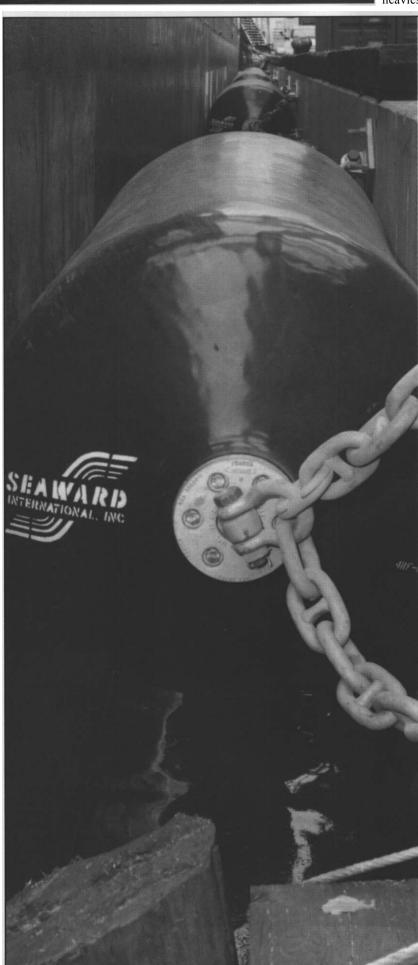
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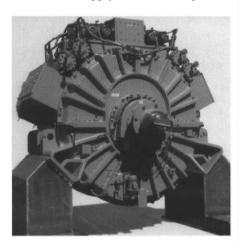
The Dolphin system has been developed for power ranges extending from 3 MW to more than 19 MW, and is suitable for a variety of vessels designed for high speed and good maneuverability operation. The standard drive of the fixed-pitch propeller includes air-cooled six-phase synchronous motor.

In addition to Dolphin, the focus of the delivery by STN Atlas and John Crane-Lips for Seven Seas Voyager also includes a complete propulsion system with synchro-converters, control and joystick system, diesel alternators and a high-voltage distribution assembly with propulsion and main transformers as well as bowthrusters.

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Siemens To Supply Fuel Cell Technology

The Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services Group (I&S) has been contracted to supply the most updated



Siemens Permasyn electric motor.

propulsion and automation systems (Nautos) for a trio of new submarines to be built for the Greek Navy for delivery between 2005 and 2008. The \$35.5 million contract features propulsion systems that will include Permasyn permanent-field electric motors and PEM Fuel cells (polymer electrolyte membrane) as power sources. Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft (HDW) has been granted a contract to supply the Greek Navy with three type U 214 submarines. The first will be constructed at HDW; the remainder will be built at the Greek and Hellenic Shipyards Co. The submarines will be powered by Siemens Permasyn electric motors - permanently synchronous machines suitable for a DC power supply that are very low signatures, compact and easy to operate. PEM fuel cells as AIP systems (air independent propulsion), will power the submarines when submerged. The AIP system is produced by HDW with Siemens providing the fuel cell modules and the supervisory systems.

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Image Marine Wins Dinner Cruise Contract

Image Marine signed a contract to build a 112 ft. (34 m) dinner cruise catamaran for Blue Line Cruises of Sydney, Australia for operation in Sydney Harbor.

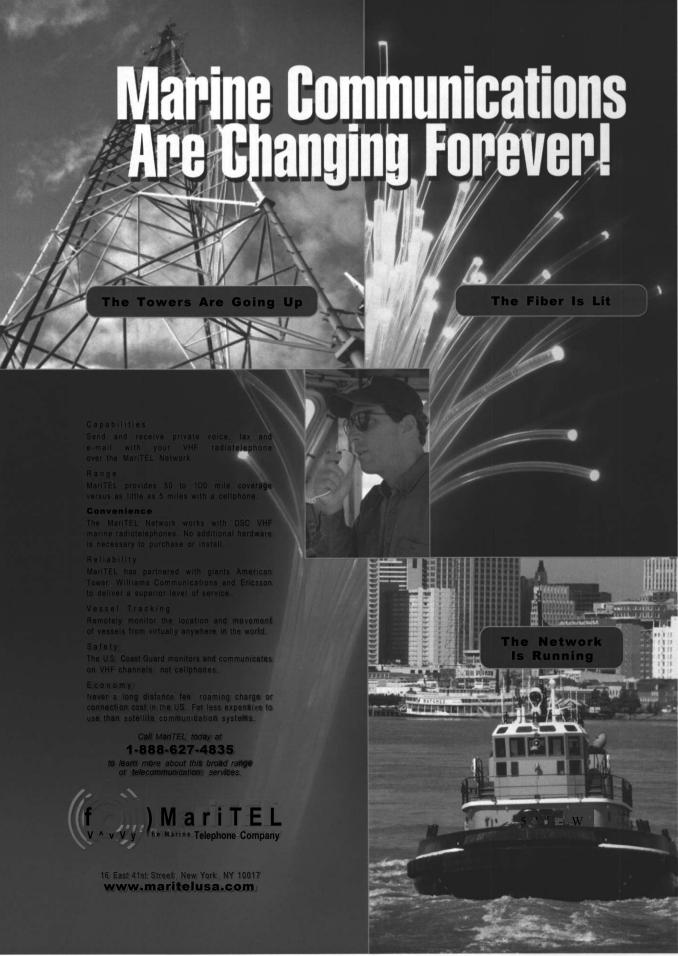
Blue Line, which is part of the Accor

Group, currently operates the vessels Sydney Showboats and Majistic along the Harbor. The new vessel will be ready to join the fleet in August 2001.

Touring the Harbor by day and night, the aluminum catamaran will boast an approximate cruising speed of five knots. Passengers will have the benefits of a climate control air conditioning system for all weather conditions, entertainment facilities and a large fully equipped galley.

Main Particulars

Length, (o.a.) 112 ft. (34 m)
Length, (waterline) 102 ft. (31 m)
Beam
Propulsion 2x Cummins 6CTA @ 2,500 rpm
Service speed. 5 knots



IZAR: Hoisting More Than a New Image

By Greg Trauthwein

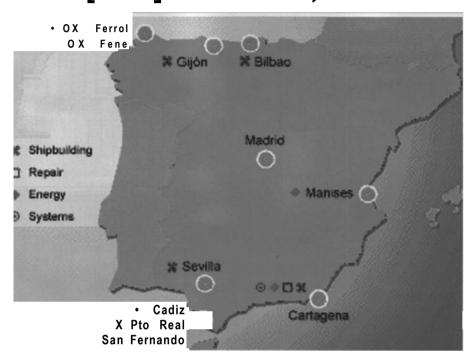
With a combined sum of two and half centuries of shipbuilding experience, the new Spanish shipbuilding conglomerate, IZAR — billed as shipbuilding's new one-stop shop — is hardly a neophyte entering the highly competitive world of international shipbuilding. Comprised of the assets of the former Bazan and Astilleros Espanoles, IZAR (which, in Spanish, means "to hoist") immediately becomes the world's ninth largest shipbuilding group, with a cumulative orderbook approaching four billion Euros. A toned behemoth intent on recapturing market share across a broad spectrum and led by Jose A. Casanova, chairman & CEO, the company is embarked on a plan of prudent investment in technology; technology aimed at enabling its facilities to competitively compete in the building of high-value ships with any yard of its stature, located anyplace in the world.

A History with a Future

The Spanish shipbuilding presence began more than 250 years ago, with the construction of shipyards in Ferrol and Cadiz, among other locales, in support of its burgeoning naval operations. In the early 1900s the company expanded its repertoire with an entrance in the commercial business, with new yards built and re-built around Spain. Eventually, the military business was spun off into Bazan, and the recent move — the culmination of a plan by SEPI — is simply putting the company back together. While there ultimately is a plan to take the company private — the Spanish government and SEPI having published this intention — Casanova admits "we are on the list, but we are far down on the list."

In a time when gargantuan corporate consolidations are the norm rather than the exception, the reformation of Spanish shipbuilding prowess under one flag should hardly come as a shock. But the new entity — well-endowed with a highly-skilled and flexible worker base, a proven performance in building high-value, quality ships, and a diversity of facilities to handle any marine need—will be challenged tomorrow as yesterday, by an oversupply of shipbuilding capacity and the political whims which lead to subsidized shipbuilding in many countries.

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A cornerstone of IZAR's plan to make the organization efficient, competitive and profitable is investment in technological upgrades throughout its 12 facilities, upgrades that will foster creativity and new marine solutions, helping it to not only fulfill but to keep a step ahead of customer needs and market trends. In total, there is currently in excess of 700 million Euros earmarked for investment in "Process and Innovation" projects, including development of new fast transport ship types, cruise vessels and naval ships.

The philosophy come from the new management's intent to prioritize innovation, specifically by developing and perfecting a portfolio of innovative products, increasing productivity, and offering added-value products with high-tech content.

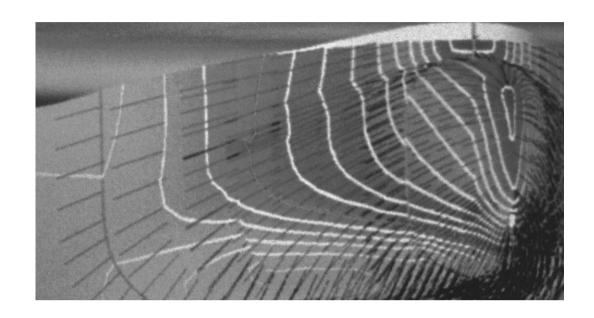
Providing the glue for this plan, according to Casanova, is the synergy that is inherent in the coupling of a commercial and naval shipyard, and he classifies this synergy as the primary strength of the new organization. For example, the naval side of the business will lend an invaluable access to a level of high technology uncommon in most commercial marine sectors. As shipowners — driven by international, national and regional regulations, as well as the constant push for increased lifecycle performance and increased cost efficiency - are demanding and receiving unprecedented levels of technological product and system development.

Similarly, the military side of the business can benefit from streamlining of process and materials procurement inherent on the commercial side.

While today's orderbook is more heavily skewed toward naval business, the new company optimally will enjoy a 40 percent military, 40 to 50 percent commercial and 10 percent "other" split of business.

More than a Manufacturer

While the synergy of the naval and commercial businesses is a key to IZAR's long-term success, another cornerstone of the new operation is embodied in the one-stop-shop philosophy. More than a simple slogan, Casanova notes that prior to the merger, the main product offering was the manufacture of ships. Now, the combined organization employs 10 times more naval architects



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and marine engineers — 600 v. 60 — and offer owners full service from design through manufacture, as well as a larger engineering capacity and valuables services for large fleets. The combined company today employs 11,000, and while the trend in big business inside and out of the marine industry has

been to slim forces in the face of economic slowdown, Casanova is adamant to retain a highly trained workforce.

Market Opportunities

IZAR is truly looking to leverage its combined engineering and financial base to help not only fulfill market needs, but define them. While the company lost an estimated 100 million Euros in 2000, it is anticipated that the company will break even by 2003. This prospect may seem unlikely to some outsiders, given the tight margin nature of the shipbuilding business and the precarious nature of subsidy reduction pro-

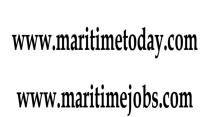


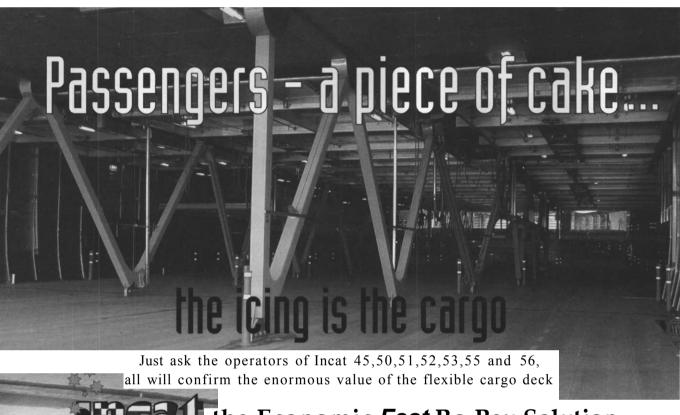
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grams, but Casanova and his executive team feel confident that this renewed focus on providing technologically superior, diverse products will make the difference.

In particular, the company sees vast opportunities in the business of transporting oil and gas products, given the current level of sustained high freight rates, the pressure from international and national authorities to provide transportation of such products in a manner that maximizes environmental protection, which of course include a strong demand for double hull units. Several recent cases, from the Erika to the Castor, lend credence to this assertion.

Much of the investment of the next four years will be spent on producing the capability to design and build vessels that are more automated and fuel efficient, which is where the company's Systems Division will play a key role.



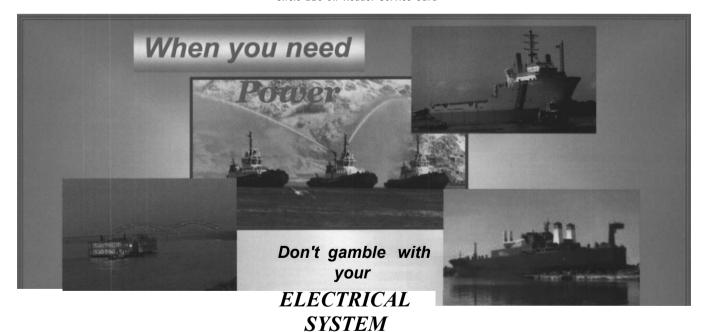


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Sener Ingenieria y Sistemas' FORAN System is a suite of software modules specific for the design and production of all types of ships and floating structures. It is currently being used worldwide in a large number of shipyards and marine design offices. Its presence in the market dates from the late 60s, when the first license was granted to a shipyard, namely to E.N. BAZAN (now part of IZAR).

To ensure the program stays relevant, Sener has optimized the program by incorporating the latest technologies in information systems and in 3-D graphics hardware, and at the same time satisfied the ever increasing demands from very discerning customers for new and improved features.

Sener recently announced version 50, the next FORAN release, which it will launch during this year. This article highlights some of the main features of this pay FORAN.

During the 80s, SENER developed its own software for the management of the FORAN proprietary database. However with the passing of the years and the appearance of new technologies, which at the same time is related to the ever increasing use of concurrent engineering technology, the decision to change this proprietary database and its associated management software has proved to be necessary. Thus in version 50 of FORAN the proprietary database has been substituted by a standard commercial relational database.

This solution has three fundamental advantages: the System becomes more open to users; the connection with other programs, in particular shipyard management systems, is facilitated; and the establishment of a distributed design office becomes more feasible. SENER has re-programmed all those areas of the System to do with the input/output of information, and has adapted the data structure to be in accordance with the requirements of the latest technology for database management.

New representation of ship surfaces

Another feature of the new version refers to the representation of the ship forms and main surfaces (i.e. decks and bulkheads). The current tendency is to represent the main surfaces of the ship by means of NURBS (non-uniform rational B-spline) patches. These are mathematical surfaces of general application which include as a particular case those surfaces most used in shipbuilding such as conics and Bezier.

Version 50 of FORAN includes a new module for the definition of ship forms using NURBS and the rest of the System has been adapted to be able to treat the resulting surfaces. With this improvement the traditional method of representing surfaces by a mesh of three-dimensional lines has been superseded. Thus the possible inaccuracies of this method that may be introduced when carrying out geometrical interpolations to calculate points and lines that are not contained within the main grid have also been eliminated.

The most important advantages of this change, according to Sener, are: possibility to define very complex ship forms to meet the current market requirements;



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more exact and reliable information for construction; and ease of use.

New System kernel

Perhaps the most significant innovation in FORAN version 50 is the introduction of a new kernel for 3-D modeling and visualization. Completely developed using the latest object oriented technology; this new kernel is made up of a series of libraries of C++ classes, which cover all the principal basic functions of the System. By extension this technology provides the System with a greater robustness and stability. The new kernel integrates solid and surface modeling, and at the same time incorporates specific primitives for modeling of the structure (e.g. curved profiles with holes and end cuts) and parametric primitives for the definition of equipment, pipes, ducts and trays.

High efficiency visualization is based on the OpenGL standard and high performance 3-D graphics cards. The new visualization possibilities greatly facilitate the comprehension of the model in 3-D space and include: direct working with the solid model in shaded view, dynamic movement of the model to be able to analyze it from any view point and a complete control of light focus. There are also interesting options for navigation through the model in real time

The new kernel also includes a new graphic user interface (GUI) that is native to Microsoft Windows; that is to say that it is based on the intrinsic resources of the operating system and needs no emulation.

The rapid evolution of personal computers and the consolidation of Windows technology have given rise to the desirability of their use for sophisticated CAD/CAM systems. Many applications, which until recently could only be processed on cumbersome and expensive work stations using the UNIX operating System, can now be executed very advantageously on personal computers running under Windows (NT or 2000). The new version 50 of FORAN has been designed specifically with this operating system in mind.

FORAN version 50 not only provides

a very much improved user interface, but also at the same time enhances this facility with a very powerful command system. This system includes advanced macro programming, undo/redo facilities, command chaining, short cut keys, configurable menus and icons, contextual menus and new dialogue windows.

New functions for basic design

To reduce the design and production cycles, it is critical from the very beginning of a project to generate reliable information, information which can be reused when the detail engineering is carried out.

FORAN version 50 incorporates a series of functions for the preliminary 3-D definition of the ship model so that from the earliest stages of the project certain budgetary estimates can be carried out. Thus for example calculation of work content, weights, areas and other variables can be made, and this helps in the earliest possible definition of the product both from the technical and commercial viewpoint.

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Success For Transas In Spain

Transas Spain has completed the domestic delivery and installation of three PC-based GMDSS simulators. The new facilities will be used to train radio personnel at three Galician Nautical Fishery Schools comprising Instituto Politecnico Maritimo-Pesqueiro do Atlantico in Vigo, Escola Oficial Nautico-Pesqueira in Ribeira, and Escola Oficial Nautico-Pesqueira in Ferrol. Transas has supplied its latest generation TGS 4000 ver.2.0, which permits switching between simulated Sailor Compact 2000 and Sailor Program 4000 equipment. Each of the three systems is capable of providing interactive training for up to 10 Trainees simultaneously under the supervision of an Instructor. These units are the largest GMDSS simulators ever installed by Transas in Spain. Other types of simulators installed by Transas in the three Galician schools are the shiphandling Navi-Trainer Professional simulator and Engine Room Simulator, ERS 2000.



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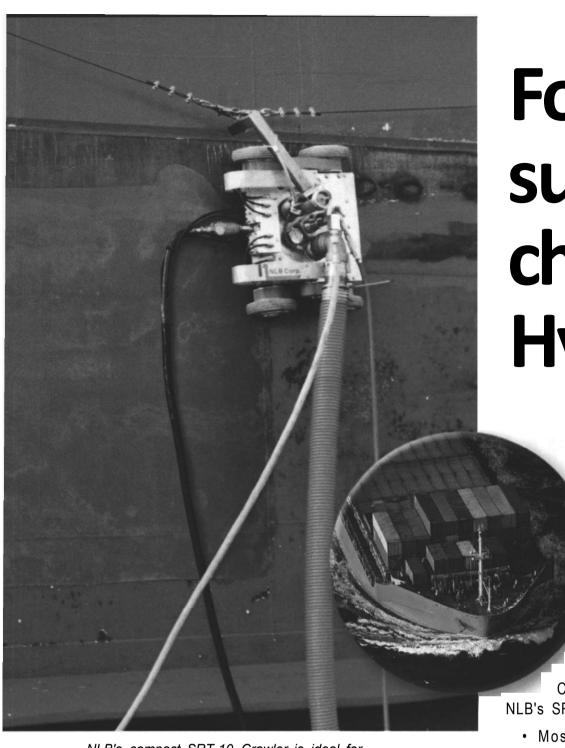
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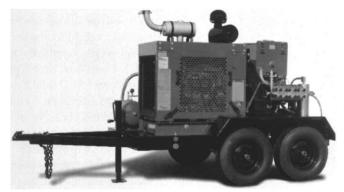
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Saving the Castor: Critical Issues Must Be Addressed

While this edition of *Maritime Reporter* focuses on the quick and successful repair of vessels, an issue which is sure to spur changes in the marine repair market occurred earlier this year when

the stricken tanker Castor was unable to find a safe harbor. The ship, which received a 60-ft. crack on its deck plate from a severe storm, was left in limbo for nearly 40 days as Morocco, Spain, Algeria, Gibraltar, Greece, Tunisia and Malta all refused the ship entry into its waters, fearing a potentially catastrophic explosion of its nearly 30,000 tons of gasoline cargo. With the final discharge

William O'Neil and the IMO will address the matter of safe haven for stricken tankers soon.

of all cargo from the damaged tanker Castor, and its pending redelivery by the salvors to its owners for repair, a 39-day saga that has involved eight nations and raised serious concerns within the maritime industry has been successfully concluded.

"It is unfortunate that political intervention into what should have been a purely technical challenge, put so many elements at risk," said **Nicolas Hondos**, chief executive of Athenian Sea Carriers, owners of the Castor.

While the states refusing admission claimed an imminent hazard, independent scientific analysis of both scenarios clearly showed that the risk of an explosion was minimal and that the potential pollution threat was far worse if the vessel was to sink in deep water.

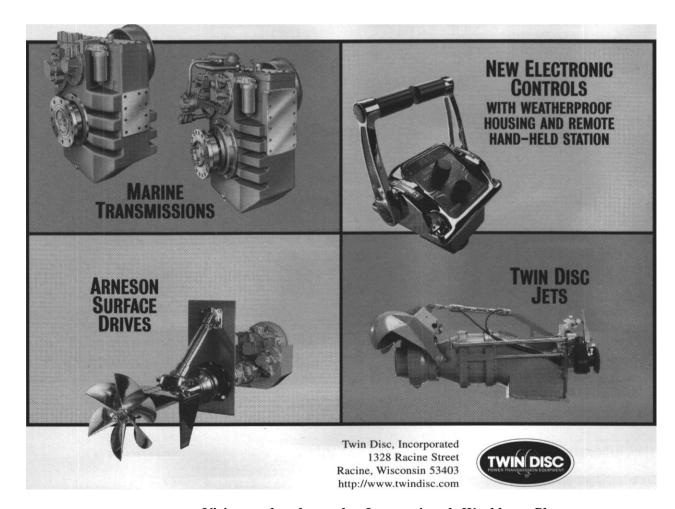
Throughout the salvage operation ABS, the classification society of record for the Castor stressed the difference between a damaged vessel and one that is substandard. "Since suffering the initial heavy weather damage this vessel has been subjected to an extreme Force 12 gale with wave heights in excess of 8 meters without any further deterioration in its structural condition," Robert D. Somerville, President of ABS, emphasized. "Over the last 39 days it has been towed 1,000 miles across the Mediterranean, remaining intact without losing any cargo or causing any pollution. Only a remarkably robust, well maintained vessel in stout structural condition could withstand such a beating and still deliver its cargo safely," he insisted.

"The facts speak for themselves," said George Tsavliris, a principal in the salvage firm Tsavliris Towage & Salvage. "The allegations regarding the condition of the vessel were completely without foundation." From a technical point of view the cargo transfer should have been a straightforward operation. "Given the traditional maritime courtesy of access to a sheltered area, this incident would have been over within three days," Tsavliris said. All the parties involved in this incident are fearful that the political treatment of the Castor may become a precedent for future casualties and believe it is imperative that sensible, risk based guidelines on sheltered areas be developed at an intergovernmental level within IMO. These must respect the rights of coastal nations but also provide adequate protection for damaged vessels, their cargoes and their crews. "IMO Secretary general William O'Neil is to be applauded for his swift response in placing this issue on the organization's future agenda," said Somerville.

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Craft's engineers simply made the drive shaft from standard pipe rather than solid machined steel. This was possible because the use of a Craft Split Bearing required machining only the area where the bearing was to be installed. The rough 2.8 in. outside diameter of the pipe was easily turned to 2.7 for about six-in. near the center of the 20-ft. pipe sections. Each end was bored to 2.3 inside diameter to accept Trantorque keyless bushings.



Craft Bearing used its Split Roller Bearing to tui an ordinary pipe into a precision drive shaft.

The pipe sections were installed on either side of the girder mounted, lowbacklash, parallel shaft gear reducer. Short stub shafts at each end were fitted with drive sprockets. The standard Craft SI-212 BCH Split Roller Bearing was then installed around the shaft.

Due to the high lateral stiffness and lightweight of the pipe sections, only one Craft Bearing was required at the mid-span of each pipe drive shaft. When engineers compared the pipe drive shaft

with a conventional 2-in. solid drive shaft, they found that the pipe shaft was: 28 percent lighter; 70 percent stronger; and 140 percent more rigid.

The ability of the Craft Split Roller Bearing to be assembled around the shaft saved hours of machining, reduced installation time, and made the concept feasible. This innovative approach should be considered by anyone using line shafts that need intermediate support. This is particularly true in the

marine industry where strength and weight are such important considera-

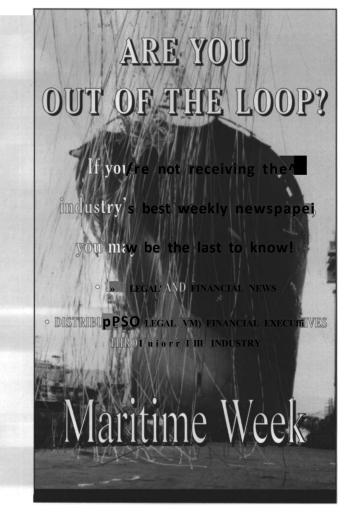
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UMC Opens New Underwater Repair Facility in Portland, U.K.

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owners and classification societies and this has led to us establishing a dedicated underwater maintenance and repair center within the port."

UMC has already carried out myriad number of tasks including a propeller

polish on the 90,607 dwt tanker Lochness before it went to dry dock in Poland, and fitting a new rudder to a general cargo vessel.

Other jobs have included underwater hull cleaning, surveys and replacing defective hull plating.

Part of the investment being made by UMC at Portland will include two mini-Pamper underwater hull cleaning machines and Jones expects the port to become increasingly attractive for owners wanting a rapid solution to maintenance and repair requirements.

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A UMC worker prepares the shell plating

mately 50 jobs at Portland and the success of the operation has led to the Southampton-based company setting up a new office at the port with a permanent team of divers and equipment.

Ships can be accommodated either alongside or at anchor within the port breakwater. With about 39 ft. (12 m) of water available, ships up to VLCC size can be anchored within the harbor, while vessels up to 820 ft. (250 m) can be berthed alongside.

UMC chairman David Jones explained: "Portland has a strategic location on the U.K. South Coast and has excellent facilities including good shelter, deep waters, low currents and very clear underwater visibility. It has already proved popular with both ship

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Bollinger Offers New Pitch To Ship Repair

Bollinger Quick Repair (BQR), the ship repair and conversion facilities of Bollinger Shipyard has gone online with its new service, which aims to save vessel owners and operators money, as well as helping vessels to run more efficiently. The service is available via any of Bollinger's 14 shipyard in Louisiana and Texas.

"Experience in our quick repair shipyard has shown that many new vessels are outfitted with under performing propellers for the type and work of the boat," said Jim Smith, BQR's engineering and technical manager. "Our new system, for propellers of at least 36 in., can help prevent that while speeding up the production of new propellers and the repair or modification of others."

Smith added that a problem is obviously visible when propellers are dam-

aged. However, he cited that when a vessel is not performing as expected, the propellers are often the wrong size, pitch diameter, style, or material. Bollinger offers a solution to this by recommending and providing the proper propeller for new boats, and suggesting and performing remedies for repair or modifications.

Bollinger encourages direct customer input when dealing with propeller repair, therefore the company invites



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customers to either visit its Harvey, La. site on long onto its Web site at: www.bollingershipyards.com, where they will find a propeller request form. By completing this, customers can provide Bollinger with useful information about their vessel's engines, gears, shaft size, diameter and pitch. This direct customer input allows Bollinger's propeller engineers to analyze the data efficiently, and evaluate the proposed propellers for new boats and those already outfitted. In most cases, according to Smith, "Bollinger can respond in 24 hours. For those clients with existing wheels, we can analyze the wheel at our Harvey facility on our computerized pitchometer, and then perform the needed correction on site."

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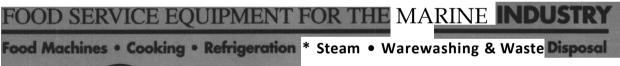
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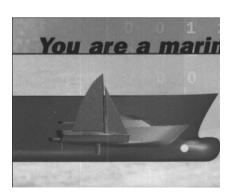
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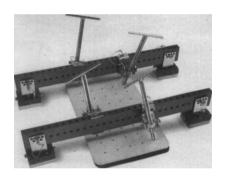
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Titan Is Challenged In Persian Gulf

Titan Maritime recently had its expertise put to the test with the wreck removal operation of a 426 x 105 x 28 ft. (130 x 32 x 8.5 m), 7,279 grt materials barge. The vessel was transiting the area of Mina Saqr Port in Ras A1 Khaimah, United Arab Emirates on February 3 when it capsized and sank with full load of rock/boulders.

Prior to its salvage, the barge had been lying in 105 ft. (32 m) of water, its stern dug into a trench on the seabed over 98 ft. (30 m), with a list to port of 15 degrees. The hull was heavily imploded, cracked open and distorted along almost the total length of the port side shell plating. Significant damage had also been caused to the internal structure of the barge - resulting in most of the longitudinal and transverse bulkheads being breached.

Titan was granted the salvage contract in July 2000 and subsequently began mobilization of equipment in early August, from both the Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and New Haven, U.K. warehouses. A total of 20 Titan personnel, including a salvage master, naval architect, diver/salvors and hydraulic engineers arrived on site in late August.

Titan attacked the salvage project in a way that was

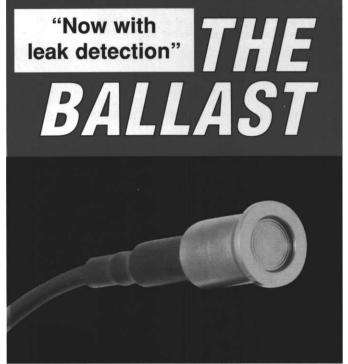
most unique. The company proposed to lift and remove the vessel by way of Titan Pullers - a method that was developed and refined by Titan's own engineers. This technique was created in response to underwater lift requirements when the weights of a vessel exceed the limitations of floating cranes, or when the open ocean environment renders the use of floating cranes impractical. The Puller is, in effect, a linear hydraulic chain puller, which is a simple yet

effective device that, when used in different configurations, is capable of lifting heavy weights up to 300 tons. Another advantage of the pullers was that the lifting forces could be spread out over a large portion of severely weakened structure.

Positioned aboard two 5,500 deck barges (seven pullers on each barge) were 14 pullers totaling a combined lifting force of 4,200 tons. Each barge was equipped with a four-point winch system, with 30-ton winches positioned in each corner of the barges, independent electric powered ballast systems, complete hydraulic systems to power the pullers and required ancillary equipment.

Divers burned pre-engineered lifting points to connect lifting chains from the pullers. The ALIA was then cut in half at the aft end of the three to four bulkhead. The forward section of the barge was raised on October 24 and towed to a governmentapproved site where it was to be set in place to serve as a fish haven. The vessel's aft section was lifted on November 28 upon which it was towed and released at the same approved site. Demobilization commenced immediately and was completed on December 17.

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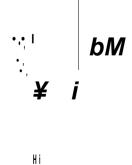


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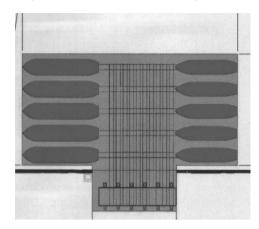
Syncrolifit, a Rolls-Royce company, has been chosen by the Suez Canal Authority to supply a shiplift and transfer system valued at more than \$7 million for the dry docking of Nile River cruise ferries.

Delivery of the 3,420 ton-lift-capacity Syncrolift is scheduled for the Armant Shipyard on the Upper Nile near Luxor City in March 2002. The shipyard will use the installation specifically for the

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dry docking of ferries to improve efficiency in overall shipyard repair and maintenance, as well as minimizing the loss of revenue while cruise ferries are out of service for repair. This is especially conducive for the cruise industry, which relies heavily on an itinerary

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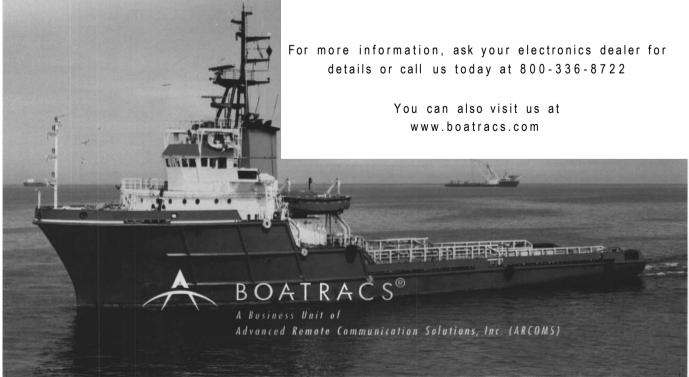
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MSC Ships Call Upon NNS



The Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships M/V PFC. Dewayne T. Williams and M/V SGT. William R. Button are scheduled for repair work at Newport News Shipbuilding. The third and fourth installment of a four ship contract, Williams will be at the Shipyard from February 12 - March 7, 2001 and Button is scheduled to be at NNS April 16 - May 8, 2001. The vessels, which measure 673 x 105 ft. (205.1 x 32 m) each will undergo hull blasting and painting, tank blasting, resurfacing of the helo deck, disassembling and overhauling both main engine exhaust systems and performing all of the normal regulatory body inspections.

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Class Is In' On Cape Bon

A MarAd general agent, Interocean Ugland Management Corp., Vorhees, N.J., awarded a \$24.4 million contract to Bender Shipbuilding and Repair this past December. The contract specifies Bender to convert the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) vessel Cape Bon into a schoolship for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA). Under the contract, Bender will implement living quarters and lifesaving equipment for 600 cadets, officers, faculty and crew; expand galley and stores arrangements; and provide extra electric generating requirements in an auxiliary machinery room uniquely designed for diesel training. The vessel, which will be renamed Enterprise in honor of the MMA's first training ship, departed the Academy campus on December 29. Conversion began in January and is expected to last approximately one year. Cape Bon is a general cargo ship, which was originally constructed for the Lykes Bros. Steamship Company by Avondale Ship-

Flender Werft Launches Floating Drydock

Flender Werft christened it new floating drydock with a nominal lifting capacity for ships up to 20,000 tons dwt (max. 23,000 dwt). The company said that the unit will replace the shipyard's largest dock (16,000 tons), which is reportedly being sought by a buyer in Dunkerque, France. This expansion of the yard's drydocking facilities allows it to partake in the new trend in Baltic shipping, which is leaning toward larger ships.

yards in 1967. The conversion will transform it from a conventional general cargo ship into a fully-equipped training ship for 600 passengers.

The cargo ship is currently configured with six holds to carry various breakbulk and cargoes. Hold number four will be converted into quarters and auxiliary machinery for services such as potable water and air conditioning. Hold number five will have new refrigerated and dry storage storerooms and workshops installed, and two cargo oil deep tanks will be converted for potable water storage.

Hold number six will be changed into a laboratory and classroom area. Although the ship's existing steam propulsion plant will remain, an auxiliary machinery space will be created in the number four cargo hold, centered around a new Wartsila 8L20 medium speed, heavy fuel diesel generator. This space will be equipped and arranged to simulate a modern diesel propulsion plant

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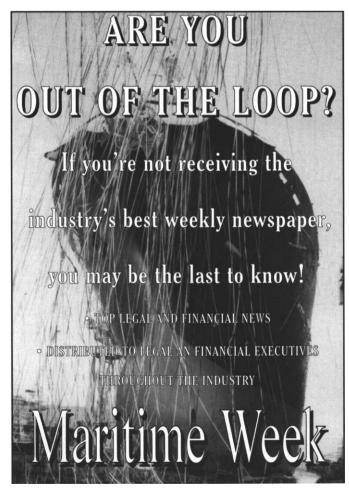
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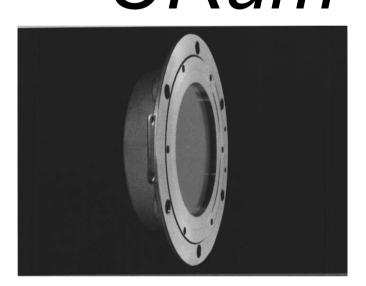
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Norshipco, MSC And Maersk Celebrate Renaming Of MV Lt. Col John U.D. Page

Newark Bay, owned and operated by Maersk Line Ltd, for Military Sealift Command (MSC), was renamed MV Lt. Col. John U.D. Page during a ceremony at NORSHIPCO on February 21, 2001.

Brad Sauer, president of Maersk Line, Ltd., served as the master of ceremonies for the event. **John F. Reinhart**, CEO Maersk Line; and **Alexander J. Krekich**, president of NORSHIPCO and COO of USMR, will make welcoming remarks.

The 950-ft. (289.5 m), civilian-crewed ship has been at NORSHIPCO since October undergoing a conversion from a commercial containership to a self-sustaining ammunition containership, capable of carrying 2,500 20-ft. containers. The main work package includes the installation of four new MacGregor



cranes, designed to ease loading and offloading pier side and in-stream; the modification of container cell guides from 40 ft. to 20 ft., stacked from the tank top to the deck head; installation of a cargo hold cooling water spray system and cargo hold environmental control system; modifications to hatch covers, including the fitting of sockets and installation of hatch skirt landing pads; wheel shafting; and rudder and sea valve repairs. Old paint is being removed and the ship will be painted while in drydock.

The ship is named in honor of Army war hero, Lt. Col. John U.D. Page, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroic actions from November 29 to December 10, 1950 near Chosin Reservoir, Korea. Page's mission was to establish traffic control on the main supply route to the Chosin Reservoir Plateau. Rather than leaving after completing the mission, he voluntarily stayed to help an isolated signal station cut off from the Marine division.

Upon its delivery, Page will join a fleet of more than 35 Afloat Prepositioning ships under MSC's operational control operating from the Diego Garcia area in the Indian Ocean.

NORSHIPCO is also scheduled to convert the Page's sister ship, M/V Sgt. Edward A. Carter, Jr., and is planning to deliver the vessel to MSC in June 2001.

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The dry dock will necessitate the cancellation of two one-week Caribbean cruises, scheduled to depart Fort Lauderdale on April 1 and 8.

"Although the under-performing motor has no impact on our guests' safety or comfort, it has reduced Millennium's maximum cruising speed of 24 knots, to 20.5 knots, and has the potential to affect arrival times in certain ports of call. We want to regain that power as soon as possible and the only way to accomplish this is to undertake this repair," said Rick Sasso, president of Celebrity Cruises. The electric motor in question is housed within one of the ship's two propulsion pods.

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ASRY Grabs Hold Of UL/VLCC Market

The last quarter of 2000 proved to be an exceptionally active one for ASRY — the yard was filled to capacity during the last year.

ued to be a steady with 830,000 sq. m being applied to various vessels.

Noteworthy contracts won during the year included the six-vessel block booking with Iran Shipping Lines, illustrating ASRY's positive relationship with established customers.

In addition to the contract that ASRY

signed with Bergesen, the yard agreed with Iran Offshore Engineers for the complete conversion of derrick barge Abouzar 1200 into a pipelay barge.

The contract, which will be completed this year, sets the standard for ASRY to enter into the major conversion market for offshore oil and gas field contracts.

The yard is working continually to diversify its activities and has done so with major contracts for myriad of onversion and upgrade work on a variety of jobs, such as offshore drill rigs, diving support vessels and dredgers.

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Odfjell's Bow Lady was at ASRY in November



The 46,570 dwt bulk carrier Antillanca



Bahrain Mineral Co.'s Alyia arrived was at ASRY from November - December 2000.

This upswing, which had been projected prior to the fourth quarter, has proved to be true with the company's 300 percent increase in the ULCC and VLCC market during that period. The level of repair activity has been high on vessels in the 40,000 dwt to 100,000 dwt class with more than 12 being drydocked for repairs.

A total of 29 vessels visited ASRY during this period, the largest being Bergesen's 360,700 dwt Berge Enterprise. Approximately nine bulk carriers were docked, and there was also a demand for steel renewals during the period with 766 tons being replaced a total of 4,362 tons of steel work during the year. Blasting and painting contin-

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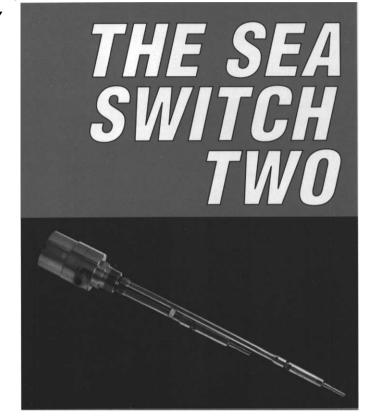
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The company has been demonstrating its expertise to a tee with its own foam-filled Marine GuardTM fenders, which offer the utmost protection for ships, harbor craft, docks and piers. Designed to safely absorb the large amount of energy generated by a ship's weight and relative velocity as it approaches a dock, pier or another ship, the fenders comply with all U.S. Navy and Coast Guard requirements.

The fenders are constructed to perform even under the most trying of conditions; Urethane tailors each fender to the customer's individual needs. Able to absorb up to 40 percent more energy than equal sized pneumatic fenders, Marine Guard's higher energy absorption is experienced even when subjected to uneven loads or when slightly damaged.

Perhaps one of Marine Guard's more significant features is its internal foam core, which is comprised of 100 percent closed-cell, cross linked resilient energy absorbing foam. This non water absorbing foam core, is designed, laminated and constructed to yield maximum strength and consistent performance and dependability levels.

On the outside of the fenders lies (the company's own) thick tough protective polyurethane elastomeric skin material, which encapsulates the fenders' foam core. The polyurethane elastomer skin's unique, seamless construction promises to leave vessel hulls free of marks and/or scratches. This specific skin is also reinforced with a woven nylon tire cord, which increases tensile strength and distributes energy and stresses.

Customers can choose to have their fenders made with integral swivel end fittings, which are constructed of high quality stainless steel — or hot



In December 2000, Urethane installed its innovative foam filled fenders at Nauticus Pier, Norfolk, Va., where the USS Wisconsin was docked.



Marine Guard Fenders are designed and constructed as the ultimate protector for use on ships, docks and piers. Shown here are the fenders that were used at Nauticus Pier.

(Photos: Gene Woolridge, Advertising Visuals, Virginia Beach, Va.)



dipped galvanized steel. The purpose of these fittings is to provide a safe and permanent end fitting for the fender and a fixed mounting point for the attachment of optional chain and

tire net. This specific design, which is designed not to impede angular and longitudinal compression, eliminates the possibility of fender damage due to end fitting failure. The fenders' end fitting is connected internally with a heavy duty chain, which provides superior pull through strength, increased tensile strength and a distribution of energy and stresses.

Whether stainless steel of hot dip galvanized swivel end fitting are installed, both come equipped with a Bolt Type Safety Anchor Shackle (with bolt, nut and cotter pin), which complies with the requirements of Federal Specification RR-C271D Type IV A, Grade A, Class 3.

An Historic Selection

Last year, UPC was selected to supply its fenders for WWII battleship USS Wisconsin's arrival at Norfolk, Va.-based Nauticus Pier. Known as the last of the great battleships, the 887 ft. (270.3 m) historic ship was welcomed to its new home with a ceremony at the Pier on December 8, 2000. Attended by dignitaries such as Gov. Jim Gilmore and Gov. Tommy Thompson, the ceremony prompted visits by various war veterans — some of whom had served on Wisconsin. Recommissioned in 1988, the vessel is scheduled to begin tours (upper deck only) at its new berth this April. The lower decks are expected to be open to the public sometime within the next couple of years.

UPC incorporated three 8 by 18 fit. (2.4 x 5.4 m) high capacity fenders and one 11 by 18 ft. (3.3 x 5.4 m) standard capacity fender on USS Wisconsin. All were constructed with a heat laminated internal foam core encased by tough, heavy duty skins with a thick continuously wound nylon tire cord reinforced urethane.

The fenders were mounted in a hanging position by Tidewater Construction Corp. of Norfolk, Va., at a cost of approximately \$4 million. Maritime Intl. of Lafayette. La., supplied the Antifriction UHMW (ultra high molecular weight) polyethylene backing, which was affixed to the concrete to reduce wear on the fender skin.

For more information contact UPC at: 9076 Rosecrans Ave., Bellflower, Calif. 90706, tel: (562) 630-4982; fax: (562) 630-6974

Ship Repair & Conversion

USS Cole Returns Home To Litton Ingalls

Following the attack of USS Cole this past fall, the vessel returned to dry land to commence repair and restoration damage at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss.



USS Cole was moved January 14 on land from Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding's floating drydock into a construction area of the shipyard's west hank

Litton workers first picked up the 8,600-ton destroyer on the company's floating drydock, and then moved the ship over land, into a construction bay near where the ship was originally constructed five years ago.

The process of moving the ship over land was accomplished by a system of electrically-powered translation cars that travel over rails - similar to the way a train moves over land. Able to process as much as 200 tons of weight each, the cars relocated Cole 100 yards into the shipyard in approximately three hours time. The destroyer will remain at Ingalls until its restoration is complete.

Atlantic Dry Dock Takes On Tug And Gaming Market



Gaming vessel La Cruise will undergo routine maintenance at Atlantic Dry Dock.

With its 14,600 LT drydock completely booked until the end of April, which has been utilized to the fullest since it was put into operation last summer, Atlantic Dry Dock has myriad of projects scheduled at its yard.

The company's 4,000 LT Marine Railway is back in operation after an exten-

sive overhaul. Upcoming projects include routine maintenance on the dump scow, BTS 401; mega-yacht, Cakewalk; general cargo ship, Argosy; gaming vessel, La Cruise, and ferry Jean Ribault

Regarding Atlantic's 1,300 LT Marine

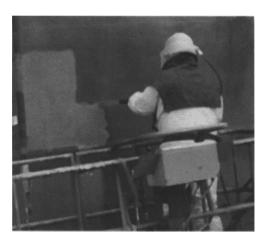
Railway, the drydock has been busy over the past several months with vessels from both the Tug and Gaming market segments. Upcoming projects include the tug, Chub Key; and gaming vessel, Stardancer

In addition, to its newly-renovated

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Hydrex Team Performs

Underwater Work On Saipem

This past summer marked the entrance of large crane vessel Saipem 7000 into Botlek Harbor of Rotterdam. Within

hours of its arrival, Hydrex's diving and repair crew boarded the vessel to carry out underwater servicing work, which required extensive dismantling of the vessel's thrusters.

The Hydrex team, which did research

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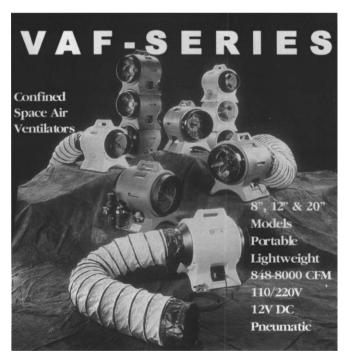
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Hydrex's underwater ship repairers dug a trench using a six in. salvage pump. Five days after intense dredging and removal of debris and rocks — a crater of 5 m deep was created under one of the four main propulsion thrusters.

Concurrently, Saipem's engineers had disconnected the 70 ton thruster onboard, which was then lowered underwater, and with the help of Hydrex divers, hoisted to the surface so that maintenance work could be performed.

The vessel was then transported to a different location beneath the crane mammoth to commence dredging under one of the six DP retractable thrusters. Access space had to be created for the installation of a large cofferdam over the thruster-garage.

Exact positioning and installation is required to install these cofferdams. The team also removed the vessel's heavy lower gearbox of thruster number five. The removal was carried out by the smallest crane vessel in the port of Rotterdam due to the difficulty in having to pass under Saipem's bracings.

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Abu Dhabi Inaugurates New Shiplift And Transfer System

Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) commissioned its new Syncrolift Shiplift and Transfer System at a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 17.

The ceremony, which was presided over by **Lawrence Holiday**, ADSB's managing director, marked a major addition to the company's drydocking facilities.

The system allows for the lifting, building and repairing of vessels measuring 85 m and weighting up to 2,000 tons

Regarding its ship repair activities, ADSB will now be able to work on much larger vessels in three 85 m dry berths that were commissioned along with the shiplift system.

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Maritime Reporter & Engineering News

News

Raytheon Marine Purchased By Management Buyout Group

The management of Raytheon Marine Company (RMC) has successfully purchased the recreational marine products division for \$108 million. The management buyout team was backed by the European venture capital firm Mercury Private Equity. Led by CEO Rick Kane, former managing director of RMC, the management buyout group is comprised of five additional managers from the leadership team with extensive experience in product development, logistics, manufacturing and finance. The new company will operate as Raymarine Company.

The Company is firmly established as a technological leader in marine navigation equipment with award winning products such as the Pathfinder radar; Autohelm Series of autopilots and instruments; and Raychart navigation systems.

The sale includes Recreational Marine's headquarters and manufacturing operations in Portsmouth, U.K. and its sales and engineering operations in Nashua, N.H. and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. There are approximately 575 employees at these sites.

The management buyout group stated that there are no plans of downsizing the workforce.

Kobelt Establishes Presence In Houston, Texas

Kobelt Manufacturing has opened an office in Houston, Texas in order to expand upon its presence in the Latin America and Gulf of Mexico market-place.

The Houston office will be located at: Kobelt Americas, 11600 Jones Rd., Ste. 108-10, Houston, TX 77070, tel: (281) 517-5126; fax: (281) 517-5127.

GE Marine Starts Engineering For Eighth LHD

GE Marine Engines has received partial funding from Ingalls Shipbuilding to begin the engineering work on equipment to be used on the U.S. Navy's eighth LHD Wasp-class large-deck, multipurpose amphibious assault ship. Measuring 844 ft. (257.2 m), the vessels displace 40,500 tons.

This LHD project represents several milestones. The ship will be powered by two GE LM2500+ aeroderivative gas turbines, with GE main reduction gearing (two gearboxes). This marks the first military application of GE's LM2500+ gas turbine.

Currently there are 20 LM2500+ in or slated for operation worldwide on vari-

ous commercial fast ferries and cruise ships, with an additional 74 units in diverse power generation applications.

The LM2500+S each will have the U.S. Navy rating of 35,000 shp for the LHD application. GE expects to finalize the U.S. Navy certification for this rating by the end of 2001.

The ship will also feature a unique hybrid electric drive system, with electric motors providing propulsion power at low loitering speeds. The previous seven LHD ships, also designed and built by Ingalls, were powered by steam propulsion systems.

Six of the large ships, designed to

carry some 2,000 Marines, have already been delivered to the U.S. Navy by Ingalls, and are active in the Fleet.

LHD 7, recently christened Iwo Jima, is currently under construction and is scheduled for delivery in mid-2001.

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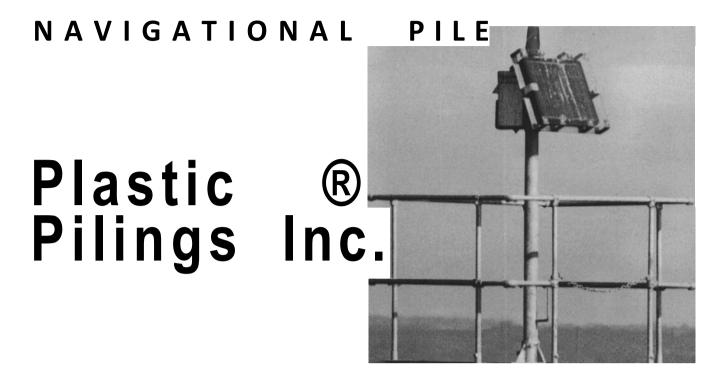


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Inland Report

U.S. Tank Barge Market Report

decrease in the total number of inland tank barges listed for sale. Prices for inland tank barges have increased an average of 10 percent over last year for barges under 10,000 bbl capacity. Barges over 10,000 bbl have increased about 14 percent. Asking prices for inland barges in general are ranging around \$14-24 per barrels for working units with most sales ranging from \$10 -\$15/ bbl depending on condition and age. Most of the inland barges for sale are single skin units averaging about 37 years in age with the oldest being built in 1941.

Prices for ocean tank barges under 20,000 bbl have increased an average of 13.3 percent over the year 2000, while prices for larger size units have remained relatively stable. Most of these are single skin. Although there are few U.S. flag ocean tank barges currently listed, values seem to be ranging about \$30 - \$40/bbl for good tonnage with life remaining before their OPA 90 retirement dates. Most of the newer barges for sale, with one exception, are foreign-flagged, single skin and located in the Far East.

New Contracts

Halter Marine, Inc., has signed a contract with Vessel Management Services, Inc., of Seattle, Wash., for the construction of a 150,000-bbl, oceangoing, double-hulled articulated tug-barge (ATB), with options for up to five additional units. The barges will be built at Halter's Port Bienville shipyard in Pearlington, Miss., and the tugs at its Moss Point Marine shipyard, in Escatawpa, Miss.

Maritrans Operating Partners has obtained a patent on its process for rebuilding single hull tank vessels with internal double hulls. Together with the Houston-based naval architecture firm Schuller & Allan, Maritrans developed a double-hull manufacturing process to rebuild single-hulled tank vessels with the double hulls required by OPA 90. The process uses computer-assisted design for fabricating modular internal hull sections. In 1998, Maritrans completed the rebuilding of the 10,549-gt tank barge Maritrans 192 (formerly Ocean 192), which was the first large single hull tank vessel rebuilt with a double hull to meet OPA's standards. In 2000, Maritrans completed rebuilding 16,021 GRT tank barge Maritrans 244 (formerly Ocean 244). Both vessels, now in compliance with OPA 90, are in service transporting petroleum products in the Gulf of Mexico. Maritrans' patent now grants Maritrans the right to exclude others from practicing its pro-

Since January 2000 there has been a tected process. Stephen A. Van Dyck, chairman and CEO commented, "Maritrans' reputation as an industry leader is confirmed by our substantial financial investment into the initial rebuild process design and in the Maritrans 192 pilot project. By obtaining patent protection for our internal rebuilding process,

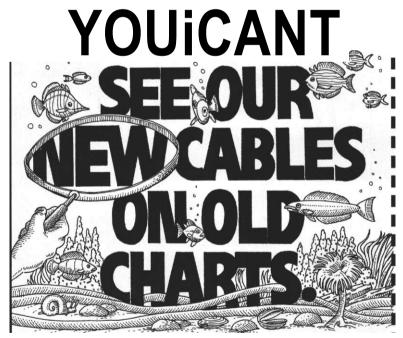




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to enter the shipyard this spring."

Barges for Sale

Marcon International, Inc. has been appointed as exclusive brokers by Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, parent company of Ketchikan Pulp Company of Ketchikan, Alaska to sell the double

skin OPA 90 ocean tank/rail car barge Harry A. Merlo. The 9,000-dwt, ABSclassed barge was built in 1994 by Gulf Coast Fabricators at a cost of about \$8.4 million to supply fuel oil, chemicals and other materials for pulp processing and lumber mill operations in Southeastern Alaska. The barge was designed by

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Elliott Bay Design Group of Seattle, Wash. Black oil, diesel and caustic soda was carried north in the integral cargo tanks plus smaller parcels of chemicals and stocks were hauled in tank and hopper cars loaded on deck. On the southbound run, boxcars were loaded with pulp. In 1997, the mill was closed because it needed about \$200 million in environmental upgrades and other improvements and the barge became surplus to Owner's requirements.

The 35,000-bbl ocean tank barge Caribbean Protector has been added to Crowley Marine's surplus list and Marcon has signed a new contract to act as their exclusive broker in handling sales of floating marine equipment. The 250 x 76 x 17-ft. (76.2 x 23.1 x 5.1 m) barge was originally built in 1969 by Todd Shipyard in Texas and was converted to dedicated oil spill response in 1993. Barge is now laid up in Mobile, Alabama. — (Source: Marcon)

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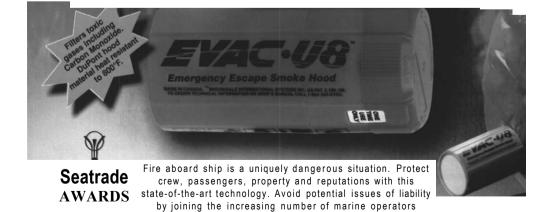
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Coatings & Corrosion Control

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The U.S. was instrumental in the introduction on a large scale of double-hulled tankers. Born out of a desire to make tanker vessels safer by making them more resilient in the event of a grounding or collision, double-hull designs nonetheless have corrosion properties that legislators did not foresee. Double-hulled carriers quickly proved themselves far more susceptible to internal corrosion than their single-hulled predecessors. Coatings manufacturers are now working hard towards a solution, according to one leading coatings specialist.

"When the first generation of double-hulled tankers were taken into service, their owners were startled to find that their state-of-the-art ships were rotting away almost twice as quickly as single-hulled tankers. Pitting corrosion in the inner tank top plating was taking place at an annual rate of between 1 mm and 2 mm. In some instances, pits developed as deep as 7 mm to 9 mm within five years. That's 40 percent of the original plating thickness," says **Ed Jansen** of Antwerp-based Expertise- en Ingenieursbureau Touw-Jansen, a

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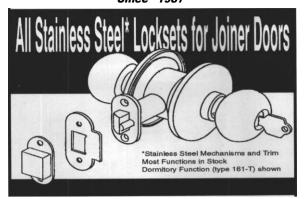
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This came as a shock to the system to an industry that had been used to doing major corrosion repair work around the time of the second special survey. Suddenly, owners found that they were footing hefty repair bills on very young ships. But why were double-hulled tankers rusting away so quickly? The answer was provided only recently, thanks to work done by Sigma Coatings, for whom Jansen acts as a consultant.

"Research done by Rodney Towers at Sigma suggests that the corrosion problems caused on board double-hulled tankers can be attributed to the thermos-flask effect of the design. Crude oil is usually loaded in locations where temperatures can reach as high as 45 to 50 degrees Celsius. It is then shipped to locations that are much cooler. If it is carried on board single-hulled ships, the oil cools down comparatively quickly under the influence of the ambient sea temperature, reaching sea temperature between 36 and 48 hours after being loaded,

depending on the volume of oil and other factors. On board double-hulled vessels, cooling down times are much longer, taking days rather than hours," Jansen explains. Oil in double-hulled tanks takes an average of 20 days to reach sea temperature, he adds.

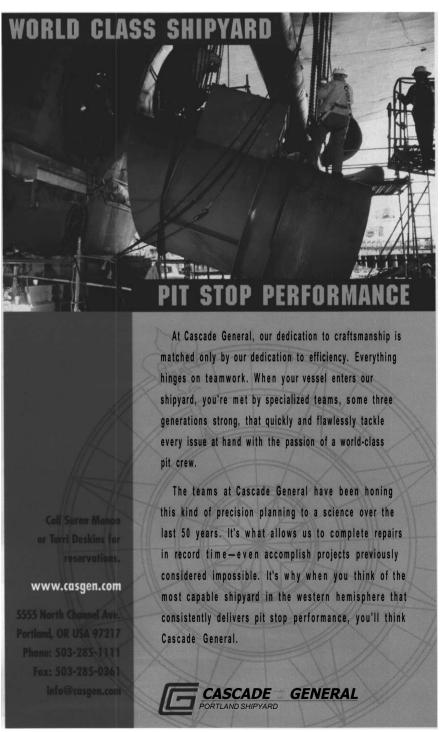
The significance of the longer cooling down period is found in the lifecycle of corrosion inducing bacteria. The bacteria survive longer in the warmer oil in double-hulled ships, lengthening the electrochemical corrosion process that naturally occurs at the bottom of cargo tanks on board oil carriers.

Not only do the bottom of tanks on board doublehulled vessels rust more rapidly, under-deck plating and ullage areas are more prone to corrosion as well. The reason for this is a different one, however. Here, it is the choice of construction material that is significant. To offset the increase in weight due to the extra steel required for double-hulled newbuilds, shipyards incorporated higher levels of high-tensile steel into their designs. "High-tensile



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Coatings & Corrosion Control

steel ships are subject to greater degrees of hull flexing at sea. This is important when you consider the corrosive processes in under-deck and ullage spaces," Jansen says. During ballast voyages, inert gas is pumped into the cargo tanks of tankers to prevent the build up of flammable gases from cargo residues. Inert gas is also used to fill up the ullage space left after a cargo has been loaded. The gas used is generally pumped in at a temperature of roughly 45 degrees Celsius. At night, the natural drop in temperature will cause the gas to cool to around 20 degrees Celsius.

Even the thermos-flask characteristics of a double-hulled ship cannot prevent this. As a result, the walls lining the spaces filled with gas are covered in condensation. Rodney Towers' study suggests that in an inerted VLCC as much as 12 tons of condensation can be created each night. "The condensation dissolves solubles in the inert gas mixture that trigger the corrosion process," Jansen explains.

This is particularly damaging for ships with high levels of high-tensile steel. Their increased flexing during voyages leads to higher levels of flaking. Flaking exposes fresh areas of steel for the corrosive solubles to do their damage. According to Jansen, "By encouraging flaking, high-tensile steel is its own worst enemy."

The good news for owners is that coatings manufacturers have been hard at work to develop products that will help prevent excessive corrosion. Rodney Towers' work has been very significant and Sigma Coatings is addressing the issues raised by his research. Jansen will be helping the company better understand the requirements of modern tanker shipping. "Improved coatings, a clearer understanding of coatings on the part of crews, and investment in coatings by owners at the newbuild stage will help prevent double-hulled tankers from causing more problems than they solve," he says.

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Scottish Company To Revolutionize Coating Inspection

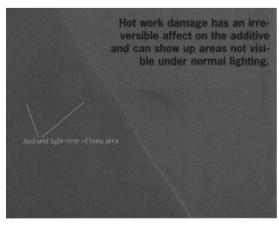
Luminous Technologies Ltd. has, after 12 years of research, developed an optically active additive (OAA) that when introduced into an existing coating formulation enables easier inspection during application and through life of the coating — without degrading the performance of the existing coating formulation.

The product, which is targeted for the marine market, concentrates on areas such as ballast tanks that are hard to inspect properly and adequately as the vessel is being built, as well as throughout its life.

The system can be used for the improvement of ballast tank coating, cargo tank coating, confirmation of removal of shop primer and any coating application quality.

Instrumental in providing a solution that currently plagues the shipping industry — the product ensures that vessels remain in good condition through life. The protection to the vessel afforded by the coating is increasingly critical and subjected to greater inspection by shipbuilders, paint companies, owners and classification societies. In addition, the ballast tank areas have greatly increased as a result of the OPA 90 requirements for double hull vessels

The OAA system, which works in ambient light conditions normally found in a ballast tank during



The two-coat scheme has a reactive first coat that clearly shows up abrasion damage.

new construction, is added to an existing formulation in such small quantities (less than one percent) that the existing formulation performance is unlikely to be affected in any way. OAA causes the coating to become sensitive to certain wavelengths of light allowing for defects within the film such as pinholes and areas of under/over application that cannot be seen by the naked eye.

The system works by adding the first coat of the scheme and using the suitable hand held light so that the coating process can be examined during and after application. The applicator can use the system to ensure that first time application is providing the coverage and not leaving uncoated edges.

Once the coating is dry, the system is designed to enable an inspector to survey a tank using a suitable hand held torch. The system can enable one sq. m to be examined at a distance of three meters with pinholes easily visible at this distance.

The second passive coat (which doesn't have to be the same color as the first coat) of the scheme is then applied. This coat does not contain an optically active additive. In service, any damage to the topcoat will reveal the active undercoat and therefore provide a clear and unambiguous indication for maintenance.

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Wheelabrator Elects New Sales Manager

Wheelabrator Abrasives, Atlanta, Ga., has named **Christopher Pawlicki** as the regional sales manager for Ohio, the Northeastern U.S. and Ontario, Canada. Pawlicki, who has an extensive background in industrial sales, most recently served as a manufacturer's representative for various quality products.

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The Marine industry, and especially the world shipping industry, has seen many changes in the past three decades. These changes have come about partly as a result of the economic crises in the world and partly because of the very rapid advancement of technological innovations.

The world recession forced many ports, shipyards, shipping companies and related industries to close down. This, together with increase in the oil prices, demanded a new generation of ships, which are cheaper to run, more efficient and carry more cargo but fewer personnel. The new era in computer and automation technology has helped the design of these ships in many respects. Using digital computers it has become possible to solve problems, which have been very difficult or impossible to solve until very recently. This has resulted in an improvement in the theoretical basis of ship design. Computer-aided design and optimization techniques are now part of the design task, which make the final design a more refined piece of work than what used to be the case. It is now possible to store large amounts of data from previous designs in data banks and refer to them when necessary.

All these, together with the advancement of science in other related fields, have resulted in ships being designed and built with revolutionary hull forms and machinery, which have totally different maneuvering characteristics when compared with more conventional ships. These new ships range from fast passenger and container ships, some of which have large areas exposed to the wind when loaded with deck cargo, to



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ultra-large crude carriers with substantial physical dimensions requiring very deep water and large turning basins for their safe navigation. These ships and have to go in and out of ports in almost all weather conditions in a matter of hours.

Port operators, in order to remain competitive and also to attract more customers, have to make certain that their ports are equipped with all the facilities required for handling these ships and also to ensure their safe passage within the port area. This latter problem is then referred to the port design consultants serving the port authorities to ensure that ships of different types and sizes can navigate safely within the harbor areas and suggest any maintenance program and/or modifications required to keep the port open, safe and competitive.

Simulator applications

Applications of ship simulators can be identified by examining the potential end-users and their requirements. Simulation exercises are usually carried out in one of the following modes: single-module simulation, off-line simulation and real-time simulation.

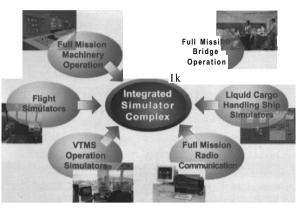
Single-module simulation is used in order to improve or modify an existing module. Another reason for such simulation is an interest in the behavior or the output of just one part of the model under different operating conditions. Off-line simulation with the complete model is especially useful when the output results are independent of the human response. In this mode of simulation, time-sharing systems or batch processing

> procedures may be very conveniently used by pre-setting the iteration period. This method is also used in validating and fine-tuning of a special ship-type or in some port design studies.

> Real-time simulation may be achieved in different ways: for example, the execution of each iteration may be timed, and the body-fixed coordinates, advanced by the same amount, or the process may be timed and ceased until a certain time interval has elapsed for the next iteration to begin. In this mode, the mathematical model usually forms an integral part of a ship-simulator and requires interaction with a mariner to control the ship. STCW 95 was perhaps the most effective catalyst in getting simulation more accepted as a training tool within the shipping industry. This has meant that simulators are not only used in nautical colleges as a training tool but also during the sea service.

Deck cadets and other crew members intended to steer the ship may practice steering different types of ships on a simulator to understand the very basic differences between steering a ship and other transport vehicles, and gain experience for use aboard a ship when required.

"Rules of the road" exercises can be practiced on a ship simulator by junior officers and deck cadets, by placing them in a situation where a decision should be made to avoid collisions or close-quarter situations. The instructor can then examine the efficiency of the action taken. The usefulness of this becomes apparent when we consider the possible consequences of taking a



wrong decision in a close-quarter situation. A simple mathematical model with no external effects would be sufficient for this purpose.

Bridge procedures, passage planning and group work can be practiced using a bridge simulator as well. For this simulation exercise a full complement of the relevant bridge personnel is required. It has long been a common practice in the Merchant Navy that mariners do not usually gain any Ship handling experience until they are actually put in command of a ship; a wrong state of affairs. This can now be improved by training the officers from very early stages of their service at sea. This method is also ideal when senior officers are joining a vessel where they have no experience of her maneuvering behavior. A high-fidelity mathematical model with all the external effects is required.

Port approaches can be extremely hazardous especially when the personnel on board have no previous experience of the local conditions. A desktop simulator on board a ship can increase the confidence by exercising the approach using the simulator. A high fidelity mathematical model of the ship together with database for the port area is required.

The way ahead

There are still improvements needed for the Maritime Simulation environment, and the first area that needs improvement is the so-called Integrated Simulator Complex. Very few simulator manufacturers actually do provide a complete integrated ship simulator, which seamlessly integrates (for example), bridge operations with engine room and communication operations.

Transas has implemented (as far as possible) the multi purpose High Level Architecture (HLA) interface that allows full integration between the various simulators providing the trainee with an Integrated Simulator Complex instead of the typical "stand-alone" simulator solutions available these days.

A logical continuation of this integration should eventually allow compatibility between simulators of different manufacturers. However this seems to be a long way off due to mainly commercial reasons.

The next step of improving the Maritime Training Solutions is the establishment of proving "On-Going" Education after they have completed a simulator course at one of the established training centers around the world. This type of training can be performed at home or on board (at sea or in port). Some technology is already available and improved communication technologies between ship and shore are just a matter of time. Once we have solved the ship to shore data transfer there will be no technological barriers to the implementation of the so-called Virtual Maritime Academy.

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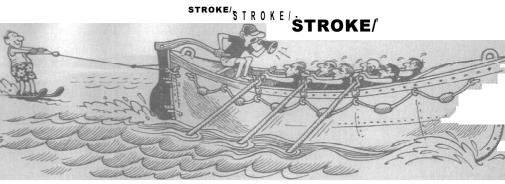
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The Practical Lifeboatman

The standing joke in the lifeboatman practical portion of the AB class is "...The good news is that you will only have to row and learn the oar commands ... The bad news is that the instructor

wants to water-ski.'

Finding a ship with gravity davits, that will invite an outsider to participate in lowering drills, is no easy task. Schools that teach AB/lifeboatman courses often



do a disservice to the mariner by suggesting this method of obtaining the

required practical training, knowing full well that finding this arrangement is nearly impossible. Sea School, the College of Nautical Knowledge, admits to some guilt, in the past, in making this recommendation. However today it can announce that its two-day U.S. Coast Guard Approved Lifeboatman course includes hands-on practical lowering of a lifeboat with full size gravity davits and rowing a real lifeboat on Tampa Bay. A Z-card or merchant mariner document (MMD) is available with a few variations. For Able Seaman (AB) special, Limited or Unlimited the requirement is that the lifeboatman rating must be included. For a person assigned to lifeboat duty on a vessel where he may not be considered part of the crew, (a

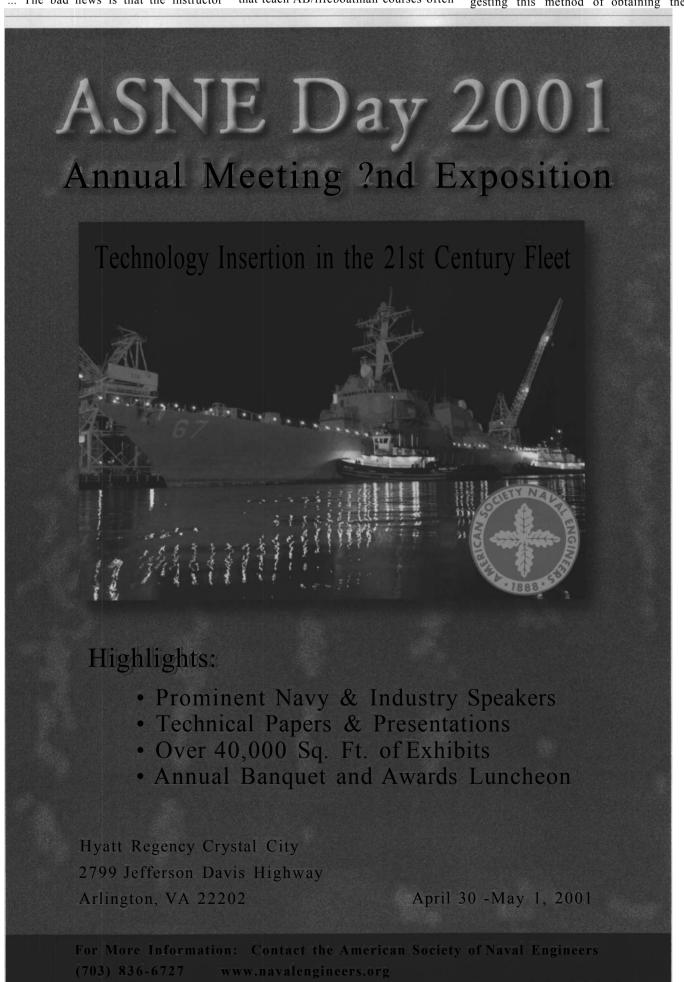
In the past, the USCG used about 13, ,25-scale models at Regional Exam Centers (REC) to accomplish the practical requirements. Recently, the National Maritime Center (NMC) of the USCG announced that the ,25-scale models could not be used any longer for this purpose. This makes a real-life gravity davit/lifeboat a scarce but valuable tool for teaching a U.S. Coast Guard course.

domestic gambling vessel where croupiers maybe required to assist in abandon ship) the Z-card may be issued as Lifeboatman without the AB rating.

SS American Victory, a vintage 1945 victory ship, was brought into Tampa Bay to be transformed into the American Victory Mariners Memorial & Museum Ship. This was done to provide a unique and realistic venue for meetings, reunions, receptions, seminars and other special events, and to present interactive maritime educational programs. Sea School has been invited to participate in fulfilling this goal by holding USCGapproved courses (including lifeboatman) aboard this superb teaching platform. The demand for this hands-on practical exercise has exceeded all expectations of the Sea School staff. "All the work that we put into rigging and repairing the davits was worth all the sweat equity," said Sea School Director Ed Morris (USCG ret.), Captain of the lifeboatman project for the school. For certain mariners, NMC has indicated that the lifeboatman portion will meet STCW 95 requirements for survival craft training Morris comments, "if we can figure how to keep the callouses off these deck officers soft hands, we may be able to challenge other rowing groups to some hot races up and down the Tampa Ship Channel".

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The new millennium is an excellent time to be switching to modern advanced simulation technology. Today's simulation industry has advanced significantly compared with only a couple of years ago. Information technologies, High Level Architecture, modular design, precise mathematical modeling and the spectacular performance of modern PC's, all make the Implementation of the latest simulation solutions readily available at extremely attractive prices. In turn, they offer a progressive step forward towards safe seafaring in the new century.

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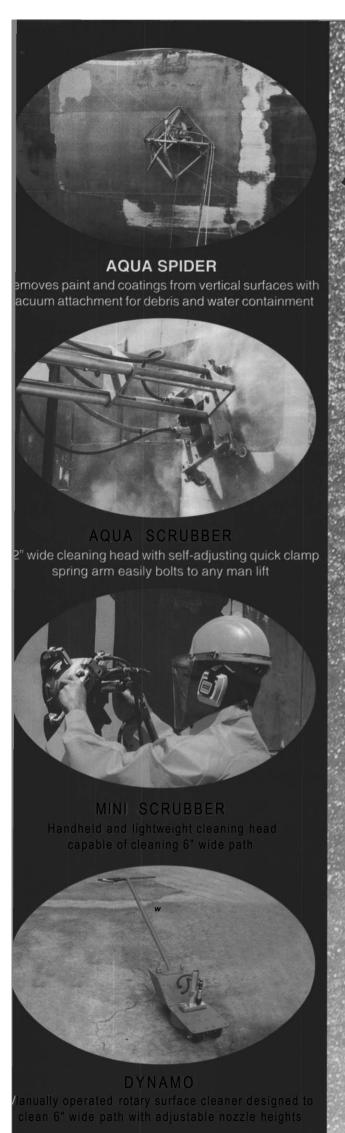
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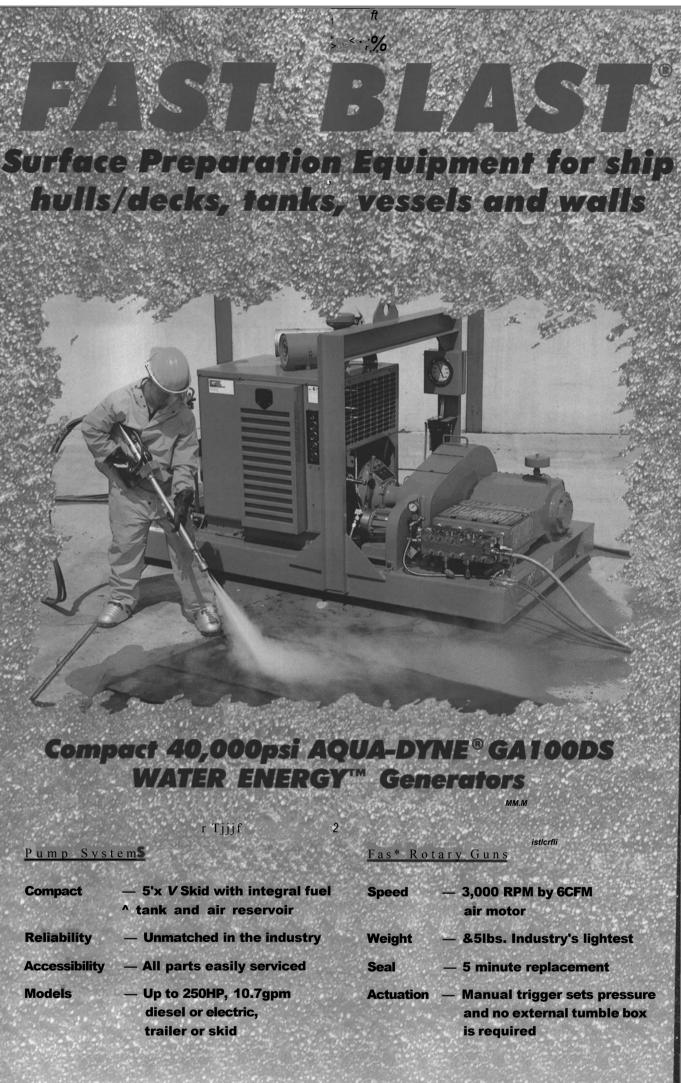
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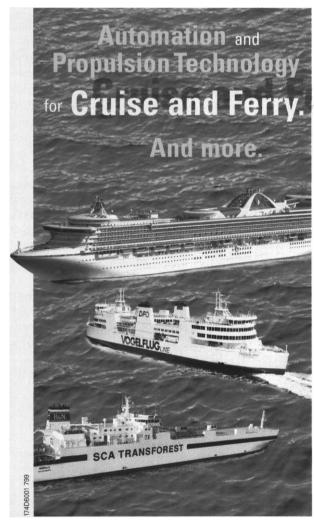
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Using Computer Based Training for STCW Basic Training

Houston Marine Training Services has partnered with MGI International Inc., of Vancouver, BC, Canada, to provide Computer Based Training (CBT) delivery of the classroom-theoretical portions of STCW-Basic Safety Training. An impetus for this deal is the urgency for mariners to comply with international regulations of the Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), as under current traditional training delivery parameters, it is expected that 60 - 80 percent of companies will be compliant with STCW by February 1, 2002. The availability of this training in a CBT format will increase the training capacity to meet the demands currently facing the maritime industry.



The CBT program is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and fully meets the STCW requirements for the traditional classroom portion of Basic Safety Training. The courseware is delivered using interactive multimedia that combines CBT with practical training. The modular design allows ongoing student interaction in a proctored, self-paced learning environment. Each student must still be assessed for proficiency in fire fighting, water survival, and first aid. The benefits of this training method delivered in an electronic teaching format are crew flexibility, cost savings, and student data management.

Maintaining crew flexibility is vital to companies competing in a global economy. Training is available around the clock when delivered onboard the vessels. When the student has completed the CBT elements, the student can enroll in the instructor lead practical field/final assessment for fire fighting, water survival, and first aid. Both companies and employees are burdened with the cost of training related expenses. The reduction in training hours, travel costs, and the integration of the training with work schedules will result in substantial cost savings. Each student's progress is captured on a "Student Access Card." Instructor observation capabilities allow electronic monitoring of the student's course progression. The scores and progress sheets are available to the instructor or training coordinator by accessing the administration database.

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ICS Launches Video Conferencing Breakthrough

The Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) has launched a ground-breaking initiative by using video conferencing to deliver education and training to Europe. Funded in part by the Suffolk Technical and Enterprise Council, the video conference link will enable students overseas to receive tutorials directly from a tutor based at the ICS in London. Using sophisticated software the tutor is not only visible on screen, he/she is also able to use the screen as an overhead projector and a blackboard. Initially launched in Italy, Spain and Portugal on November 30, 2000, the Institute's Understanding Shipping course will be the first course to be delivered in this way. "This is a very good way of investigating what will be a key method of delivery in the future," says John Barclay, education consultant to Tutorship, the correspondence college of the ICS. "Through the use of video conferencing, we are meeting demand for the delivery of shipping education overseas in a cost-effective way," he adds.

Understanding Shipping is one of the latest courses to be launched by the ICS aimed at new entrants to the shipping industry with little or no exposure to ships or shipping. Taking approximately six months to complete, the course has nine modules covering ships and trades, the business and the players, bills of lading, port agency, bulk carrier and tanker documents, liner agency documentation, chartering, ports and cargoes, ship management and operations. Each student receives course material by post, which is supported by a one-hour tutorial by video conference each week. At the end of each module is a multiple choice test and, prior to completion of the course, each student is interviewed on an individual basis.

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Furuno Offers New GMDSS

Furuno's new A2 GMDSS radio station is a communications station that provides communication at any time, from any location within A1 and A2 sea areas. The A2 GMDSS Radio Station is designed to ensure maximum availability of safety communications and dis-

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DSC with watch-keeping receiver. The FM-8500 is an all-in-one marine VHF system consisting simplex/semi-duplex 25W VHF radiotelephone, a DSC modem and a CH70 Watch Receiver. The FS-1562 is a semi-duplex, SB radiotelephone, available in both 150 kW and 250 kW

configurations. It offers instant selection of 2,182 kHz, 2,187 kHz, IT channels and 400 programmed transmit and receive frequency pairs. It also features a large, back-lit LCD display. The DSC 6A is a DSC modem capable of composing DSC messages, verifying the prepared message before it is transmitted, controlling the radio transreceivers, storing distress messages, performing routing testing without radiation of signals.

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ICOM Offers New VHF Marine Radio



ICOM America intends to offer its new IC-M402 marine VHF pending FCC approval. The new unit incorporates the latest in user-convenient digital technology, and is rated JIS-7 submersible. The IC-M402 includes a builtin, emergency response feature called DSC watch function, a feature usually found only on high-end radios. The feature allows the IC-M402 to continuously and automatically alternate monitoring between emergency DSC channel 70 and another tuned channel. The new radio can be integrated with ICOM's Commandmic (HM-127), effectively allowing for full, remote control of the radio. It can also connect with the GPS and act as a position repeater.

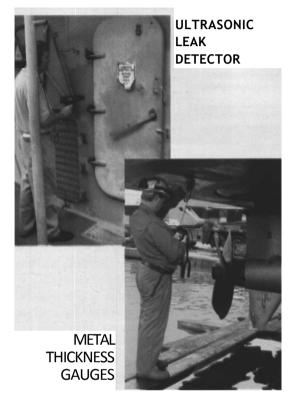
The IC-M402's large, new-design LCD and speaker are designed to make the radio easy to sea and hear in all conditions. List price for the radio is \$360.50.

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JRC Combines Plotter, Sounder

JRC North America has introduced a combination color chart plotter and fish finder, the PLOT 500F. The unit features a 6.5-in. sunlight-viewing LCD (TFT) display, and supports C-Map NT

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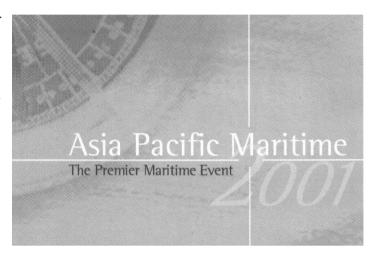
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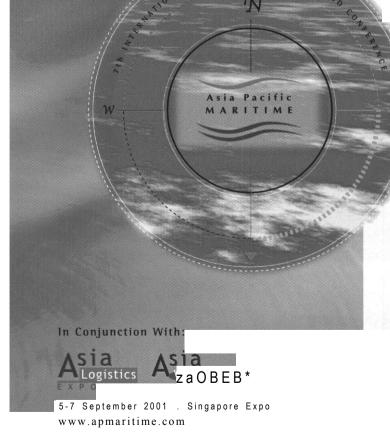
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Austal USA Secures Candies Vessel Duo

Austal Ltd. has reported that its U.S. operation, Austal USA, has secured a two-vessel order for the construction of 150 ft. (45.7 m) aluminum crew supply vessels to operate in the Gulf of Mexico.

The vessel pair, which has been ordered by Otto Candies of Des Allemands, La., is scheduled for delivery in early 2002. This new order adds on to the current 82 ft. (25 m) high speed passenger catamaran that Austal USA is constructing for an unnamed owner.

The monohull designed vessels will be used to service the offshore industry in the Gulf of Mexico. Operating at a speed of 26 knots, each will house two forward cabins on the main deck to provide seating for 80 passengers; the vessels' aft cargo deck has been designed to carry up to 150 long tons of cargo.

Both vessels will be powered by 4x Cummins KTA 38 Ml diesel engines (1,000 hp) driving Hamilton 571 waterjets through Reintjes WVS 430/1 reversing gearboxes.

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Aker Finnyards To Build \$1.5

Million Fast Surface Combatant

Aker Finnyards and the Finnish Navy have agreed on a \$1.5 million contract for the construction of another Hamina-Class Fast Surface Combatant.

The vessel, which will be delivered in April 2003, will have a length of 28 ft. (8.5 m), draft of 5 ft. (1.5 m) and displacement of 200 tons. Comprised of aluminum and lightweight composite materials in the superstructure, the vessel's propulsion system will consist of two wateijets producing a speed of more than 30 knots.

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A&B Industries To Build

76 Ft. Tug

A&B Industries, Morgan City, La., has signed a contract with Luhr Bros., Columbia, 111, for a 76 ft. (23.1 m) model bow tug for service in the Great Lakes as a switch tug and general operations vessel.



The tug will be powered by twin main engines producing 1,710 hp. Since the tug will be involved in operations in low bridge clearance areas, its superstructure and mast were modified to a low profile to meet a 19 ft. air gap clearance. Also onboard will be a hydraulically-operated stern towing winch to increase the vessel's capabilities and versatility.

The vessel is the third to house a hull design developed by A&B to meet inland and coastal operator requirements for 10 and 12 ft. hull depths. This specialized design can accommodate main engines with power ratings up to 3,000 bhp.

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MMC Gets Rep For

Barge Industry

MMC International Corp., Inwood, L.I. will be represented by ERL Inc., New Albany, Ind. for the inland waterways barge industry.

ERL will be marketing MMC's full product line including the Flexi-Dip closed gas tight portable gauging and sampling systems and CL couplings for flange to flange connections.



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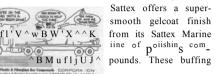


Ameron

Ameron offers a full line of coating products for any ship, including antifoulings, linings for ballast and water tanks, coatings for cargo holds, chemical tank linings and coatings for hull and

topside protection. Circle 102

Sattex Corp.



pounds. These buffing in brick shapes and

stacks in six different

abrasive grades.

These buffing compound bricks and sticks vary in order to remove varying degrees of surface oxidation, minor scratches, orange peel and sanding marks while enhancing the luster of the hull's gelcoat.

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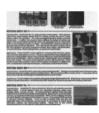
Gardner Denver

Gardner Denver high-pressure water jetting units are designed to provide a powerful, environmentally safe method of solving difficult cleaning and cutting challenges. At supersonic speeds, low-volume, high-pressure water delivers its cleaning

energy into most inaccessible areas.

Circle 104

Neutra Rust



Neutra Rust offers a unique line of coatings that are designed to be effective in a variety of highly corrosive environments. All Neutra Rust products are non-toxic, non-hazardous, and nonflammable. In addition to the coatings, Neutra Rust has

cleaners and solvent that can be used for surface preparation prior to coating appli-

cations. Circle 105



Corrintec

Corrintec's Minitek Impressed Current Cathodic Protection Systems (ICCP) have been ordered for two new passenger ferries, which will operate in Portsmouth Harbor. Minitek ICCP system has been specially developed to provide protection against hull corrosion for

smaller vessels. Easily installed and compact in design, it provides continuous and accurately controlled protection. Circle 107



Aqua-Dyne

Aqua-Dyne has been manufacturing waterjetting equipment, systems and parts for more than 29 years. These units typically operate at 10,000 to 40,000 psi and are used in surface preparation, internal cleaning of pipes and heat exchangers, concrete removal (hydrodemolition),

and as cutting alternative to saw blades and laser cutting machines for parts fabrication.

Graco

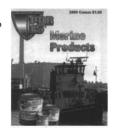
Graco is a publicly held worldwide manufacturer of fluid handling systems and components. Graco's expanded line of high pressure airless sprayers for cor-

rosion control applications is designed to provide extra power for higher flow rates, longer lines and better atomization. Additionally, Graco's SuperCat, a high-pressure proportioner offers a pressure performance capacity of 5,000 psi, allowing atomization of viscous materials through long hose lengths.



Circle 110

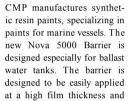
Por 15 system is designed to permanently stop rust from returning to marine equipment. The system is designed to be applied directly to rusty surfaces, leaving a rock-hard finish that won't crack, chip or peel. It is created to coat a rusty keel, hull, bulkhead,



anchor, prop, or bilge and stop rust in its tracks. Por 15 products are designed to work together to produce maximum results.

Circle 111

Chugoku Marine Paints (CMP)





then prevents water penetration, and corrosion is halted. The new Umeguard Super-H, a highly abrasive cargo holding coating, is designed to extend the period between major grit blasting of cargo hold up to 50

Circle 112

Hoffer Flow Controls

Hoffer Flow Controls' new Displacement Positive Flowmeters are designed for industrial use and are constructed of 316 stainless steel with other materials of construction optional. Available with a variety of end connections including the standard



NPT, this product has a high temperature range of up to 850 degrees F, is pressure rated up to 3,000 PSI standard, and has been independently tested at .25 percent better accuracy on viscous applications above 100 CSTKS.

Circle 113

USF Surface Prep

BCP, a division of USF Surface Preparation Group, has helped to pioneer the design and manufacture advanced airblast systems for more than half a century. The company recently completed a 12-page product guide, which highlights a



wide range of custom designed BCP airblast rooms and components including paints booths, recovery floor, room arrangements, and Schmidt™ abrasive control valves.

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Parametrics

Parametrics is one of the leading manufacturers of ultrasonic testing instruments that measure accurately the remaining wall thickness of internally corroded structures. The line of high quality instruments includes the advanced 36DL Plus with A-Scan and B-Scan, the 26-Series of hand-held basic thickness gauges and the EPOCH Series of digital ultrasonic flaw detectors. Circle 119



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aluminum, fiberglass, steel, wood and concrete.

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AQUA STRIP

Automation USA

The QuaNix Keyless Coating Thickness Gauge measures overall metals and is waterproof. It is a fully- automatic gauge with wireless probe. There are no keys, no buttons, no menus, no cables, and no connectors. The innovative QuaNix Keyless offers automatic zeroing, optimum handling and user-friendly operation.

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Back To Nature Products Co. introduces Aqua-Strip Safer Marine Paint & Varnish Remover. It removes multiple layers of bottom and topside coatings in one application. Aqua-Strip is environmentally safe,

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Blastrac

Blastrac EBE portable abrasive blast cleaning systems are an environmentally friendly way to prepare steel surfaces such as ship sides, decks and other marine surfaces. The systems use steel shot and grit, and operate dust-free to eliminate the need for containment and minimize exposure to the worker and the environment. Vertical systems use a rigging system to crawl around steel surfaces, working three to six times faster than conventional blasting.

A range of models for either vertical or horizontal surfaces assures the right machine to reduce labor cost, exposure, disposal and production time on your job.

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Desmond-Stephan

The amazing Swirl-OffTool — The new Swirl off tool from Desmond Stephan Mfg., scours surfaces rapidly to remove paint, rust, barnacles, graffiti, and other hard coatings. The rotary tool attaches to portable grinders, sanders drills or polishers. Swirl Off reduces the time and effort needed to clean and refinish almost any floor, wall or other structure.

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HoldProducts

HoldProducts has recendy introduced new barrier and cleaning products to the shipping industry. HoldBlock-10 protects ship holds against corrosion from sulphur, salt, potash and other such cargoes. The biodegradable prod-

uct is easy to use, and is safe in occupied areas. For more information log onto www.holdproducts.com.

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Schmidt

Schmidt abrasive blasting equipment is designed to maximize productivity for bulk system applications such as those found in shipvards. All systems feature an efficient piping designed to minimize pressure drop, and Schmidt valves and controls that use significandy less abrasive. Save on abrasive costs, spend less time on cleanup and minimize disposal. Schmidt bulk systems are available in a range of standard and custom systems to meet specific applications. Circle 129



Vacu-Blast

The Vacu-Blast BRS systems use a wide range of abrasive media to remove coatings and other materials from steel surfaces. Applications include large jobs where productivity is paramount: weld-joints, barge and ship cleaning, bridge work, and more. BRS systems can perform blast and vacuum functions simultaneously, thereby virtually eliminating dust clouds, poor visibility and costly cleanup. The

simultaneous blast/vacuum action makes the Vacu-Blast BRS ideal for situations when open air blasting is neither possible nor practical. The BRS systems can also perform each function independendy, making them versatile and powerful tools for any blast cleaning application.

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Dust Muzzle is a polypropylene shroud for collecting dust made by angle sanders and die grinders. It is flexible, transparent and retrofits over 1.200 tools in minutes. No special paper is needed, it works with any vacuum and it is over 95 percent effi-

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Imtra Corp.

Imtra specializes in quality marine products for boats and yachts of all types - specifically Recaro Maritime Seats, which are now available to the marine industry through Imtra. Recaro has been setting the standard for ergonomically designed seats for many years. Imtra offers four models that come standard with black leather upholstery.

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Barnant Company

Barnant Company offers a new line of Ponndorf peristaltic hose pumps in 24 dry-running and lubricated models with capacities up to 220-psig pressure and 176 GPM flow.

The large-capacity pumps are in stock for immediate delivery to customers in a wide range of process and industrial fluid handling

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MacGregor

MacGregor's new Sherlog Ultrasonic Testing System is designed for checking the tightness of key cargo access equipment, such as hatch covers and shell doors.

Operators can check cargo access sealing system condition at any time, with no water involved and no interference with other shipboard activities. Sherlog also features a data transfer capability to a PC or laptop, and can be used as a periodic survey information source. Circle 108



CPV Manufaturing

CPV Manufacturing's O-Seal System valves and fittings are rated for heavy-duty liquid or gas service and provide years of reliable, leakproof operation. The O-Seal Valve's leakproof reliability is the result of two flat-faced fittings that are joined with a resilient O-ring incorporated into a close tolerance groove that uses line pressure — meaning the higher the pressure, the tighter the seal. O-Seal valves and

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Wynn

The Type "C" is a heavy-duty internally mounted motor straight-line wiper from Wynn's Ocean Range. It offers an advanced design of linear action window wiping systems for marine and other specialist applications. Wynn wipers are designed to be durable, reliable and quiet.

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Smith ikruir Marine! Inc.

Using innovative designs, Seattle's Smith Berger manufactures ship equipment that is unique and sturdy. From Flag Blocks to Chain Stoppers, the company offers many different designs and can even custom manufacture most items

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UltraStrip Systems, Inc.

Smith Berger Marine

The unique, patented industrial grade Ultra-Strip Robotic Hydro blasting system is capable of removing coatings from the hulls of ships at the rate of 2,000 to 10,000 square feet per hour. Pictured with the systeym is Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of the late explorer and environmentalist, Jacques Cousteau

A noted environmentalist in his own right, Jean-Michel Costeau believes the UltraStrip closed loop system will help save marine life

from grit blasting, one of the largest streams of industrial waste facing the world today.

Circle 134

Renaissance Cruise Uses ETC

This past year, Renaissance Cruise Lines added three new ships to its fleet, the R5, R6 and R7. The company is set to add the R8, which was scheduled to be named in a ceremony on February 18th. Built at Chantiers de l'Atlantique, Saint-Nazaire, France, the R-class ships are almost identical in design, and the Saint-Nazaire division of HMS France has supplied and installed the entertainment systems, TV distribution and the broadcast and editing systems on all of them. For the entertainment areas of the R5, R6, R7 and R8, HMS installed an ETC Sensor delta dimming system plus 48 Source Four PARs and 32 Source Four ellispoidals at the specification of its Miami-based division Harbour Marine Systems. Aiming for standardization in terms of equipment, Harbour Marine Systems now specifies ETC equipment for all its cruise ship projects, including those installations carried out by parent company HMS France.

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NASSCO Receives ISO 14001 Certification

NASSCO has earned the designation as the first private shipyard in the U.S. to receive ISO 14001 certification for its comprehensive Environmental Management System and environmental protection policies. The certification process was conducted by ABS.

Stratos Announces Global Distribution Deal

Stratos Global Corp. has reached an agreement with Iridium Satellite to provide Iridium services globally. The new Iridium service will be the sole handheld communication service to offer complete global coverage. Compared to Iridium's initial plan, pricing has been reduced dramatically, in addition to improved functionality. The new service is comprised of voice and data functions accessed by a smaller, lighter and easier to use handset. Airtime charges are expected to be a fraction of the former Iridium charges, and handset charges will be significantly reduced as well.

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Offshore Inland Completes Many Projects

Offshore Inland Marine and Oilfield Services, Mobile, Ala., has finished a two-ship contract for the fabrication and installation of rail car and marine equipment for the LMS Shipmanagement Vessels, Banda Sea and Bali Sea. LMS Shipmanagement commenced the conversion process at a Singapore shipyard and concluded work in Mobile, where the new rail car ANCHORS

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Offshore was given the responsibility of fabricating and installing ^ByW rail car bumper stops, roller chocks, track switching gear and side shell removals for access to the new mooring winches and handrails across the vessel's stern.

originates.

The company is currently performing a piping and tubing installation on six thrusters for Transocean Sedco Forex's drill ship Discoverer 534. Offshore Inland performed all tubing and piping installation, not to mention a hydraulic system flush and miscellaneous steel work.

Friede Goldman Halter awarded the company a contract to install piping and tubing for the choke and kill lines, high pressure wash down system, hatch covers, water tight doors and anchor winches. In addition, Ocean Rig called upon Offshore Inland to set up an onsite facility to remove, test and re-install all of the relief valves for the semis Bingo I and Bingo II.

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Lang Manufacturing Appoints New CEO

David W. Ek has been elected as president and CEO of Lang Manufacturing effective, February 12, 2001. Ek succeeds Jack Sparacio, who had held the position for the past seven years and will continue to sit on the board of directors. Ek joined Lang In October of 2000 as executive vice president. Prior to this, he was executive director of Business Development with FSbuy.com, an e-commerce business designed to serve the food service industry. He has a very successful track record in sales and marketing in the food service industry and has held management positions with Wells/Bloomfield Division of Specialty Equipment, and National Controls Corporation.

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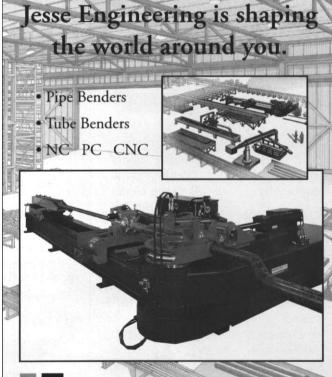
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The new company, which will be ^^ J l known as Modern Maritime, Inc., plans to offer the marine industry with cost-effective solutions to the management of problems encountered through increasing regulatory requirements and a more competitive marketplace.

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Great Ships of 2000

Samsung Delivers Excellence

Due to a production glitch, the following vessels from Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries were erroneously omitted from the December 2000 edition. Following are details on OOCL Los Angeles, a 5,500-TEU containership; Vinland, a 126,000 shuttle tanker; and Saibos FDS, a pipelay and crane vessel, all of which are honored as Maritime Reporter & Engineering News Great Ships of 2000.

Vessel's Name
Type
5,550 TEU Containership
Owner/Operator
Shipbuilder
Samsung Heavy Industries Co.

Designed by Samsung Heavy Industries Co., OOCL Los Angeles is the seventh in a series of 15 containerships ordered by Nordcapital OOCL. Floated out in February 2000 and delivered three months later, the ship is designed and constructed with eight container holds, and the German-flag ship is capable of carrying 5,550 TEU, stowed nine ties by 14 rows in hold and six ties by 16 rows on deck. There are three rows of pontoon type hatch cover on deck shall be arranged in way of hold compartments except No.7 F. Propulsion power for the containership is provided by a B&W12K90MC engine with MCR rating 74,640 bhp at 94 rpm, driving a fixed pitch propeller. To ensure exceptional maneuverability in port, one set of bowthruster has been fitted at forward to ensure the good maneuvering in port. Accommodation has been provided for 16 officers and 10 crewmembers, in single and six maintenance; crews in three double-berth cabins. One personnel lift has been arranged from navigation deck to third deck.

This vessel has a main engine exhaust gas pipe from the exhaust gas economizer to funnel top is to be care-

fully insulated and fabricated of stainless steel 5 mm inhibit corrosion. Electrical supply is derived from one main engine driven 2,100 kW shaft generator, three diesel-powered 1,300 kW main alternators and one 150 kW emergency generator. Fuel oil shall type coolers have been provided for the central cooling system. The navigation system has been prepared and equipped for one-man bridge operation of DNV W1 concept.

Vessel's Name
Type
Shuttle Tanker
Owner/Operator
Shipbuilder
Samsung Heavy
Industries Co.

Vinland, hull no. 1293, is a Canadian-flagged 126,000-dwt shuttle tanker measuring 892 x 151 ft. (272 x 46 m), with a tank capacity of about 141,000 cu. m. Delivered in August 2000, the ship is designed specially to cope with the harsh weather in the North Sea. For instance, the Dynamic Positioning System (DPS) that interfaces with twin CP propellers and four bow and stern thrusters, keeps the vessel's position automatically during bow loading, maximizing its safety and reliability when transferring oil between the oil platform and this ship. In addition, the ship is equipped with the special nav-

igation device, which boasts suitable anti-frozen facilities in order to operate in icy waters at outside temperatures averaging 17 degrees C below zero. Samsung Heavy utilized many of the skills needed to construct such an advanced vessel during the construction of a pair of shuttle tankers, Kometic and Mattea, which were delivered in 1997. The shipbuilder also credits The J.J. Ugland Companies for extending to it the confidence in the building of such technically demanding tonnage.

Vessel's Name
Type
Owner/Operator
Shipbuilder
SaiBOS FDS
Pipe Lay & Crane vessel
SaiBOS CML
SaiBOS CML
Samsung Heavy Industries Co.

Samsung Heavy Industries Co. delivered the Bahamas-flagged, dynamic positioned pipe lay & Crane vessel pf SaiBOS in mid-December. The SaiBOS FDS, Pipelay & Crane Vessel has been designed and constructed with the regulation of DNV classification society. Tanks are contained within a complete double side/bottom/bulkhead structure with topside tanks, the inner line of which is extended to form the side of a full length upper deck trunk, also with double skin. In this way, not only is the threat of tank damage from outside reduced, but protection is provided against critical steelwork fractures in the outer hull, caused by extremely low cargo temperatures.

Able to carry a marine crew of 30 with a maximum 169 technicians, the technically advanced ship is outfitted with the latest array of marine equipment. Sai-BOS FDS — which measures 536 x 98 (163.5 x 30 m) — is powered by four Wartsila 16V26 engines, and is able to achieve a service speed of 13 knots.

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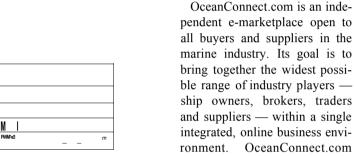
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The power of the Internet is expanding far beyond the traditional business models of delivering information and facilitating transactions. A major goal of the European Commission's safety initiative is increasing the transparency of the marine industry, and a major plank in this platform is the Internet. It plans to achieve this by harnessing the power of the Internet, putting all ships details and histories on a single publicly-accessible database called Equasis (www.equasis.org). The goal: accountability. Publishing details — both good and bad — for all to see, is hoped to be a deterrent to charterers seeking the lowest possible cost in the face of safety. The EU plans to work with the U.S. Coast Guard and with Japanese maritime authorities to build a global picture of ships' safety records.

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Marine buyers can find and buy nearly anything on the Internet, from diesel engine spare parts to marine shafting (pictured is Western Branch Metals found at http://www.aqualoy.com) variety of products and services from leading industry suppliers on-line.

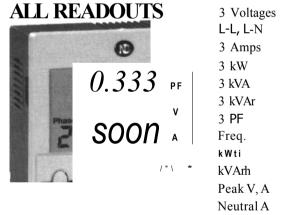
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Vessel-Net.Com, which develops and markets the leading Marine Administration and Planning software solution, MAP, selected Miami as its global headquarters. This solution addresses the complete management, scheduling and reporting for all commercial marine organizations. The MAP solution is comprised of nine modules: Marine Logs; Maintenance; Interfacing; Inventory; Procurement; Human Resources; Scheduling; Health & Safety; and Replication. Vessel-Net.Com is led by CEO **Benjamin J. Keeley,** who before joining the company was the manager of Database Operations and Administration at Royal Caribbean Cruises.

e4marine Goes Live

e4marine, a marine procurement portal established in May 2000 by Unitor and SpecTec, has moved into production with its first major customer, Finnish ferry operator Silja Line. Silja Line tested the system on its flagship, the 59,912 git Silja Europa, sailing between Stockholm (Sweden) and Turku (Finland). The internet compatible system allows engineers onboard to place purchase orders (PO's) and requests for quotation (RFQ's) electronically with preferred suppliers.

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Worldscale On The 'Net'

Worldscale, the 500-page annual guide to tanker freight rates, will be available via the Internet as of March 5, 2001. The site has been developed jointly by the Worldscale Associations in London and New York, and tested among existing subscribers. "This is the most significant advance in the Worldscale product since the concept was introduced more than 40 years ago," said **Iain Shaw**, chairman of the Worldscale Association (London) Ltd. and CEO of Seascope Shipping Ltd.

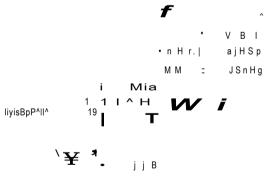
The organization believes that the Internet version — which is designed as a "no frills" package with minimal graphics — offers many advantages to the printed guide. In addition to speed and ease of use and round-the-clock availability, it provides access to Worldscale's complete database of 280,000 flat rates, which is quadruple the number found in the printed version. It also gives alternative voyage routings, and automatically highlights information that normally needs to be investigated separately.

Internet access is available only to Worldscale subscribers, who pay an annual fee of \$1,825. The additional cost of subscribing to the Internet service is \$1,000, however the cost of licenses for additional users within the subscribers organization is \$75 each. Worldscale was first published in 1969.

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- The Open Level providing access to publicly-available information, such as pre-engineering concepts and installation design information, etc.;
- Registered Level requiring the user to register for customized information;
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Mediterranean Shipping Takes Another Cruise Ship

Mediterranean Shipping Co had exercised an option with Alstom for a second 793-cabin cruise liner to be delivered in 2004.

Although Alstom declined to give the value of the contract, industry sources put the value of the liner in the region of 300 million euros (\$279.1 million).

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NASSCO Delivers

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The Watkins is the sixth new construction ship completed by NASSCO under the U.S. Navy's Strategic Sealift Program. A total of eight new construction ships and three ship conversions have been awarded to NASSCO under the 20-ship Strategic Sealift Program. The sealift new construction ships are large, medium-speed, RoRo ships (LMSRs). The ships are assigned to the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command, and are prepositioned to deliver U.S. Army tanks, armored personnel carriers, tractor-trailers, as well as other equipment and supplies.

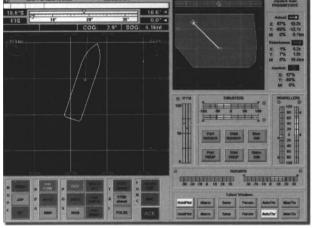
The USNS Watkins is 950 ft. long, has a beam of 105 ft. and displaces approximately 62,000 long tons when fully loaded. The ship has over 390,000 sq. ft. of cargo carrying space. The gas turbine-powered ship will be able to sustain speeds up to 24 knots when fully loaded.

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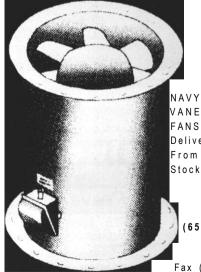
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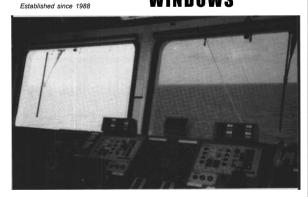
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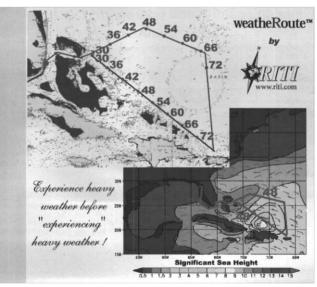
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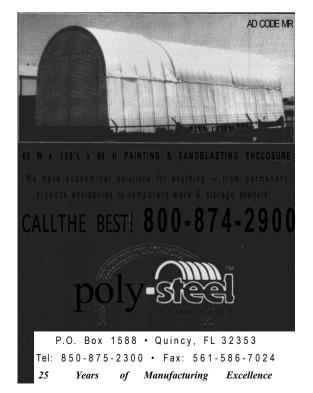


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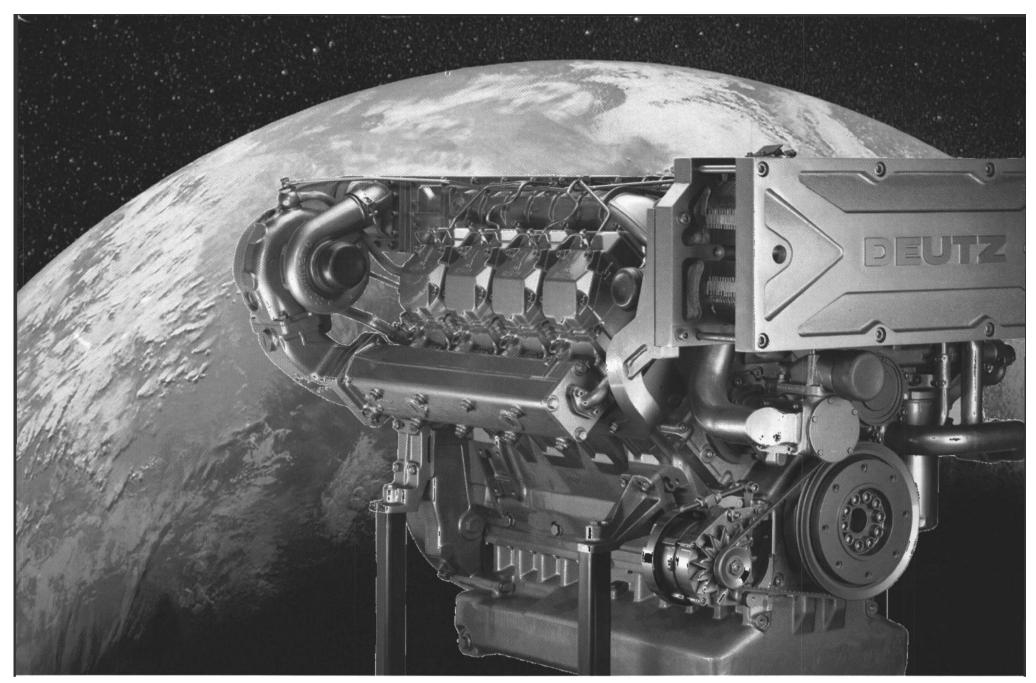
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