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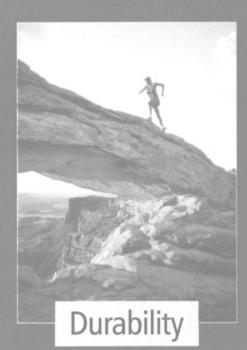
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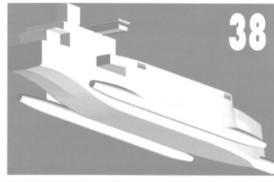
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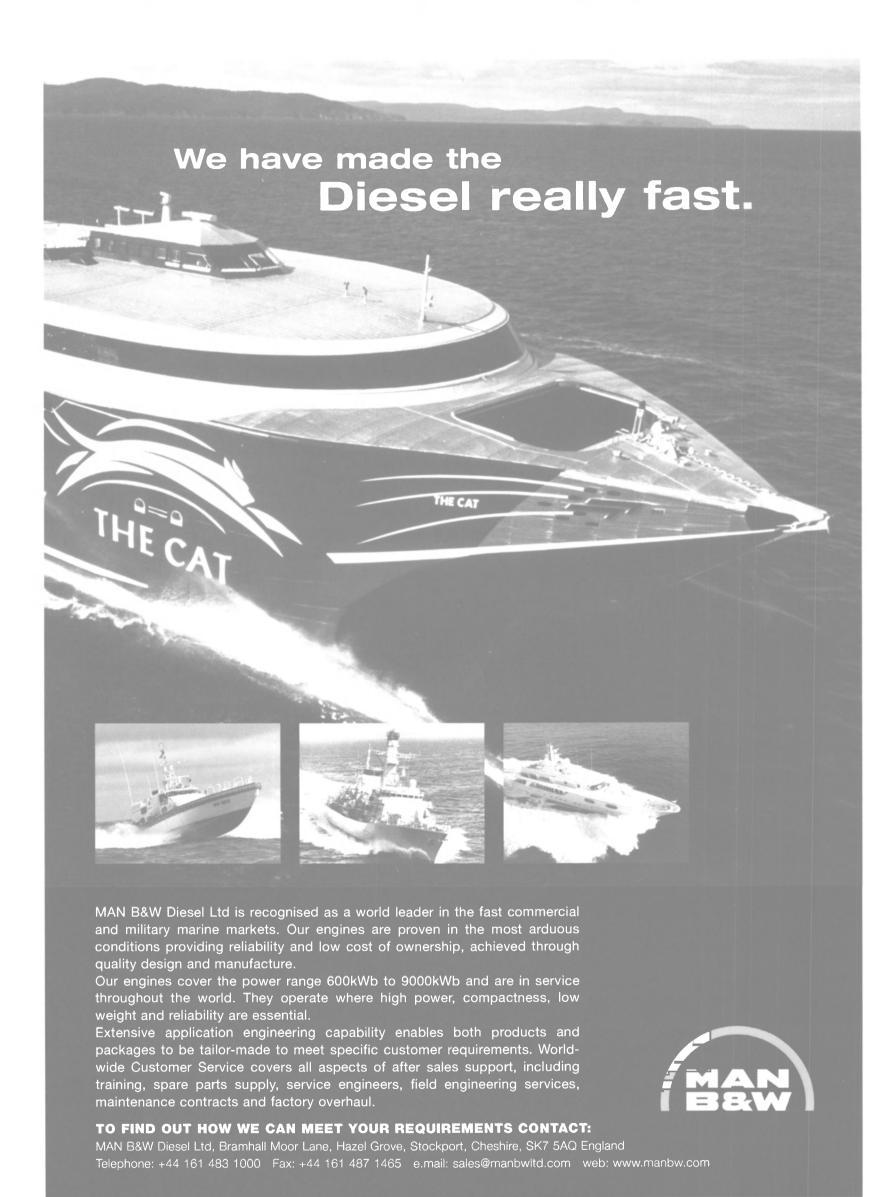
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#### **Editor's Note**

ive been to many ship and boatbuilding facilities ... domestic and foreign; large and small; modern and antiquated. In fact, traveling to shipyards, witnessing first hand the different means incorporated to build ships and boats and meeting the people responsible, is probably the best part of my job. Naturally, I've seen many different types of vessels in varying degrees of build, from the largest cruise ships and LNG carriers to the smallest tugboats and water taxies.



I have never ... ever ... seen anything like Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) at Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding.

Though the favor is not mine to give, I invite anyone to step aboard a modern 1,092 ft., 90,000-ton nuclear aircraft carrier and afterward declare U.S. shipyards anything but master builders. There is no aspect of these magnificent floating cities that is short of incredible, as the the numbers, from parts (more than one billion) to tons of steel (45,000 tons, precision welded) to capacity (6,000 personnel and more firepower than many countries), is truly amazing.

Ronald Reagan is a transition ship for the U.S. Navy for sure, despite the fact that work on the new carrier design — CVNX — is just starting to role. Reagan features hundreds of technological and design enhancements which place it firmly above its eight nuclear carrier predecessors, and positions it as a platform for the technologies the Navy needs to realize it's Network Centric vision.

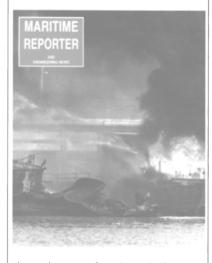
Through its partnership with IBM, in the procurement of the Catia CAD-CAM shipbuilding program and the integration of a centralized SAP database, the company is fully able to leverage the mighty power of software solutions and modular building techniques to dramatically reduce man-hours on the front end and re-engineering during construction. While this may seem old hat for commercial shipbuilders around the world, it is indeed transformational given the fact that nuclear aircraft carriers take about 7 years to build.

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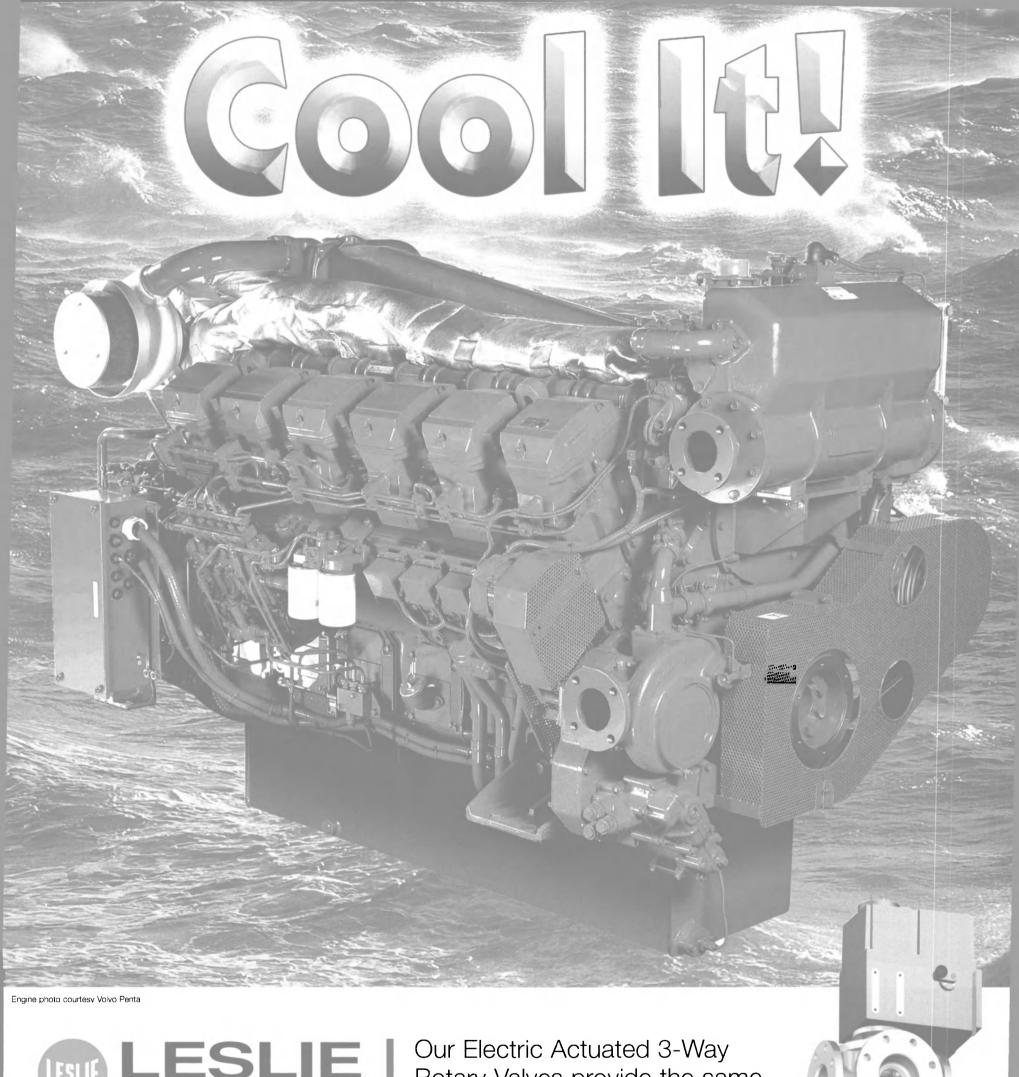
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# Title XI: Left Out in the Cold

#### Congress discontinues the credit insurance program relied upon by U.S. shipowners for more than 65 years

By H. Clayton Cook, Jr.

#### Title XI Credit Insurance Discontinued

When the Conference Report for the Omnibus Spending Bill, which provides funding for the federal government through September 30, 2003, was released on the February 13, 2003, it was there for all to see. The House and Senate Conferees had zeroed out appropriations that would have allowed MarAd to continue a 65-year old program to assist U.S. shipowners in seeking private sector debt financing for new vessel construction.

#### The Title XI Program

The MarAd Title XI program was enacted in 1938 to provide a way for U.S. flag shipowners to borrow money in the private sector to build ships to meet national transportation needs. It was not a government "grant" or "give away." The shipowner purchased a MarAd contract to insure payment of the shipowner's debt to the private sector lender in the event the

shipowner defaulted. MarAd "mortgage insurance" was changed to a Treasury "guarantee of payment" in 1972. The language change was cosmetic. Treasury "guarantee of repayment" had more appeal than MarAd's "insurance of repayment."

From 1938 through 2002 the owners of more than 90 percent of our new Blue Water and Great Lakes commercial vessels have relied upon this MarAd program of repayment guarantees so that the ship owner could borrow in the private sector at reasonable interest rates and with debt maturities matched to vessel economic lives. Year in, year out, in most but not all years, MarAd earned a profit on these insurance/guarantee transactions. And in recent years, MarAd has been required each year to pay this profit over to the Treasury. MarAd must now obtain a yearly appropriation to fund the actuarial risk associated with Title XI guarantees. Yes, MarAd must turn its profit over to Treasury each year, and then (without regard to these profits) it must seek a yearly appropriation, through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the

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Congress. For FY 2002 the Bush Administration's budget as submitted to Congress provided "0" for Title XI, and this was so for FY 2003, and for FY 2004. OMB has stated that it intends to terminate the Title XI program. OMB wishes to hold the line on "nonessential" expenditures and this program is corporate welfare. The action of the Omnibus Spending Bill Conferees suggests that OMB may have finally won its battle to terminate Title XI. The Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA) has acted to organize a meeting of shipowners and other private sector interested parties to explore what can be done to resuscitate this worthwhile program.

#### **National Transportation Needs**

As the U.S. Department of Transportation and Congress work to develop transportation policies to meet 21st Century needs, perhaps the most difficult problems are those associated with traffic congestion on the Interstate highways parallel to our Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts. Interstate 95, I-5 and I-10 carry traffic far beyond their design capacities. In metropolitan areas, which these highways intersect, the combination of long distance and local traffic slows vehicle movements to a crawl. More traffic is on the way. Additional highway lanes and intersections will not solve these problems. Properly fashioned waterborne trailer and container services and passenger ferry operations can and should. MarAd sponsored a program on these Short Sea and ferry solutions in New York City in November 2002. Presentations on the merits of these waterborne solutions were convincing. But no one spoke to their financing. Perhaps one should not be surprised. The problem is a difficult one. Maritime transportation projects have only infrequently provided security sufficient or returns adequate to attract substantial private sector equity or long term debt financing. The vessels to be built to these coastwise services will have useful lives in excess of 25 years. Commercial asset-based vessel financing, if



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# ULCC: Hellespont Alhambra Proves Efficient

Hellespont Alhambra is the first of the series of four new ultra-high spec double hull ULCCs delivered to Piraeus. Greece-based Hellespont Group. At the beginning of February, the 442,000-dwt ship immediately demonstrated its flexibility and economy of scale, delivering a full cargo of Middle East crude to Rotterdam, following a swift voyage from the Middle East Gulf to Europe via the Suez Canal.

Alex Papachristidis-Bove, president and co-chartering manager of Seatramp Tankers, Hellespont's commercial management, said "It's exciting to come up with innovative solutions, successfully execute them for our clients, and know that we provide a unique service that is appreciated. The quality of design and build of these ships, their structural soundness, and the high quality of the hand-picked crew allow us to do these voyages. Our newbuilding ULCCs have

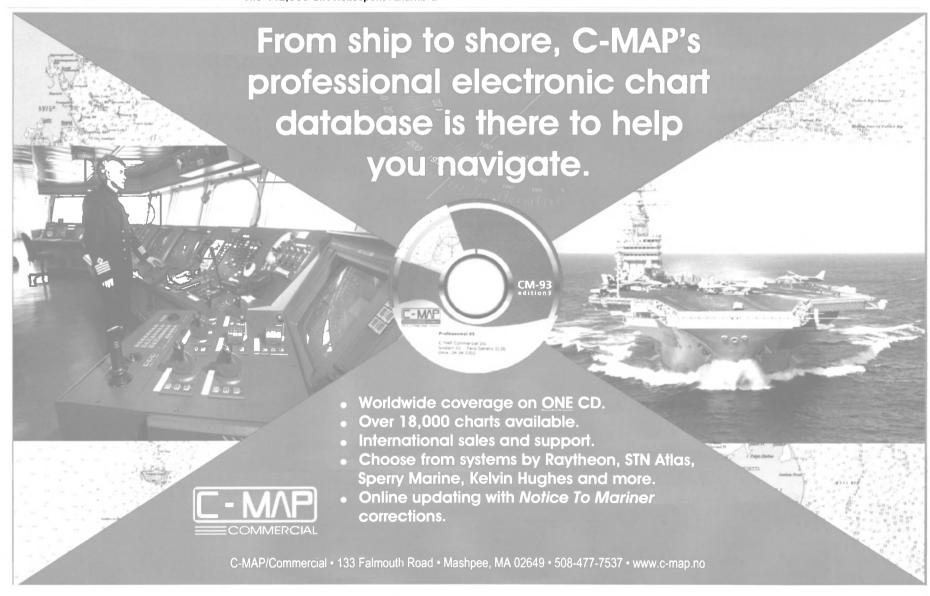


The 442,000-dwt Hellespont Alhambra

not yet had the chance to trade with all of our clients, but those who have used them have first hand knowledge that their speed, flexibility and economies of scale result in a lower dollar per barrel transportation cost."

Hellespont Alhambra lifted more than 400,000 tons of crude ex Kharg Island and Juaymah on January 8, 2003, and delivered in Rotterdam on February 3, giving a voyage average speed of 16.5 knots. The oil major cargo will be partdischarged at Ain Shukna and re-loaded at Sidi Kerir following the Suez transit.

Hellespont Alhambra and sister ship Hellespont Metropolis have been in constant employment since they were delivered in early 2002. The Hellespont Alhambra was the largest tanker ever to discharge in the Santa Catalina Gulf, 20 miles off Long Beach, Calif. in May 2002 on its maiden voyage. The Hellespont Metropolis recently became



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#### Vessels

the first ULCC to lift a cargo of fuel oil in Rotterdam for delivery to Singapore. Both vessels have also lifted a number of cargoes from the AG for discharge in the U.S. Gulf. Hellespont Tara, the third of the series, was delivered in November 2002, and the Hellespont Fairfax, the fourth and final ULCC, will be delivered this month. Built at Korea's Daewoo yard to LR and ABS class, the vessels set new standards for large tanker strength and speed.

The vessels are single screw tankers with 21 cargo tanks including 2 Slop Tanks. The cargo tankers are three across with piping for three grades with double valve segregation. Each ship is double hull with watertight centerline

longitudinal bulkhead in the double bottom. Extreme design Hog/Sag bending moments are 1,510,000/1,090,000,000 Tm. The ships are each built from less than 38 percent high tensile steel.

#### Hellespont Alhambra Main Pa

Port of registry	
	Alhambra Corporation
ClassLloyds Register	+100A1, Double Hull Oil Tanker, ESP.
ShipRight (SDA,FDA,CM	/I),+LMC,UMS,*IWS
Builder	Daewoo Heavy Industries
Yard Hull No	5183
Delivery	3/7/2003
Cargo Tanks	21 (incl. 2 slop tanks)
Speed	16 knots (17.5 bałłast)
Length, o.a	1.246 ft. (380 m)
b.p	1,200 ft. (366 m)
Breadth	223 ft. (68 m)
	111.5 ft. (34 m)
Keel to Mast	242.6 (73.96 m)
Tonnage Gross/Net	
International	234,006T/162,477 T
	235,449 T/234.454 T
Main Engine	HSD SULZER 9RTA84T-D
MCR	50,220 bhp @ 76 rpm
	MMG40-blade - 10,500 mm diameter
Design stress	less than 90% of LRS
Auxiliary Boilers	MHI
Exh. Gas Economizer	Kang Rim Industries Co.

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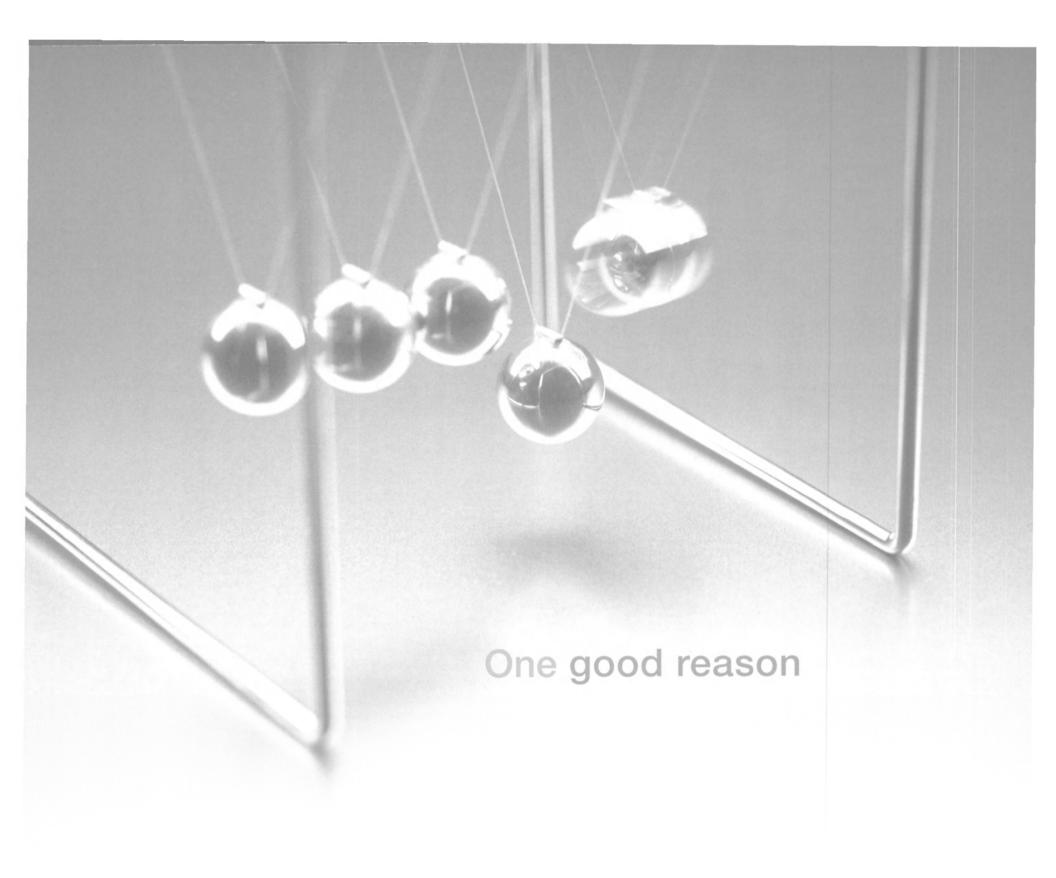
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### **ENSCO Sells Marine Vessel Fleet to Tidewater**

ENSCO International has signed a definitive agreement to sell all of the oil-field support vessels owned by the Company's subsidiary. ENSCO Marine Company, to Tidewater Inc. for \$79 million in cash. The transaction, which is expected to result in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$5 million to ENSCO, (\$0.02 per diluted share after taxes), is subject to various regulatory consents. It is anticipated that the transaction will close early in the second quarter of 2003.

#### Blohm + Voss Offers Hand With Olympic Games

Blohm + Voss GmbH and Blohm + Voss Repair GmbH are providing dock 11 as advertising space for Spiele fur Hamburg 2012 GmbH. With this contribution the two companies support the application of Hamburg as venue for the Olympic Summer Games 2012. On April 12, 2003, the decision will be made as to which of the five German cities will win the national contest for



the Olympic Games 2012. The 220-ft. (67.2-m) wide and 36-ft. (11-m) high banner with the "Olympic Games for Hamburg" logo was mounted on February 6, 2003, on dock 11. Measuring 740.1 sq. m., the king-size poster consists of three parts, covers one third of the total length of the dock and is printed with the slogan "Feuer und Flamme 2012" and "City Olympics".

# U.S. Sues NNS For Alleged Overcharges

The U.S. has filed suit against Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. alleging that the company knowingly mischarged the U.S. Navy on costs it incurred for work under commercial contracts from 1994 to 1999, according to the Justice Department.

The lawsuit alleges that the Newport

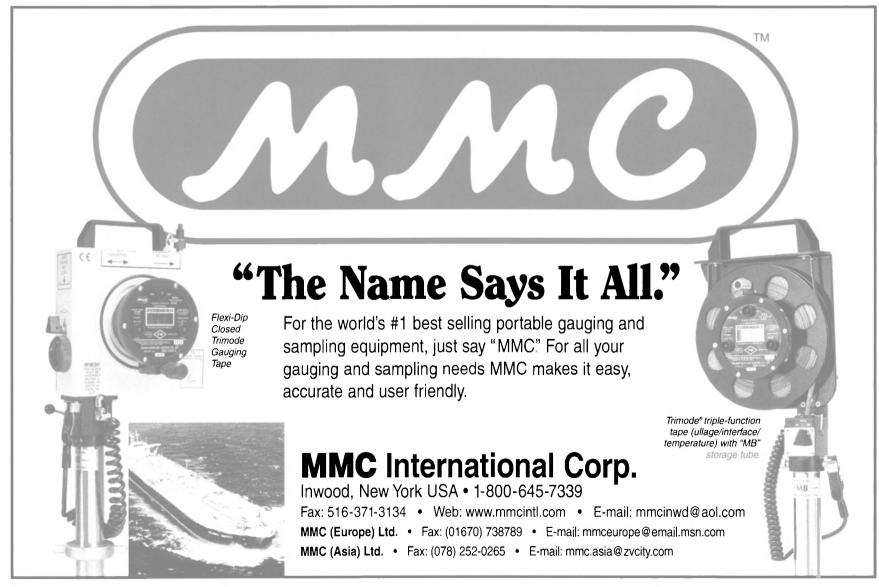
News, Va.-based company charged the Navy for independent research and development (IR&D) costs for double-hulled tankers that Newport News was building for commercial customers under existing contracts. Since November 2001, Newport News Shipbuilding has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Corporation.

The shipbuilding company is alleged to have charged the Navy for more than \$72 million of costs related to the design and development of the commercial tankers, which were passed through as overhead on major Navy shipbuilding contracts. The government's complaint states that Newport News Shipbuilding mischarged the costs even after being warned in 1995 by senior staff and by its outside consultant, Arthur Andersen & Company, that its charges to IR&D could make it subject to suit under the False Claims Act.

Under the False Claims Act, the United States may recover three times the amount of its losses plus civil penalties.

# IBIA Warns on EU Tanker Proposals

The International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) says that proposals by the European Commission for a EU ban on single hull tankers may inadvertently have a major affect on bunkering operations. Ian Adams, secretary general of IBIA, says, "The European Commission has proposed a new regulation amending regulation 417/2002 which bans entry into EU ports, offshore terminals or anchorage areas under the jurisdiction of a Member State of singlehull tankers transporting "heavy grades of oil". This measure would apply to oil tankers of 600 dwt and above. As drafted, this would effectively outlaw a significant proportion of the current EU bunker barge fleet, as many bunker barges are in effect small tankers within their definition. We believe it could lead to significant supply problems for shipping in EU ports, and we will be asking the Commission to reconsider its proposal, and exclude "small tankers used in the fuelling of ships" from the proposals."



#### Associations Welcome Prestige Captain Release



The Round Table of Associations has welcomed the release of Captain Mangouras, Master of the Prestige', after 85 days in custody in a high security Spanish prison. The Round Table condemns the detention of Captain Mangouras by the Spanish authorities prior to any formal enquiry or legal proceedings, and applauds him for his fortitude under the extreme conditions, which prevailed during the incident and his imprisonment. The Round Table, while welcoming the decision of the vessel's P&I Club, London Steamship, to meet the \$3.2 million bail to obtain the release of Captain Mangouras, remains of the view that the figure demanded was totally unreasonable. The Round Table is concerned that a precedent has been set for a yet more excessive demand in any such future incident. The Round Table also joins other commentators in decrying the criminalizing of masters and senior officers after a casualty, believing that this is not only indefensible in human terms, but also inhibits timely and efficient accident investigation.

### **Cummins Provides Aux Power for New Tanker**

A newbuild from a Turkish shipyard for a British owner features Cumminspowered generator sets. The oil tanker Whitchallenger was delivered in October, 2002 from Gemak Shipbuilding Industry and Trading, S.A. of Istanbul Turkey. The 279 x 49 x 28 ft.  $(84.9 \times 15 \times 8.6 - m)$  vessel holds a total 4.682 cu. m. with a 163 cu. m. slop tank. Propulsion power is provided by a MAK 6M25 rated for 1,800 kW at 750 rpm turning into a Rolls Royce 3:1 gear. Main electrical service to the vessel is provided by a pair of 304 Kwe, 50 hz Cummins Marine Auxiliaries (CMA 304/5 HX) each powered by a Cummins KTA19 D(M1). Limited harbor needs are met by a single CMA80/5 HX (80KWe/50hz) powered by a Cummins 6BT5.9 D(M)

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### Titan to Develop and Build Navy X-Craft

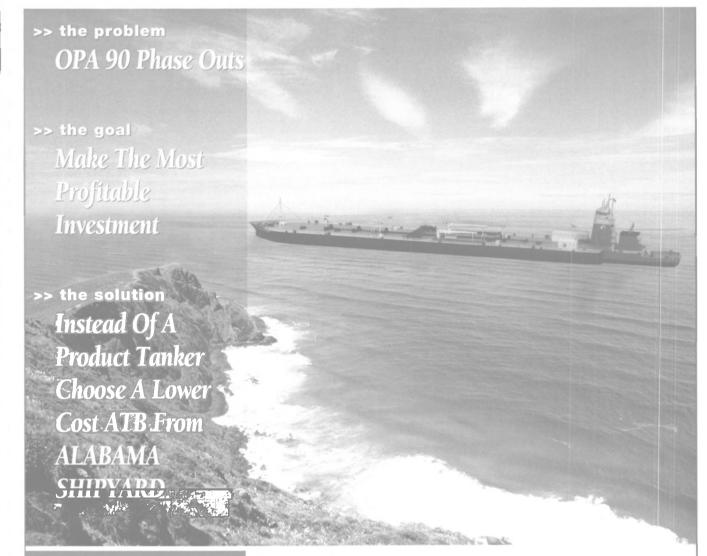
The Titan Corporation has been awarded a \$59.9 million contract by the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) to develop and build the Navy's "X-Craft." The X-Craft will be a high-speed aluminum catamaran consisting of an advanced hull geometry, designed

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# News NNS Awarded Contract

Northrop Grumman Newport News, Newport News, Va., is being awarded a \$23.1-million firm-fixed-price contract for the interim dry-docking of the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul (SSN 708). This effort will include maintenance, repair and ship alteration. Work will be performed in Newport News, Va., and is expected to be completed by June 2003.

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#### Tsakos Expands Fleet

Tsakos Energy Navigation Limited has received two new vessels from Imabari Shipyards in Japan. The Aframax Marathon immediately entered into an accretive repositioning voyage with a major South American oil concern. The Panamax Maya, the first in a series of four new fully coated panamaxes, was received on January 24, and also immediately entered into an accretive repositioning voyage with a major Asian oil concern. Including these two vessels, TEN expects to add six newbuildings to its fleet in 2003. TEN has arranged financing for the remaining Aframax and one of the three additional Panamaxes scheduled for delivery 2003.

Remaining financing needs include two Panamaxes scheduled for delivery in the second half of 2003 and one handy-size products carrier to be delivered in 2004.

## **Graig Group Secures Orders For Bulk Carriers**

Graig Group has secured seven firm orders for its modern double-hull ultra handymax Diamond 53 bulk carrier. Graig has ordered two Diamond 53's from Shanghai's New Century yard, Athens-based Thenamaris has taken two Graig orders from the same yard, and Scandinavian interests have confirmed, through Graig, three orders at Shanghai's Chengxi yard. First deliveries will begin in January 2005. A total of nine options have been granted by the two shipyards.

#### **General Maritime To Acquire 19 Tankers**

General Maritime Corporation has agreed to acquire 19 tankers, including 14 Suezmax and 5 Aframax vessels from Metrostar Management Corporation, a Greek tanker operator. The acquisition of the vessels is expected to commence on March 1, and to be concluded by April 30, 2003 during which time the vessels will be integrated into General Maritime's fleet operations. On a combined basis, the company's new fleet will be composed of 47 tankers, 28 Aframax and 19 Suezmax tankers. The combined fleet will have a total of 5.6-million dwt. Three of the acquired tankers have time charter contracts attached to them at an average rate of \$23,700 per day.

## ABS, MMS to Collaborate on Offshore, Gas Ops

ABS has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) that establishes a formal framework for scientific and technical collaboration between the two organizations with respect to offshore oil and gas operations. The agreement represents formal recognition by the MMS of the technical expertise of ABS in design review and survey of offshore facilities to verify compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

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# Bethlehem Agrees in Principle to Sell Assets

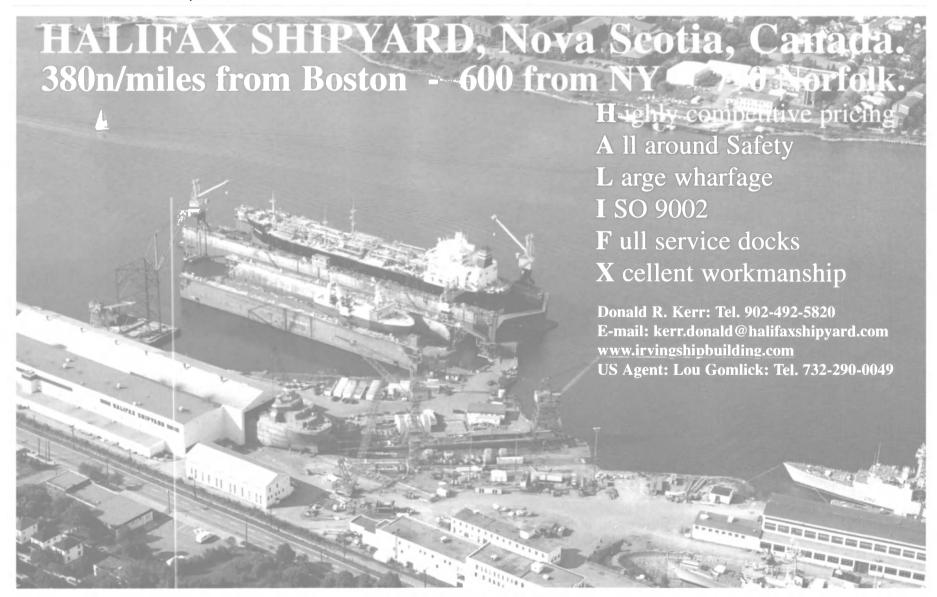
Subsequent to its bankruptcy filing, Bethlehem Steel Corporation has reached an agreement in principle with International Steel Group (ISG) for the sale of substantially all of Bethlehem's assets.

The agreement is subject to the approval of Bethlehem's board, the completion of an asset purchase agreement, the approval of the bankruptcy court having jurisdiction of Bethlehem's chapter 11 case and the satisfaction of certain conditions to closing, including required governmental approvals and other consents, and the resolution of certain claims by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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# Open Letter to the U.S. Coast Guard Regarding Maritime Security

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Following are some thoughts on this important issue. I must commence by stating that I have the highest respect for the Coast Guard. The maritime and port security missions are vital to the U.S. and the world. There is no agency better qualified to lead this important program. Congress has assigned heavy responsibilities to the Coast Guard and, at the same time, required that the initial work be done in an impossibly short time. The Coast Guard is accustomed to working in real time and will accomplish the mission in the shortest possible period. While the U.S. Coast Guard will lead the maritime security effort, it is by no means the only player. Other federal agencies, such as the Customs Service, the Immigration Naturalization Service (INS), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), have important roles to play. State and local agencies, including the numerous port authorities, are important members of the team. The private sector, though, is where maritime security will actually come into being. The active and willing participation of ship owners and operators, masters and crew, and facility operators and employees will be the meat on the bones of statutes, regulations and guidelines. I applaud efforts by the Coast Guard to hold these public meetings to gather comments. The meetings will improve appreciation of the program on the part of the regulated community while enhancing the understanding of the Coast Guard of the complex nature of the task it has been assigned. The eventual regulations will be vastly improved because of this effort.

In its Notice, the Coast Guard asked for comments on a number of specific and fairly detailed questions. I will leave those comments to persons actually operating ships and facilities impacted by the maritime security proposals, who are far better qualified to assist the Coast Guard with their implementation. Instead, I will limit my comments to over-arching issues and common themes that transcend detailed issues.

#### Background

The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code was recently adopted at an international conference convened by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The ISPS Code directs flag administrations to require ship owners

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and operators to institute security programs and develop vessel security plans. The international conference also adopted various amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention).

The U.S. Congress recently enacted the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). Among other things, this statute directs the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to require owners and operators of ships operating in U.S. waters to institute security programs and develop vessel security plans. As Admiral Collins recently stated at an international conference in Singapore on maritime security, the international and U.S. requirements are complementary. They are not, though, exactly the same. That is why this process becomes complex. While there in nothing in the MTSA that is inconsistent with the ISPS Code, the MTSA does contain various provisions not found in the ISPS Code. For sake of clarity and consistency, I will refer to the vessel security plan required by the ISPS Code as the international VSP. I will refer to the vessel security plan required by the MTSA as the U.S. VSP.

#### **Review of International VSP**

The first issue that arises is whether the U.S. Coast Guard will review the international VSP of a foreign (i.e., non-U.S.) ship. This is unclear because, at one point in the Notice of December 30, 2002, it states that the Coast Guard will deem flag administration approval of a vessel security plan (VSP) prepared in accordance with SOLAS and the ISPS Code to meet the Secretarial approval requirement of the MTSA. Elsewhere in the Notice, though, it states that the Coast Guard intends to mandate compliance with the SOLAS amendments and the ISPS Code including part A and part B. Only Part A of the ISPS Code is mandatory on an international basis and flag administration approval will only be based on compliance with Part A. It is unclear how the Coast Guard can deem flag state approval to be equivalent to Secretarial approval if the Coast Guard is going to impose requirements not present in the international sector.

Actual review by the U.S. Coast Guard of an international VSP prepared for a foreign ship raises at least three questions. The ISPS Code, at section 9.9.1 of Part A, severely restricts the authority of Port State Control officials to review the international VSP of a foreign vessel. It is unclear how the U.S. Coast Guard can review the international VSP of a foreign ship without violation of the ISPS Code. The second question regarding U.S. Coast Guard review of an international VSP is more practical than legal. The ISPS Code allows the international VSP to be written in English, French, or Spanish and in the working language of the crew, if other than one of these three languages. If is doubtful whether the Coast Guard can conduct a meaningful review of an international VSP written in a language other than English.

The third question in this regard is whether the Coast Guard intends to issue an approval letter with regard to an international VSP for a foreign ship. The Notice is silent on this issue, but the MTSA states, at 46 U.S. Code § 70130(c), that a vessel security plan shall be submitted within six months of the issuance of the interim regulations and that the Secretary shall have the plan promptly reviewed and shall approve the plan if it meets regulatory requirements. If the vessel security plan for a foreign vessel operating in U.S. waters has to be submitted for approval by the U.S. Coast Guard, then the significance of the statement that the Coast Guard will deem flag administration approval of a vessel security plan (VSP) prepared



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maintain the distinction between the international VSP and the U.S. VSP. For port state control purposes, the Coast Guard should limit itself to conducting

Guard write its regulations so as to normal examinations to determine whether a foreign vessel has a valid international VSP and is in substantial compliance therewith.

For domestic purposes, the Coast

Guard should establish a separate and distinct requirement for ships operating in U.S. waters to have on board a U.S. VSP, meeting the requirements of the MTSA. Owners and operators should be permitted (but not required) to prepare one VSP meeting both the international and U.S. requirements.



The MTSA, at 46 U.S.C. § 70103(c)(3)(B), requires that a U.S. VSP "identify the qualified individual having full authority to implement security actions, and require immediate communications between that individual and the appropriate Federal official and the persons providing personnel and equipment pursuant to subparagraph (C)." The Notice, though, is silent on this issue. Does the Coast Guard consider the qualified individual (QI) to be the ship security officer (SSO), the company security officer (CSO), the master, or some other per-

If the QI is considered by the Coast Guard to be some person other than the SSO, CSO, or master, must this person be physically located in the United States and must this person be available on a 24-hour basis?

Will the Coast Guard address this MTSA requirement in the rulemaking discussed in the Notice, or will this be done in a separate rulemaking?

In order to provide maximum flexibility, it is recommended that the Coast Guard permit a company to designate the CSO, SSO, master, or some other person who is reasonably available to serve as the QI. It is recommended that the QI provision be included in the interim regulations.

#### **Availability of Security Measures**

The MTSA, at 46 U.S.C. § 70103(c)(3)(D), requires that a U.S. VSP "identify, and ensure by contract or other means approved by the Secretary, the availability of security measures sufficient to deter to the maximum extent practicable a transportation security incident or a substantial threat of such a security incident." These words are wholly ambiguous. The MTSA Conference Report states, in pertinent

 Section 70103(c)(3)(D) regarding antiterrorism measures is not intended to require vessel operators to contract in advance or otherwise arrange for antiterrorism response resources. The Conferees consider antiterrorism response the responsibility of local,

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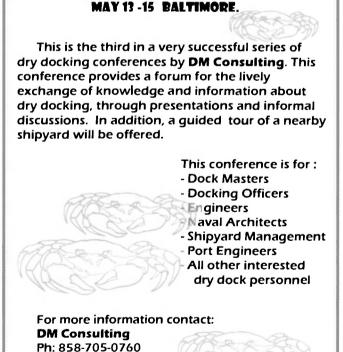




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The Conference Report implies that the vessel operator is responsible for providing antiterrorism deterrence security measures, but may rely fully on government agencies, such as the Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Department of Defense to handle any response that may be required in the event that a terrorist incident does occur.

It is recommended that the Coast Guard immediately provide the regulated community with guidance regarding how it interprets this provision and seek comment thereon. It is recommended that the Coast Guard limit itself to recommending that vessel owners and operators identify responsible providers of security measures for potential use, while relying primarily on government law enforcement agencies, as indicated in the Conference Report. The MTSA, though, allows such a short deadline between promulgation of the interim rule by the Coast Guard and compliance by the ship owner or operator that it will be extremely difficult for owners and operators to vet responsible providers of security measures unless they have some earlier indication of what may be required. This early indication could be provided by means of a Notice, a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC), or even a news release. After all, the MTSA has exempted this rulemaking from various requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### Consistency with National and Area Maritime Security Plans

The MTSA, at 46 U.S.C. § 70103(c)(3)(A), requires that the U.S. VSP "be consistent with the requirements of the National Maritime Transportation Security Plan and Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans." When will a National Maritime Transportation Security Plan be issued? When will all of the various Area Maritime Security Plans be issued?

Rather than rushing to publish such National and Area plans so that vessel operators can make their security plans consistent, it is recommended that the Coast Guard waive compliance with this provision until the next iteration of a ship's U.S. VSP following publication of the National and Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans. This will provide the Coast Guard time to draft well-considered plans and to put them out for public comment.

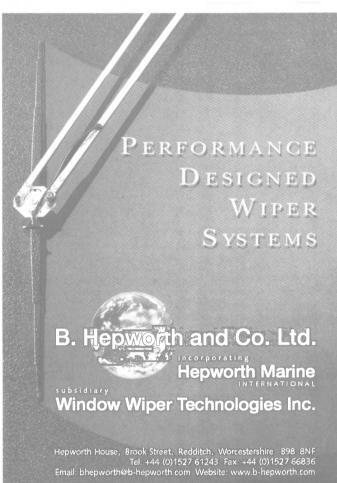
#### **Security Incident Response Plans**

The MTSA, at 46 U.S.C. § 70104, requires that the Secretary establish security incident response plans for vessels and facilities that may be involved

in a transportation security incident. These plans, which may be included in the U.S. VSP, must provide for a comprehensive response to an emergency, including notifying and coordinating

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(including FEMA); securing the vessel or facility; and evacuating the vessel or facility personnel. It is unclear from this provision exactly what Congress





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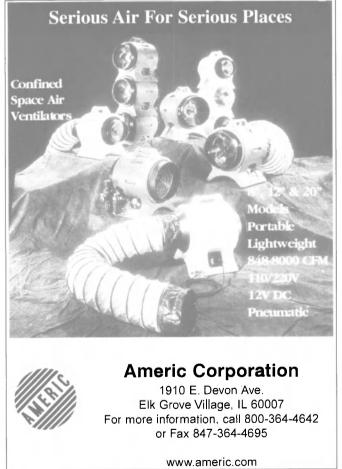
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intended. The MTSA Conference Report, though, sheds some light on the issue. It appears that Congress was, in large measure, concerned with external impacts (particularly oil spills) that might result from a security incident. The Conference Report cites the OPA 90 tank vessel oil spill response plans (VRP) and the non-tank vessel oil spill response plans required by several states

as examples. It is recommended that the Coast Guard include the Security Incident Response Plan requirement in its interim regulations implementing the U.S. VSP requirements.

#### Training

Both the ISPS Code and the MTSA include provisions relating to training of personnel with maritime security responsibilities. It is recommended that the interim regulations (and even the final regulations planned for promulgation in November 2003) include no specific training requirements. Rather, the Coast Guard should seek public input on what training requirements should be established and should plan to include those requirements in a future version of the VSP regulations. The goal should be to develop a training standard consistent with the spirit of the International Convention on Standards of Training. Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW Convention). Such a delay in the establishment of specific training requirements will provide training institutions time needed to develop curricula and companies time needed to send their personnel to the schools. It is important for the Coast Guard to signal its intentions early, in order for the regulated community to provide meaningful input and plan ahead. In similar fashion, the original OPA 90 regulations were intentionally vague regarding several issues that were fleshed out in the next iteration thereof, after vital experience was gained and public input was considered.

#### **Deadlines**

The amendments to SOLAS (with the exception of certain provisions related to AIS) and the ISPS Code will come into effect on July 1, 2004. The Coast Guard Notice states that the MTSA requires the oast Guard to issue a temporary interim rule as soon as practicable and goes on to say that the agency plans to promulgate its temporary interim rule no later than June 2003 and its final rule by November 2003. The MTSA, at § 102(c) (uncodified), requires the Secretary to "establish the plans required under 70104(a)(1) of title 46, United States Code, as enacted by this Act, before April 1, 2003." This latter requirement relates to the Security Incident Response Plans, which are discussed above. It is recommended that the Coast Guard work diligently toward meeting the April 1 deadline, but accept the fact that not all deadlines can be met. I seem to recall that not a single regulatory deadline contained in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) was met by the Coast Guard officer assigned to that project (myself). Deadlines such as this are excellent incentives, but not always within the realm of possibility.

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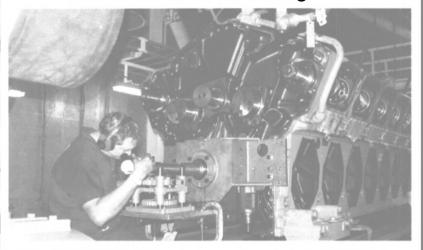
On February 10, 2003, members of the shipping industry gathered at the New York Helmsley Hotel for the Ninth Annual Joint Shipping Conference. Sponsored by the Hellenic-/Norwegian -American Chambers of Commerce, the day's events, which were co-chaired by NACC president Olav Rakkenes, Chairman/CEO Atlantic Container Line; and HACC director LeRoy Lambert, partner, Healy & Baillie LLP, focused on the state of insurance and financials in the industry, as well as the "hot button" issue of security, which was the main focus of the morning events. Pictured: The conference's security panel featured Christopher Koch, president/CEO World Shipping Council at the podium, flanked by,(from left): Chris Austen, CEO, Maritime & Underwater Security Consultants; Capt. Robert Newhoff, Manager-Security, Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises; Patrick Morin, CEO Halterm Halifax; Bob Moore, VP Operations Atlantic Container Line; Robert Shaw, Executive VP and General Counsel, Navios Corporation; Kevin Coyne, General Maritime Corporation; and Dan Conaton, VP and General Counsel, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines.



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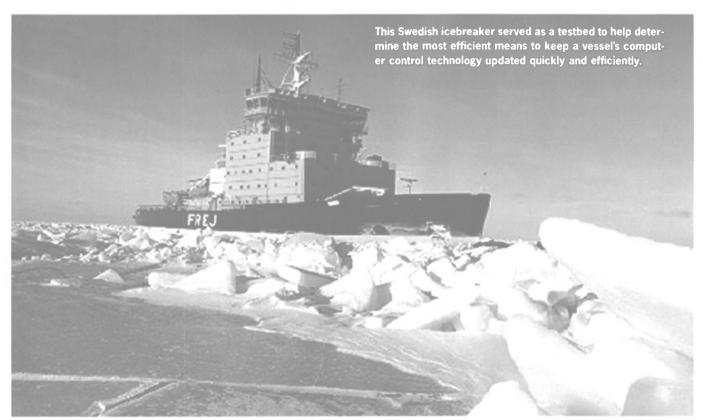
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# An Easier Path to Upgrading



#### By David Tinsley, technical editor

A pragmatic European research initiative aimed at enabling ships already in service to more easily and more rapidly benefit from advances in computer and control technology has led to a demonstrator system being installed on the bridge of a Swedish icebreaker.

The development of a methodology for retrofit applications to the existing European fleet, so as to increase the pace of technology uptake beyond that governed by newbuilding construction, is the main goal of the pan-industry study known as Atomos IV(advanced technology to optimize maritime operational safety). Besides improved safety, anticipated benefits include the introduction of more human-centered and usable systems, better information access, and faster and more reliable operations.

Although most ship equipment has a long operational life, control systems based on computers become outdated within a few years of installation. The rationale behind the Atomos project is that, by formulating a reliable process to facilitate replacement and upgrading, the efficiency and safety of a vessel could be enhanced several times during its lifecycle.

The full-scale Atomos IV ship control center has been fitted aboard the Frej, a conventional icebreaker homeported during the Baltic winter season at Lulea, in the northern Gulf of Bothnia. It is Although most ship
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deployed by the Swedish Maritime Administration, one of 12 organizations and institutes participating in the Atomos project.

The timeframe for the pilot tests, extending into the spring of 2003, will encompass the full icebreaking season in the Baltic. This will see the installation used in a highly demanding operating profile, with the Frej responsible for keeping fairways clear and guiding or towing vessels through narrow, icebound and often rock-bound channels, necessitating precision shiphandling and maneuvering.

Although the Frej is of 1970s vintage, its present control and navigation systems were fitted about 10 years ago. The spacious bridge has allowed room for the trial Atomos layout to be incorporated without impinging on the vessel's existing control and navigation systems, so facilitating comparison tests and

demonstrations. The Atomos cockpit has been installed on the extreme port side of the fully-enclosed wheelhouse, locationally suited to convoy conning tasks.

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Through the full-scale demonstration retrofit and sea trials, the project will apply and validate processes and tools that can facilitate control systems retrofits. Following on from the test program in normal service conditions, the Atomos participants plan to bring distinct interest groups aboard ship during the spring to view the arrangements. One demonstration will be dedicated to the maritime industry, to highlight results, benefits and safety elements. A second demonstration will be oriented towards decision makers at a regulatory level. The latter exercise will underscore system relevance to European Commission safety initiatives, with special reference to ease of control and effectiveness in tracking surrounding traffic compared to older and non-automated vessels.

### Challenger to the Last Steam Bastion

Over the years, a succession of alternatives to steam turbine propulsion for large LNG carriers has been rolled-out by the marine engineering industry.

Nonetheless, the steam turbine has continued to reign supreme for four decades, since the start of large-scale LNG transportation by sea, in what now constitutes its last bastion in the commercial vessel sector. This achievement is a reflection of the performance and proven attributes of such plant, rather than an indictment of alternative solutions.

For sure, one of the steam turbine's most valued qualities is its reliability, with all which that implies for service dependability, ship productivity and safety. Another is the facility, which it offers for burning liquefied cargo boil-off as readily as fuel oil.

However, the recent completion of factory acceptance tests in Finland for a dual-fuel engine derived from one of the most popular, wide-bore medium-speed diesels, denotes a new willingness within the user community to depart from the established technical



The Wartsila 50DF on the testbed.



**Scale of Economy** 

Samsung Heavy Industries has broken new ground for South Korean shipbuilding by landing a contract for a series of container vessels topping the 8,000-TEU mark, the highest-capacity boxships ordered to date in Asia. Denoting a bold investment by Seaspan on the strength of long-term charter agreements with China Shipping Container Lines, the five newbuilds are scheduled to enter the transpacific trade from late 2004 through 2005. Each vessel, at just under 100,000-dwt, will be powered by

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an MAN B&W 12K98MC-C engine, rated at a potent 93,120-bhp (68,520-kW). The nomination of the potent two-stroke machine underlines operators' and builders' overwhelming preference for direct-drive, single-engine propulsion solutions.

order. Whether or not the adoption by Gaz de France of an electric propulsion system, using dual-fuel engined generating sets, will usher in a new era in LNG carrier powering remains to be seen. What is certain is that the in-service behavior of the plant, once the recipient 74,000-cu. m. newbuild is commissioned in 2004, will be closely watched by an industry keen to realize efficiencies through the transport chain.

The diesel-electric package nominated by Gaz de France for the newbuild at Chantiers de l'Atlantique will reportedly offer a propulsive efficiency of at least 40-percent, compared to around 30-percent for steam turbine drive.

Four gensets incorporating Wartsila 6L50DF dual-fuel engines developing 5,700-kW apiece will cover all propulsion and shipboard electrical power needs. As well as being the first LNG carrier with electric propulsion, the French ship will be among the few to have internal combustion engines rather than steam turbine plant.

The Wartsila 50DF engines can be run either in gas mode or liquid fuel mode, with provision for automatic switchover from gas to marine diesel oil in the event of an interruption in the gas supply, while continuing to deliver full power. Significantly, gas fuel is fed to the engines at a low pressure, less than five bar. In gas mode, natural cargo boil-off would be supplemented by forced boiloff to provide the requisite power. Wartsila claims that the maximized use of boil-off coupled with the high efficiency of the DF-series engine makes for significantly lower, overall fuel consumption relative to a conventional steam turbine installation of comparable power. In addition, the Finnish group cites lower emissions of Nox (oxides of nitrogen) and CO2 (carbon dioxide) in favor of its powering solution. It is keen to take the concept further, into the category of the vessels of 130,000-cu.m.plus, the size which typifies the modern generation of deepsea LNG carrier.



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# LCS and Deepwater Share Much

#### Navy and Coast Guard Cooperate for Future Fleets

By Edward H. Lundquist

The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard are working closely together to meet their respective operational challenges while developing their future fleets.

The Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program and the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater System (IDS) project offer new opportunities for collaboration and innovation between the sea services.

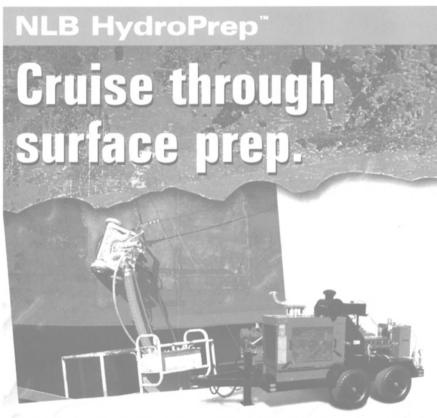
The Navy's role of assuring access in the littoral of the world is in many ways similar to the Coast Guard's mission of maritime homeland defense. Both sea

services will revitalize their forces with a network-centric capability to control the maritime domain.

The Navy's future fleet of surface combatants will include the advanced DD(X) destroyer and CG(X) cruiser, as well as the in-service AEGIS fleet of cruisers and destroyers, along with a new type of ship, the focused-mission LCS. Envisioned as modular and reconfigurable, LCS will meet an urgent requirement to counter asymmetric antiaccess threats in the coastal regions of the world, where the major centers of political, military, and commercial



An important milestone, and one of the first building projects in the massive \$17-billion transformation of the USCG in its Deepwater program, occurred at Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., Lockport, La., with the decommissioning of the 110-ft. (37.4-m) Island Class Patrol Boat, USCG Matagorda. The vessel's decommissioning is only temporary as during the next nine months, it will undergo extensive modifications and re-emerge as a larger 123-ft. cutter with enhanced capabilities in command, control, communications, computers, intelligence and reconnaissance (C4ISR). Bollinger and Halter Marine, Inc of Gulfport, Miss., formed HBJV, a joint venture which is a sub-contractor to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in the construction of new cutters and the modification and lengthening of others.



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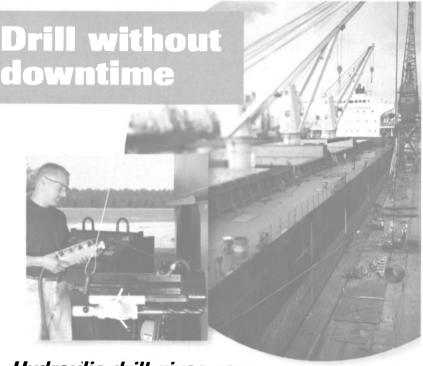
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power are found. LCS will help to assure timely access for U.S., joint and coalition forces in the littoral against three main threats; small, fast surface craft, quiet submarines, and numerous and relatively inexpensive mines. With "spiral development," the LCS modules will continuously deliver a potent stateof-the-art combat capability throughout the ship's life.

The Coast Guard established the Deepwater Project in 1996 to replace its aging and overworked open-ocean forces. The service is typically called upon to operate far out to sea on a continuous basis for months at a time in extreme conditions. There is a critical need to replace its obsolete assortment of cutters and aircraft with modern platforms, sensors, real-time command, control, and communication network connectivity. Deepwater forces will be fully interoperable with the Navy and other services, as well as federal, state, and local law-enforcement partners, including elements of the new Department of Homeland Security, together providing a layered defense of the United States.

LCS and Deepwater assets will be part of a force that is netted together. The assets will share and exploit sensor data with the other platforms with which they operate.

The LCS attributes of high speed, shallow-draft, small radar cross-section, and "net-centricity," can be leveraged by the Deepwater program as they are directly applicable to counter-drug operations, migrant interdiction, fisheries enforcement, maritime homeland security and other Coast Guard missions.

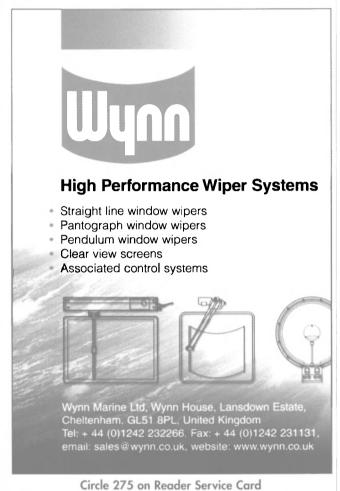
Both LCS and Deepwater ships will rely upon manned and unmanned aerial, surface, and underwater vehicles. Both will have flight decks for manned and unmanned rotary-wing aircraft. Both will be configured for the rapid launch and recovery of boats, as well as unmanned underwater vehicles and unmanned surface vehicles on LCS.

The LCS and Deepwater sharing of

technologies and systems even includes the seeking of a common "sea frame" design (although the result may not be a common ship). The sea services can leverage resources to synchronize research and development, planning, budgeting, procurement, development of doctrine and operational procedures, training, and execution of operations.

This cooperative effort can reduce development costs, while also increasing the attractiveness of these ships and systems to potential foreign buyers.

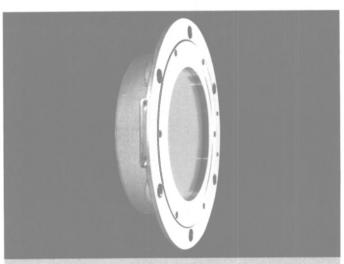
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# IZAR Shows Its Mettle in the Gas Sector

#### By David Tinsley, technical editor

As the sole shipbuilding organization outside eastern Asia with a current involvement in the construction of large LNG carriers, IZAR is determined to maintain a long-term position in a promising, higher value-added field of the newbuild market.

The present business profile is based on a series of membrane-type vessels of 138,000-cu. m. capacity, contracted in recent years in the face of fierce international competition and oriental domination of gas tanker production. However, the gathering momentum behind the Spanish group's research and development drive has increased its offering to the LNG transportation sector beyond the impressive new generation of ships now taking form in Sestao and Puerto Real for Spanish and Norwegian inter-

Responsiveness to clients' requirements is complemented by a growing propensity for technological and design innovation. The five newbuilds in hand for delivery through 2003 and 2004 encapsulate the latest derivatives of well-proven cargo containment and steam turbine propulsion systems, beloved of a characteristically conservative LNG shipping sector. At the same time, IZAR's readiness to explore and embrace new solutions in cryogenic tanker engineering and powering is expressed in its proposal for a twinscrew diesel LNGC of 148,000-cu. m. capacity. In the offshore domain, it has logged a breakthrough order for a floating gas liquefaction plant, and put forward concepts for floating GTL (gas-toliquids) production units.

Contracts for five ships in quick succession restored a Spanish industrial presence in LNG tanker construction, the previous such delivery having been that of the 40,000-cu. m Laieta from the former Astano yard at El Ferrol in 1970. The program fits well with IZAR's technical capabilities, shipbuilding resources and strategic intent. Prospects for global tonnage demand are encouraging, buoyed by the sustained, worldwide increase in natural gas usage, which is now reckoned to account for nearly a quarter of total primary energy con-

Orders for the initial three 138,000-cu. m. LNG carriers were signed by Astilleros Espanoles, just before the creation of IZAR through the merger with



Spanish shipbuilding power IZAR has made a concentrated effort to innovate and dominate in the gas sector.

Empresa Nacional Bazan. Respective contractual owners Naviera F. Tapias, Knutsen OAS Shipping in co-operation with Marpetrol, and Naviera Elcano, all proceeded on the strength of long-term charters with Repsol. The series was quickly extended to five, through a further order from Knutsen, backed by a charter to Spanish electricity producer Union Fenosa, and an additional ship for Tapias, with another charter commitment from Repsol. Three newbuilds were assigned to the Sestao yard in Bilbao, where the series-leader Inigo Tapias is approaching completion. The two other vessels were allocated to the showcase Puerto Real yard, near Cadiz.

The LNGC newbuilds are somewhat longer and narrower than comparable vessels, due to the physical constraints imposed by the riverside premises of the Sestao yard, resulting in a leaner form favoring the speed and fuel consumption relationship. At 139 ft. (42.5-m) breadth, the vessels have been built to the maximum width permissible at Sestao, and also to the maximum design draft of 37 ft. (11.4 m). At 933 ft. (284.4 m), the Asian-built tonnage of comparable cargo volume is in the order of 33 ft. (10 m), against a reduction of just under 3 ft.

Each vessel features double-hull protection of the fuel tank spaces. Although there is no mandatory requirement for such arrangements, the initiative reduces the risk of spillage from the substantial fuel oil tankage amounting to nearly 8,000-cu. m., in the event of a casualty. The unusually high bunker volume, combined with a promised fuel consumption of about 165-tons per day, in a laden state, confers a range of 20,000nautical miles, in excess of typical LNG tankers. Steam turbine propulsion, overwhelmingly the system of choice for large LNG carriers during the past four decades, has been selected for the newbuilds booked with IZAR. In each case, the installation is founded on a Kawasaki steam turbine producing 28,000-kW of power, drawing on two Mitsubishi main boilers of 65,000 kg/hr. output, to ensure a service speed of 19.5knots. Adoption of GTT's NO96E membrane containment design, the most recently installed marine LNG containment technology in Europe, is claimed to have offered a more compact solution ensuing length increase relative to than the various alternatives for the given cargo volume. This is said to have resulted in a lower gt, and a reduced power requirement for transporting the

same volume of LNG. Production and construction considerations were no less apposite to the decision to use a membrane system, which obviates the need for equipment to lift the huge pieces entailed in spherical tank construction. By employing a single type of system throughout the five-ship newbuild program, rather than using different containment technologies for the series, IZAR has been able to realize lower unit production costs.

The membrane design comprises four prismatic cargo tanks. The system has very specific deformation and fatigue requirements that impose supporting structural design constraints that must be taken into account at the outset. Lloyd's Register's ShipRight procedures were accordingly applied at the design stage to help reduce the risk of structural failure. The project specified a fatigue life of not less than 40 years for all connections in way of the cargo tanks.

A measure of IZAR's commitment to the sector may be gauged from the considerable investments made at both Sestao and Puerto Real to imbue the yards with the requisite equipment, skills and production infrastructure for the construction and engineering of LNG carriers. Mock-ups were prepared of the cargo containment arrangements to familiarize personnel with the specialist build and installation process, in addition to the technical assistance provided by French membrane system designer Gaz Transport & Technigaz (GTT). Diversified Sestao has played a signal role in the development of a leading international position by the Spanish state-owned shipbuilding group in the market for shuttle tankers, and has also helped foster business in other demanding areas such as chemical tankers, containerships and large dredgers. The yard's reputation for prompt delivery can only have assisted IZAR in its bid to attract LNG carrier business. The distribution of the current LNG tanker program between Sestao and Puerto Real, acting in full co-operation, illustrates IZAR's endeavors to maximize the potential offered by its multi-yard network by acting in a more integrated and co-ordinated manner.

Drawing on its experience in the design and construction of North Sea shuttle tankers, IZAR has recently proposed a twin-skeg LNG carrier of 148,000-cu. m. capacity using low-Maritime Reporter & Engineering News

speed diesel prime movers. The design, claimed to represent a significant advance in gas carrier technology, embodies the newly developed CSI membrane cargo containment system and an advanced reliquefaction plant to recover evaporated cargo.

Considerations of long-term operating economy, as well as maneuverability and redundancy, favored the nomination of a diesel propulsion plant, comprising a pair of two-stroke engines driving twin propellers. The main engines will be housed in separate machinery rooms.

Boil-off gas produced by the LNG cargo on passage would be put through a reliquefaction unit, to be compressed and re-injected into the cargo tanks. In this way, the ship's main machinery would be fed entirely on heavy fuel oil, rather than being partially fueled by LNG boil-off, thereby resulting in the final delivery at the discharge terminal of more of the high-value cargo. The arrangements mean that the propulsion installation would burn the cheapest consumable available today, namely heavy fuel oil, and that delivered LNG shipment volumes would be higher. Full redundancy would also be built into the reliquefaction system, so as to better ensure overall operating dependability and availability.

The Sestao shipyard, which took the lead research and technical role in the current program of five LNG carriers, has undertaken research in relation to many of the facets of the envisioned 148,000-cu. m. type, including the preparation of model reliquefaction plants. Astillero Sestao has been involved in researching different technologies for LNG vaporization and investigating the suitability of each for installation above-deck.

In an earlier exercise, MAN B&W calculated that an operating benefit equivalent to approximately \$2-million to \$3-million/yr. would be feasible using diesel engine propulsion technology and a state-of-the-art gas reliquefaction installation, compared with steam turbine propulsion, for a vessel similar in size to that contemplated by IZAR.

As a step up from membrane systems supplied to date, the new CSI arrangements written into the draft design for a 148,000-cu. m. tanker combines the best features of the proven MkIII and NO96 systems developed by the legacy companies vested in Gaz Transport & Technigaz (GTT).

It offers increased strength, faster fabrication and a claimed cost reduction of 15-percent relative to existing arrangements. In keeping with new trading patterns envisioned in the LNG transporta-

tion business, partial loading conditions are possible, improving operational flexibility.

Through its ship repair division, IZAR has gained substantial experience in the repair and rehabilitation of LNG tankers, and the group's capabilities in

this direction give it the scope to offer long-term support to the owners and operators of the vessels, which it is now building. All five LNG carriers will be engaged in the Spanish import trade.

The repair, refitting, upgrading and drydocking of large LNGCs constitutes

an important business segment, in particular, for IZAR Carenas Ferrol, the erstwhile Bazan establishment in northwest Spain.

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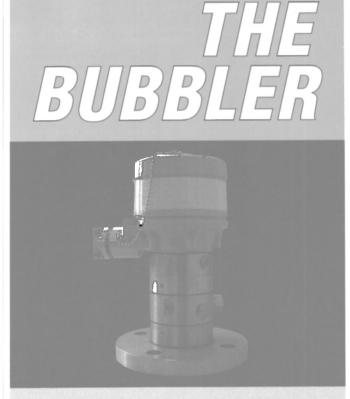
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approved as a repair center for GTT cargo containment systems. Agreements are also in place with various specialist subcontractors and equipment manufacturers in the marine LNG field.

Building on the group's well-developed business links with the Norwegian

shipowning and offshore communities, IZAR has broadened its activities in the marine LNG field by attracting a contract for a floating gas processing plant. The unit has been designed to withstand the rigors of offshore duty in the Barents Sea, close to Melkoya Island, off north-

ern Norway.

Scheduled for completion in August 2003, the LNG barge has been ordered by the Norwegian state-owned energy group Statoil for use on the Snohvit field. Specified to main dimensions of 505 x 177 x 29 ft. (154 x 54 x 9 m), the

barge will house about 24,000-tons of equipment to convert natural gas into liquefied form. The project has been assigned to IZAR Fene shipyard, a specialist since 1987 in offshore unit design, engineering and construction. The unit will have a steelweight of some 8,500-tons.

It is anticipated that around 70 cargoes of LNG will be shipped each year from the floating liquefaction plant, which is part of Statoil's ambitious program to develop offshore natural gas resources from the Albatross, Askeladden and Snohvit fields, not far from Hammerfest. Snohvit alone has recoverable reserves of 193-million cu. m. of gas and 113-million barrels of condensate, and is due to start production in 2006.

An issue of IZAR's participation in joint industry research endeavors is a proposal for floating plant incorporating gas-to-liquids (GTL) technology to extract and convert gas from marginal or remote offshore fields into premium grade liquid products.

While specialist process companies are addressing the challenges of 'marinizing' GTL systems used ashore, IZAR has been studying the technical and design needs of a floating structure supporting such plant, exposed to various, difficult sea and weather scenarios. The extensive experience of the Spanish group's Fene yard in constructing FPSO (floating production, storage and offloading) units has been brought to bear on the latest studies.

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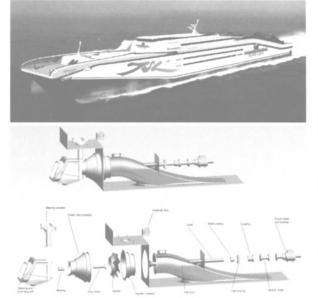
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Long discussed as the embodiment of next-generation marine technology, the Japanese "Techno-Superliner" (TSL) is now a reality. The 14,500 grt TSL will be built from aluminum and measure 460 x 98 ft. (140 x 29.8 m). To be built by Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding's Tamano works for delivery in 2005, the TSL will be propelled to a service speed of 38 knots via a pair of Rolls-Royce Kamewa VLW J235 waterjets, which will absorb 27 MW of power. The ship will carry 700 passengers and cargo along the 1,000 km route between Tokyo and Ogasawara Islands, with its speed helping to cut the journey time from 26 to 16 hours. "This contract is another example of our technological excellence providing our customers with a competitive edge," said Saul Lanyado, Rolls-Royce president - marine. "We have committed to extensive waterjet research, studying powers of up to 50MW to understand the upper limits of power likely to be needed for fast vessels in the next few years.

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size of 6.5 ft. (2 m) The VLW J235 is divided into a series of elements. Integrated into the hull structure is the inlet duct. To this and to the transom is bolted the impeller chamber. Outboard of this is the guide vane chamber and the steering and reversing unit, which is operated by a hydraulic steering actuator located inside the vessel and stem that protrudes downward from the compartment over the jet units. The impeller shaft is

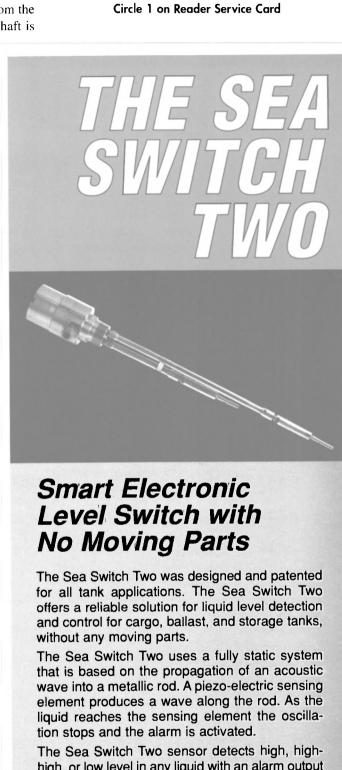
diameter, compared with the current largest Kamewa

supported by a water lubricated bearing in the guidevane chamber, has the seal box at its inboard end on the inlet duct, and is supported within the hull by a split bearing. The massive thrust is taken by a separate thrust block in the hull, connected to the impeller shaft by a stub shaft and coupling.

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# Reagan Cuts an Imposing Path

By Greg Trauthwein

From the USS Monitor to Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White" fleet to today's development of the Littoral Combat Ship, the U.S. Navy, its mission and its physical assets have undergone many complete metamorphoses over the country's 227-year history. Despite all of the recent talk of the "new" navy, there is no greater symbol of U.S. Sea Superiority than the nuclear Aircraft Carrier. And, there is arguably no better namesake for the soon-to-be commissioned CVN-76 than President Ronald Reagan, whose mission of a 600-ship Navy helped to define a generation.

At first glance, from outside appearances, CVN-76 may appear to be a standard nuclear Aircraft Carrier, though "standard" is a gross understatement in this instance. But housed in the hulking grey hull - a hull that measures more than 1,092 ft. (332.8 m) long, towers 20 stories above the waterline and sports a 4.5acre flight deck - is a wealth of new technology and engineering advancements. These changes service to differentiate the Ronald Reagan from its predecessors and establish it as a platform for future carrier and fleet technology.

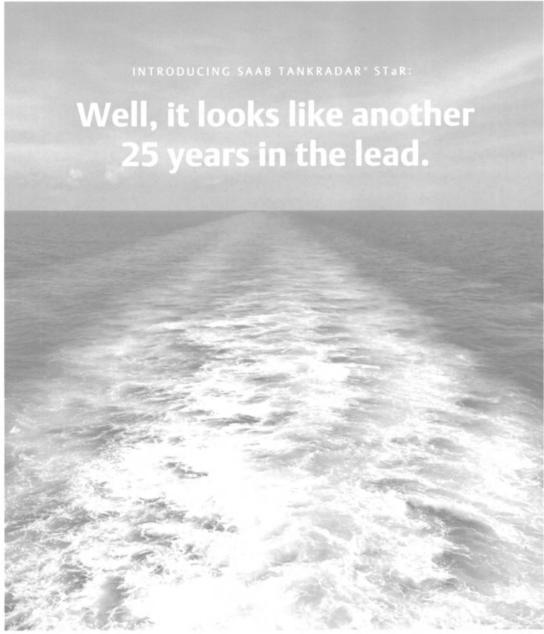
#### The Plug-and-Play City

A nuclear aircraft carrier is often likened to a standalone city, home to 6,000 personnel and self-sustaining for up to 90 days at a time, with everything from the most state-of-the-art land-based machine shop to a full dental and surgical unit.

Yet these modern manufacturing marvels are the biggest piece in an elaborate web of military might, designed not simply as the platform to launch and recover aircraft, but to serve as the nerve center and processing point for increasing amounts of information.



Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) features a completely redesigned pilothouse — the first major redesign, and the first ever designed using 3-D product modeling. The opening at the aft end brings the on-deck weapons elevator under cover, allowing for weapons handling during flight operations.





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CVN-76 is the first nuclear Aircraft Carrier to sport a bulbous bow, a feature designed to enhance flight operations. The new bow adds 36 feet to the underwater length of the ship.

(Bow and Island Lift photos by John Whalen)

"Network Centric" is the buzzword of tomorrow's Navy, and the nuclear Aircraft Carrier - particularly the Ronald Reagan - is designed to increasingly fulfill the role of coordinator. To accommodate today's and future needs to efficiently gather, analyze and disseminate information, one of the major technological advance on the ship is the enhanced Integrated Communications and Network (ICAN) system, featuring an advanced fiber optic network.

CVN-76 is literally bursting with new technology inside, with the integration of touch screen monitor controls around the ship to commandeer everything from compartmental ventilation to firefighting capabilities.

Ronald Reagan, the ninth Nimitz-class nuclear aircraft carrier, also features many additional design features, including:

• Island House: The first major design change in the Island House since the original design in 1960, it is the same height but has one less level, giving an additional 9 in. of overhead space per level to accommodate larger amounts of wiring for systems. This was the first time an island was designed using 3-D product modeling (Catia). In addition, the weapons elevator is now housed in the island, and important design modifi-

cation, which allows weapons handling on deck during flight operations.

• **Deck:** The deck angle on CVN-76 was changed slightly, a move that allows the carrier to launch aircraft off both cat-

apults while simultaneously retrieving aircraft. Combined with the integration of the weapons elevator into the Island, this greatly enhances the efficiency of flight operations.

• Mainmast: A new mainmast has been designed which increased the 57-in. diameter mast polte to an eight-ft. square mast. The new design keeps

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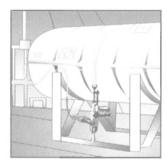
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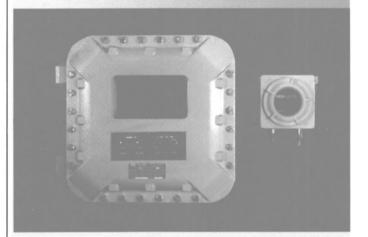
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tic enclosure for survivability purposes. The AFT mast was relocated from the island house to put it in closer proximity to other radar systems.

• Bulbous Bow: Reagan is the first to ing the ship to recover heavier aircraft. have a bulbous bow, designed to improve flight operations. In addition, larger arresting gear is installed, allow-

The Ultimate Jigsaw Puzzle Taken as a whole, the modern Aircraft



Bob Gunter, Jr., Northrop Grumman Newport New's Vice President, Aircraft Carrier Program

Carrier is mind numbing in magnitude; taken in pieces, it is mind blowing. From keel to delivery Reagan took five years to build, and incorporated more than 47,000 tons of structural steel and about a million pounds of aluminum. It features four bronze propellers, each 21ft. in diameter and each weighing 66,220 lbs. Steering is accomplished by a pair of rudders, each measuring 29 x 22 ft. and weighing 50 tons. It has a distillation plant that provides 400,000 gallons of fresh water from sea water daily, nearly 30,000 light fixtures, 1,325 miles of cable and wiring, 1,400 telephones, 14,000 pillowcases and 28,000 sheets. The question then becomes: How does it all come together?

Enter Bob Gunter, Jr., Northrop Grumman Newport News' senior V.P., Aircraft Carrier Program and his cohorts: Nearly 18,000 NNS employees, the U.S. Navy, and veritable boat load of outside products and systems suppliers.

Gunter explains that several developments with Reagan paid off tremendously in terms of efficiency in the construction of Reagan, development, which will greatly enhance the construction of CVN-77, the George H.W. Bush, as well as the next generation of Aircraft Carrier currently under design. In short, modular construction techniques and software integration — long bastions of the commercial marine market — were used in earnest on Reagan to great result.

Gunter explained that for production NNS ascribes to the "1-3-8 Rule": What takes one hour in the shop takes three hours outside, and eight hours on the ship. "Our goal is to drive more pre-outfitting into the shop," he said.

The capability to accomplish this lies in NNS's selection of IBM/Dassault System's Catia CADCAM program, as well as its recent, company-wide SAP System installation, which effectively combines all databases into a seamless unit. IBM served as integrator for both

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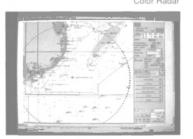


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Dassault and SAP, helping to make the decision. NNS's manufacturing area is a complex of specialized fabrication shops, where the pieces of the puzzle start to take shape. Using information generated by CAD-CAM in the engineering area, employees work with NC machines to produce parts that meet precise specifications.

Parts then are moved for insertion into one of the ship modules, with a module the culmination of several "Base A" units formed in the 11-acre Automated Steel Factory. The units are then welded to other units to form a module or superlift weighing up to 900 tons.

One hundred and sixty three superlifts were required to build Reagan.

The result: much less major design rework, and much closer tolerances on the first try.

On the construction of Bush, the shipyard will produce even bigger pipe bank assemblies to push efficiency, with enormous carryover benefit for the design and development of the new class of Aircraft Carrier, CVNX. While plans are still under consideration for the next-generation, a streamlined propulsion plant has already been designed, and work is underway on the rest of the ship.

One of the biggest changes for the new generation will be the elimination of the steam launching system, replaced by an electrical unit, allowing for the elimination of more than 20 miles of steampipe.





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# Ministry With A Mission

Rev. Dr. Jean Smith on January 1, 2003 assumed the position of Executive Director of Seamen's Church Institute of New York & New Jersey (SCI), the notfor-profit organization, which provides spiritual, personal and professional aid to the well-being of merchant mariners. Formerly headed by the Rev. Canon Peter Larom, the organization will continue to flourish on the foundation that Rev. Canon Larom instilled with new leadership by an experienced leader, who also happens to be the first woman to hold such a position at SCI.

# By Regina P. Ciardiello, managing editor

Since grabbing the headlines more than one year ago with its highly praised relief effort in wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, SCI remains at the forefront of the international maritime industry as an organization that lends a helping hand to those in need. Whether it is providing comfort and prayer (via its International Seafarers' Center) to a merchant mariner, who has lost his connections to his faith and family; providing training to inland mariners at its Center for Maritime Education in Paducah, Ky.; or fighting for the rights of Seafarers' around the globe, through its Center for Seafarers' Rights group, SCI is ubiquitous in the maritime industry. With those roots and foundations firmly planted by the organization's former Executive Director, Rev. Canon Peter Larom, (who will continue to function as a special adviser to the institute), SCI is ready to move into the next chapter of development through its new leader, Rev. Dr. **Jean Smith**, who is no stranger to the organization or what ingredients are needed to formulate the recipe for successful leadership. Prior to assuming her current position, she served the Institute in various capacities, beginning in 1990 with her appointment as the Director of SCI's International Seafarer's Center in Port Newark, N.J. With her appointment as executive director of SCI, which commenced on January 1, 2003, Rev. Dr. Smith was an obvious choice, due to her current connections and contributions to the Institute. "Jean's [Rev. Dr. Smith's] proven leadership over the past 13 years will allow us to maintain our missions and respond to increasingly challenging times," said George D. Benjamin, head of SCI's Board.

#### **Ironic Beginnings**

Rev. Dr. Smith takes the reigns at SCI during a particularly critical juncture, as a delicate balancing act between seafarer's rights and national security is being waged. Perhaps Rev. Dr. Smith identifies so well with the inner-workings of her position because she too, once felt like an outsider in a foreign land, as so many merchant mariners do when they travel on the high seas. Rev. Dr. Smith, along with her husband Peter, raised two children in places such as Paris and Tokyo, sometimes spending as much as three years in a country where she, nor her family did not speak the language or were familiar with the culture. "My children grew up in foreign lands," Rev. Dr. Smith said. "I can identify with merchant mariners because I know what is like to be an outsider."

Living in Tokyo for three years before the Smith family moved on to Paris, Rev. Dr. Smith embraced this challenge by figuring out ways to overcome this obstacle. "When we first moved there (Tokyo), obviously I did not arrive there speaking any Japanese. I had so many concerns. How am I going to relate to people... Or as a young mother with children. I thought about safety concerns such as what if I needed a doctor or hospital when there's both a language and cultural barrier.

As time passed and Rev. Dr. Smith had begun to familiarize herself as best she could to feel a sense of "belonging," she discovered that the answer was a simple one. "The wonderful message that I figured out over time, was yes, there are those barriers, but with effort we can overcome them," she said.

Rev. Dr. Smith's revelation not only helped her personally with her struggles to blend into a foreign county, but carried over into professional life as well when she was hired by SCI as the Director of its International Seafarers' Center in Port Newark, supervising chaplains and ship visitors. She discovered that when working with her staff to ensure that merchant mariners who visited the Center were made to feel welcome and comfortable that they too felt the same language and cultural obstacles that she had experienced years before. "When I would visit ships, I would realized that they (merchant mariners) are not only strangers when they walk off the gangway of the ship to go somewhere, but even on the vessel they experience these same feelings," she said. "Dealing with so many different nationalities, cultures and languages - for sometimes a year at a time can be an isolating and lonely experience for someone. That is why a sense of belonging or community is one that we at SCI try to instill."

#### The Road To Success

Raised on a farm in the small town of Farmington, Mo., the former Jean Reinhart was the youngest of three girls born to John B. and Betsy Reinhart; Rev. Dr. Smith had a sampling of hard work and dedication through the efforts of both her parents from a young age. With her father going on to build what was then the largest manufacturing company of infant shoes, and her mother raising a family and keeping both a farm and household moving swiftly, Rev. Dr. Smith's entrepreneurial spirit and appreciation for hard work is no accident. In fact, she can recall coming to New York City as a young girl on business trips with her father, whose company, Trim Foot Shoes, made the well-known boots for the Mouseketeers who appeared on the popular Mickey Mouse Club Show. Grabbed by her father's passion for success and the ability to meet his goals, Rev. Dr. Smith felt a connection to this way of thinking. "I thought, this (my father's company) is a huge success," she said. "I was intrigued by his ability to not only have a goal — but a passion to grow it. He was a good role model, and most importantly, he believed in himself.'

After graduating high school, Rev. Dr. Smith left the small, farming community where she was raised for metro-Chicago, where she went on to attend Northwestern University, graduating with a B.S. degree in Speech Therapy.

Following her marriage to Peter Smith, the births of her two children, and six years spent living abroad, Rev. Dr. Smith and her family returned to the U.S., at which time she began to reconnect with her Episcopal Faith. Realizing this newfound connection, in 1977, Rev. Dr. Smith enrolled at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, Calif., where she was encouraged to seek ordination as an Episcopal Minister. Raised as a "Cradle Episcopalian" (from birth), Rev. Dr.



Rev. Dr. Jean Smith, Executive Director, Seamen's Church Institute



At the Seafarers' Center in Port Newark: Rev. Dr. Smith leads a ship visiting ministry of chaplains and volunteers, who visit more than 90 percent of all vessels that enter the Port of New York and New Jersey.



Rev. Dr. Smith began her tenure with SCI in 1990 when she became director of the organization's International Seafarers' Center located in Port Newark, NJ.



MR/EN had the opportunity to speak with the Rev. Dr. **Jean Smith** at SCI's headquarters near New York's South Street Seaport. (Photo by: Debra Wagner, SCI)

### Profile: Dr. Rev. Jean Smith

Smith admits that she always sensed a desire to pursue the Episcopal ministry as her vocation, but felt frustrated, as it could not be realized. The Episcopal Church did not permit women to ordination until 1977, and luckily Rev. Dr. Smith was still eligible to attend seminary to prepare for the ordination process. "I had sensed a vocation, which could not be realized," she said. "Therefore I felt the way anyone who does not have equal opportunity feels...frustrated. How fortunate I was though that I was at an age (in 1977) where I could still attend seminary and that I was accepted."

Following the completion of her studies at CDSP, Rev. Dr. Smith was ordained by Bishop G.P. Mellick Belshaw of New Jersey as an Episcopal Minister, where she began her parish work in 1980 at Trinity Church in Princeton, N.J., eventually going on to serve as Interim Rector.

After 10 years as the head of this community church, Rev. Dr. Smith accepted the position at SCI as director of the International Seafarers' Center.

Her successful command led to the installation of the Institute's International Training for Workplace Ministry (ITIC), which was formed in 1995 to train and educate port chaplains who service under-served ports around the globe. Three years later, Rev. Dr. Smith not only created the pastoral service organization known as Ministry on the River, but received a M.Div and Doctorate degree from CDSP as well.

It was ultimately her various functions and implementation of programs that undoubtedly led to Rev. Dr. Smith's appointment as the Institute's Managing Director in March 1999. "SCI was my initial introduction to the industry," she said. "I have been very fortunate to have held different positions in an organization that has allowed me to know how sister organizations operate, as well as the shipping companies, agents, freight forwarders. So Although it's a new position, I'm not starting cold."

Rev. Dr. Jean Smith, will have the added task of dealing with the effects of the economic downturn in lower Manhattan, (where SCI is located), since the tragedy of 9/11. While there does not seem to be any relief in the downward spiral of the current economic state, Rev. Dr. Smith and her staff have already begun to tackle the issue by exploring alternative options. "The market is down for everyone," she said. "And I think that not-for-profits across the board are looking at limits. It only means that we have to work harder at

being innovative and be willing to partner with sister organizations."

And as the new Executive Director of the SCI, Rev Dr. Smith's mission statement is simple...to have a vision. "Having a vision empowers people," she said. "Expecting and realizing visions are of enormous value as well, and I feel

fortunate to be able to lead a group of very skilled people who work to instill that vision."



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# Alstom Has Innovative Spill Clean Up Concept

At press time, the news of the oil refinery explosion in MR/EN's neighboring borough of Staten Island, NY has rocked not only New York City and its environs, but once again proven the tenuous hold that is sometimes had in the process of delivering petroleum products by ship and barge. Piecing together scattered first-hand and wire reports, it is alleged that the cause of the explosion was a barge belonging to Hicksville, N.Y.based Bouchard Transportation Co. that exploded while workers were offloading 100,000 barrels of unleaded gasoline off the Bouchard B#125 barge at the ExxonMobil Port Mobil Terminal in Staten Island.

Killed in the blast were two longtime Bouchard employees, **John Kyne**, of Huntsville, Ala., who worked for the company for 18 years; and barge mate **Ford Ebanks**, of Miami, Fla., who had been with Bouchard for 2.5 years.

The explosion led to a massive (and ongoing) clean up effort organized via the U.S. Coast Guard and Clean Harbors, who were mobilized almost immediately after the barge exploded. The USCG began its clean up effort via a Captain of the Port order, which called for the temporary shut down of Arthur Kill in the Port of New York/New Jersey — between Ward Point and Tufts Point. Later on that day, once the fire was under control, the order was modified as to provide minimal disruption in this often crowded shipping lane.

Beginning work after the fires were extinguished, Clean Harbors went to work with the USCG, who also established a unified command system at USCG Activities New York, which included the continual assessment of the environmental impact of the fire and spilled fuel.

Accidents such as this one, as well as the break up and sinking of the tanker Prestige off the coast of Spain late last year have brought the maritime industry to the forefront of the public and legislators, which means new or heightened legislation is sure to follow.

### Oil Sea Harvester: A New Solution

Researchers and developers at Alstom recently presented their ideas for the Oil Sea Harvester — known as a project for an all-weather ocean-going oil slick cleaning ship or simply (OSH). Capable of rapid response and independent operations, even in sea force 6/7, designers at

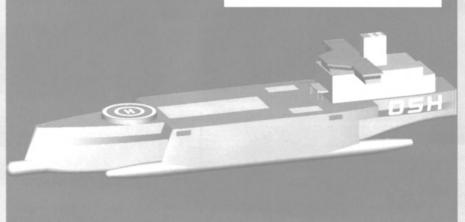


New oil spill response technology from Alstom — the Oil Sea Harvester, pictured below — could perhaps help first responders better clean up oily messes, such as the oil refinery/barge explosion that sullied the waters of Staten Island last month. (Photo Credit: Don Sutherland)

Chantiers de l'Atlantique, have developed a 394-ft. (120-m) high speed trimaran that can perform such tasks as the deployment of high performance oil collection tools, as well as being able to store and treat these oil products. The new vessel will also be

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capable of spreading oil dispersant products and perform lightering operations.

Designed as a trimaran structure, the innovative vessel, which can reportedly deal with an 'Erika'-type oil slick in just one week, boasts a central hull (large slender single hull) flanked by SWATH type lateral hulls, providing directional and pitch stability, deadweight capacity, as well as roll stability via the SWATH concept.

The vessel will collect oil via modular tools consisting of cyclonets, pumps and belt scoops, which are utilized in different instances — depending on the clean up situation. Using these tools, the oil slick passes through Oil Harvester's two lateral canals, with the free surface of the slick stabilized by confinement and viscosity of the product.

Not limited to oil spill clean up alone, the vessel will also be designed to carry out missions such as search and rescue, maritime surveillance, collection of solid and chemical waste, firefighting; and offshore operations requiring a stable platform for pumping and ROV operations.

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# Norway Proposes Act to Protect Coastline From Oil Spills

The Norwegian Parliament is considering a new Act that will extend Norway's territorial sea from four n.m. to 12 n.m. According to Norway's leading maritime law firm, Wikborg Rein, the proposed Act is designed to reduce the threat of environmental pollution from oil spills and comes in the wake of the recent Prestige incident.

"Russian oil companies are rapidly increasing their output from oil fields east of the Barents Sea. As a result, ever increasing amounts of oil are being moved by tanker out of the Murmansk region and down the Norwegian coast. It is this increasing threat of pollution that has prompted the Norwegian authorities to take action," explains Haakon Stang Lund, partner at Wikborg Rein. The Act, which is now with the National Assembly for approval, would enable Norway to establish traffic separation zones along the Norwegian coastline. Tankers laden with oil would be directed further out to sea while vessels in ballast would be allowed nearer to the share. It is hoped that this will significantly reduce the possibility of a grounding, which could result in a spill. Over recent years there have been a number of groundings along the Norwegian coast, some of which have polluted

"This is just one of the measures being taken by the Norwegian government to prevent a Prestige-type incident in its waters," says Stang Lund. AB Inflatables Phone: 845-368-3798 info@abinflatables.com www.abinflatables.com



With the deepest V available, the Oceanus 8.50VST from AB Inflatables is a rugged craft providing a safe, comfortable ride for several hours. The extradeep V hull and non-submerged tubes provide the boat with plenty of stability, while preventing unwanted friction and spray for smooth, dry operation in calm or choppy waters. The boat features upholstered seating, ample deck space to install ice coolers or additional seating, a smartly designed console with easy-toreach controls and abundant storage lockers to keep fishing gear secure. In addition, the 8.50VST offers the flexibility to be customized to buyers' needs. Weighing 2,860 lbs., the Oceanus 8.50VST has an overall length of 28 ft. (8.5 m) and a 12-ft. (3.6 m) beam.

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Achilles has taken its product base up a notch for 2003 with the addition of new enhancements on all three of their HB tenders. Featuring new Hypalon grab handles on the tubes for added safety and security, while new double heavy duty rubbing strakes add more protection to the boats while providing a drier ride. Available in three of the most popular tender sizes, Achilles RIBs represent the culmination of many years of experience in the manufacturing of Hard Bottom Tenders. Their lightweight double-hulled fiberglass construction provides one of the lightest RIB products

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The Israeli Oceanograhic Institute Recently Took Delivery Of a new 30 x 10-ft. (9.1 x 3 m) Beam Almar Landing Craft. Powered by a 315-hp Cummins 6BT turbo diesel coupled to a Hamilton 274 jetdrive, the boat was also equipped with a ZF 1:1 marine transmission to allow back flushing of the jet should it get any debris caught in the intake. A flush mounted Fernstrum keel cooler and dry exhaust were also utilized These items along with the jetdrive allow the boat to work in very shallow bays in Lake Tiberias without clogging the cooling system with sediment or damaging the drive system. Used for hydrographic survey, this boat achieved a top speed of 29.8 knots on sea trials & cruise of 24 knots.

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Chatham Bar is one of the most notorious stretches of water in North America, with vicious surf, tricky currents and continually changing shoals not a place for the faint of heart. The U.S. Coastguard station at Chatham Bar often has to respond to emergencies at sea in storm force conditions. But their existing 44-ft. (13.4-m) rescue boats are becoming worn out and the replacement 47-ft. (14.3-m) craft cannot make it over the bar. To find a replacement for the Chatham Bar 44 footer the Coastguard searched world-wide for a suitable craft, opting for the Halmatic Pacific 32 near shore rescue RIB. The newest rescue boat in the Coastguard fleet is fitted with an enclosed air-conditioned wheelhouse with suspension seating for the crew and is fully self-righting.

Power is provided by twin marine diesel engines driving waterjets to ensure excellent maneuverability. The new boat achieves a service speed in

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excess of 30 knots with the ability to stop within 1.5 boat lengths.

As there are no charts of the Chatham Bar area a comprehensive navigation system is essential so the Pacific 32 is fitted with radar, chartplotter and GPS integrated into two computer terminals with displays for the helmsman and navigator. A large working area on the stern contains towing braces, a rope winch and a diving platform.

In order to further aid its American presence, Halmatic is actively seeking a suitable long term partner in the U.S. to help market and manufacture its boats for the U.S. commercial and military market place.

Nautica International Tel: (954) 986-1600 Fax: (954) 986-1631 www.nauticaintl.com Contact: Juliette Rossi

Nautica has released a new rigid inflat-

able boat model, the RIB 28 CAT. The largest of the catamaran series, it is another addi-



tion to Nautica's commercial/rescue line.

The RIB 28 CAT is an unusual craft: a Rigid Inflatable Boat with a rigid catamaran hull. Originally designed as a landing craft with a bow area loading ramp for commercial work, it fulfills many functions. Its cargo/ passenger deck measures 110 sq. ft. With its 5-ft. opening, the bow loading ramp lowers to facilitate easy loading of cargo, wheel chairs, stretchers, even 4-wheel ATV's. It is ideal for dive training, dive/snorkel tours, and dive/rescue as the ramp can be lowered into the water to create a swim platform. The Nautica RIB 28 CAT is a versatile military, work or pleasure craft, which handles superbly with a light load

# Tampa Bay, Florida - October 24th

The M/V BERNARDO QUINTANA A, fully laden, 753 ft, 60,753 dwt bulk carrier ran aground in Tampa Bay ship channel following a collision with another vessel. The "Bernardo Quintana A" was struck on her port side and pushed into a sandbar on the east side of Egmont

# Response & Results:

The MRA (as the vessel's OPA 90 responder) received the call and immediately notified Titan. Titan mobilized a 5 man salvage team and was on scene within 4 hours. Approximately 4 hours later the vessel was refloated and safely returned to owners.

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To further complement its successful

Equator series of boats, Novurania has introduced its new Equator 500 — measuring just 16 ft. (4.8 m) in length overall. Touted as the smallest in the line, which includes the Equator 530, 600, 660, 720 and 800, the 500 boasts an

inboard 120-hp turbo diesel engine and stern drive — along with a seating arrangement for seven passengers. Scheduled for completion in March, other features on the 500 include a self-bailing deck, anchor locker, water tank with fresh shower unit, aluminum fuel tank and integrated swim platform.

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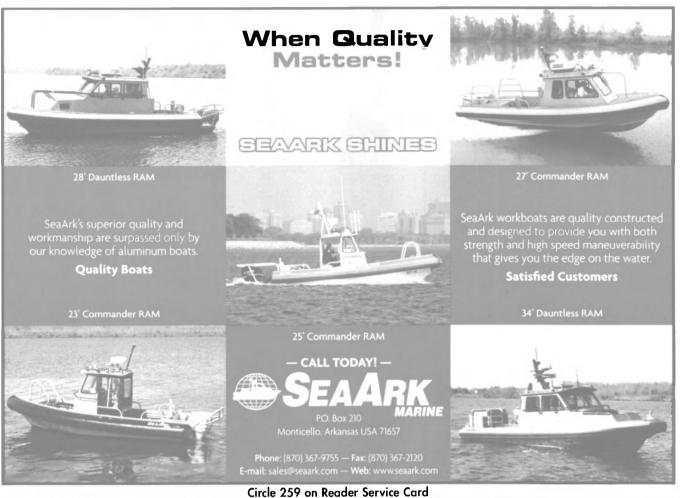
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SeaArk Marine, Inc., of Monticello, Ark., recently delivered the first of a multi-boat order for Naval Sea Systems Command. SeaArk's 34-ft. (10.3-m) Dauntless RAM, destined for Naval Coastal Warfare units, is the first of 36 boats to be delivered to the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. These boats feature a 20degree Radical Vee Deadrise Hull, twin 370-hp Cummins 6BTA5.9M-3 diesel propulsion with Konrad 520 series stern drives, on board AC power, air conditioning, head, galley, electronics suite, foam filled air cushioned collar for boarding and shouldering operations, 4 -50 caliber weapons mount foundations, ammunition storage, weapons storage, sonar buoy storage, recessed forward gunner area and foundations and accommodations for future installation of classified electronics. The Dauntless RAM reached a top speed of 36 knots during trials. The 36 boats, which were built to specifications administered Combatant Craft Department of Naval Sea Systems Command, will all be used to protect U. S. Military Installations worldwide.

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Two new variants of the Willard Marine standard U.S. Navy 24-ft. (7-m) RIB have recently been placed into production. Deliveries to users began in late 2002. One model is the (7-m) DIVE RIB, which incorporates features to be utilized by Diving and Salvage Units of the U.S. Navy and commercial users. In addition to having a 30 in. removable



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dive door in a polyurethane Wing Inflatable collar, the RIB is fitted with a foldable T-Top with windshield to provide some protection from the elements. An extensive optional factory installed electronics package is offered, including radar, GPS, depth sounder and VHF radio. These boats are manufactured to

the same high quality of the standard Navy 7-m RIB, with the identical Cummins 180 hp diesel engine and a Mercury Bravo II outdrive.

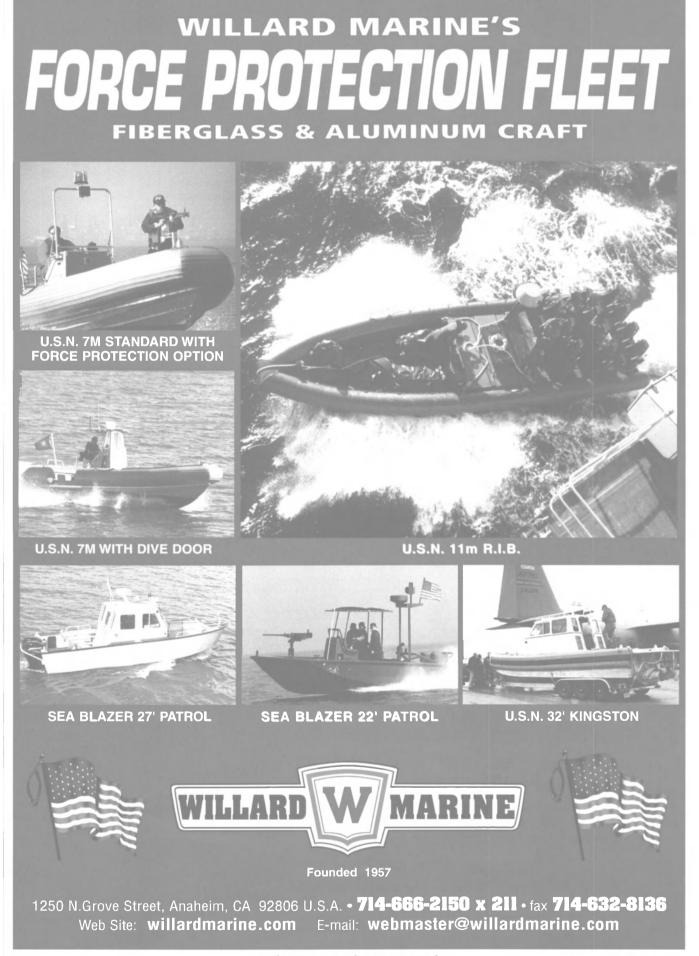
Force Protection of ships and facilities is now an important function of the standard U.S. Navy 7-m RIB manufactured by Willard Marine. Therefore, a force

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protection package is added to most of these RIBs being delivered.

These RIBs are also available to other law enforcement agencies.

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creates the air/foam hybrid collar. In addition, Wing's air sponsons, which attach to any RIB hull, provide a soft impact and less shock to the vessel during boarding operations. Air inflated tubes also bend under pressure, thus offering shock absorption at higher speeds and increased maneuverability in rough seas.

Zodiac

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Zodiac's new Ribster 530 Light Strike Craft (LSC) amplifies the advantages of past designs to become a long-range combat rubber raiding craft (LR-CRRC). The Ribster, a military folding rigid-inflatable boat (RIB), is also suitable for local law enforcement agencies seeking to improve their mission capabilities for maritime patrolling and to enhance the security of waterfront com-Zodiac's patent-pending munities. Ribster series are the first military RIBs with foldable, collapsible and storable hulls. This combined advantage of the rigidity, seaworthiness, speed and comfort of a RIB, with the convenience of a totally collapsible inflatable, makes it the right choice for professionals who need tough, durable boats, but whose storage or transport space is limited.

The Ribster performs like a RIB, but folds into a bag. Both the rigid hull and hard deck are comprised of stackable, aluminum pieces that make assembly a quick and easy process. The Ribster is easily assembled and disassembled by three persons without tools, and goes from "box to boat" in less than 20 minutes. Measuring in 18 ft. (5 m), the new Ribster 530 features a number of design improvements that make it "mission ready" for long range patrols. The Ribster utilizes a heavy-duty aluminum hull that is structurally reinforced for added durability and toughness.



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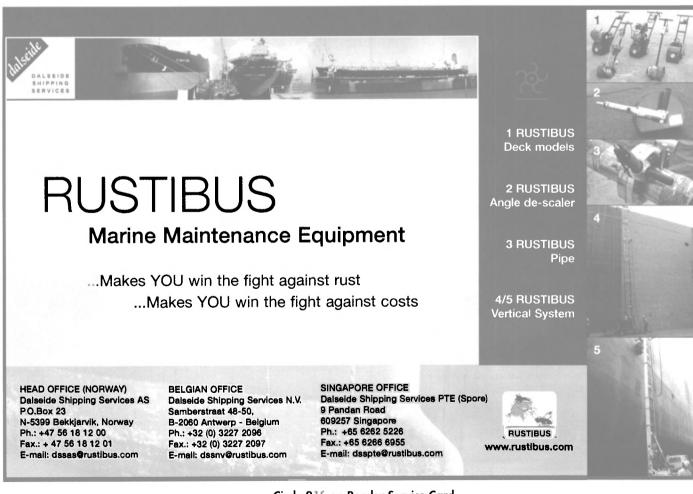








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# GMD Performs Evergreen Repair



This past November, the GMD Group performed emergency repairs to Evergreen's 46,411-gt containership M/V Ever Goods, when its rudder failed in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world — midway between New York and New Jersey, underneath the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. Rather than pay anywhere between five and six million dollars to tow the broken vessel to its homeport in Japan, the owners opted to call on GMD's Bayonne Drydock & Repair, which was conveniently located just a few miles from the bridge. Originally the plan called for the fabrication of a new rudder stock, but when GMD located a never-before used tailshaft with ABS certification papers in San Francisco, Calif. those plans were quick to change. It was decided by both the representatives from Evergreen and Bayonne's project engineer, Carl Gomez to drydock the vessel at the Bayonne yard on December 2, 2002, where it remained until the end of the

Workers at the Bayonne yard immediately began to fabricate a new 22.5-ton, 8.698 x 699-mm rudder stock, commencing with classification inspections that were carried out by NK surveyors, while all fabricating instructions and measurements were conducted through Gomez.

In addition to the rudder stock fabrication, the vessel's steering system was completely disassembled from top to bottom. All parts were inspected and measured and the carrier bearing and carrier plate were machined down. Following measurements taken via laser beam from the new machined carrier



bearing to neck bearing and gudeon bor, it was recommended by project engineer Gomez that a line bor was not necessary.

M/V Ever Goods' new steering system consisted of a Thordon bearing, which was fabricated accordingly at the yard to Thordon machining instructions for steering.

Following operational tests at the Bayonne yard, the vessel departed on December 29, 2002.

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AGAINST THE FLOW

### **ASRY Comes Up Aces**

In line with expectations, 2002 turned out highly successful for the ASRY ship repair yard in Bahrain, which repaired approximately 95 vessels — ranging from ULCC's and chemical carriers — to offshore drill rigs and diving support vessels. Thus illustrating the company's broad width of expertise in a variety of areas.

With sales throughout the year up approximately 13 percent during the previous year, with a significant increase in the number of vessels coming from the Arab market, this particular market sector has increased by approximately 50 percent during the past three years.

Dock occupancy has remained high with the Graving Dock No I occupied 89 percent of the time, while Floating Dock No. 2's occupancy was 88.2 percent; Floating Dock No. 3 held topped off at 92 percent. Of the 95 vessels that

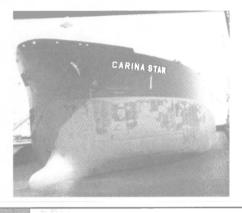
the yard docked in 2002, 14 came in at more than 175,000 dwt, nine were in the 70,000 to 175,000 dwt range, while the remaining rounded out at below 70,000 dwt.

Some of the major repairs completed during the year included Vela Intl. Marine's tanker Orion Star at 305,227 dwt, the 305,668 dwt Carina Star, the Hydra Star at 305,846 dwt, and Polaris Star at 301,569 dwt. In addition, a variety of owners had more than three vessels docked at ASRY during the year, specifically Kuwait Oil Tanker Co.; Saudi Arabian Oil Co.; NPCC; NSCSA/Mideast Shipmanagement; Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co.; Red Sea Marine Services; and Petrobras, to name a few.

However, the largest vessel to call at the yard was the 457,927 dwt Stena King, which underwent approximately 500 tons of steel replacement where as the largest blasting and painting contract was completed on the 265,243 dwt World Prelude. Requiring nearly 110,000 sq. m. of blasting with more than 313,000 sq. m. of painting, both contracts were completed on time.

And demands for blasting and painting continued at a high level throughout 2002, with more than 831,000 sq. m. of blasting being completed and more than 3,512,000 sq. m. of painting completed at the yard.

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# Dockyard Doubles Its Prosperity

In January 2003, Huarun Dadong Dockyard (HRDD) was awarded eight vessel repair contracts awarded in succession — doubling the amount of jobs the yard was awarded just one year previous.

Measuring 614 x 93 ft. (187.3 x 28.4 m) M/V Sheila Macdevitt of U.S.-based TECO Shipping will undergo approximately 70,000 sq. m. of sand-blasting and coating in ballast tanks, holds and main decks, and more than 150 tons of steel renewal. The 896 141-ft. (273 x 43-m) M/V Lady Madonna of Japan's Toyo Sangyo Japan will receive 45,000 sq. m. hold sandblasting and zinc silicate coating, and 300 tons of steel renewal and routine dry docking works for shafting and hull maintenance works, while M/V Integra Duckling 886 x 138 ft. (270 x 42 m) of TNT from Taiwan will experience 28,800 sq. m. hold sandblasting and coating and 100 tons of steel renewal and dry



M/V Bernada Quintana from Barber Ship Management

docking works. Routine dry docking works for M/V Maritime Peace  $525 \times 83$  ft. ( $160 \times 25.4$  m) of Taspool (IMC) from Singapore, M/V Grand Race  $588 \times 106$  ft. ( $179.1 \times 32.2$ ) of CIDO Shipping from South Korea and M/V Glorious Sun  $543 \times 89$  ft. ( $165.5 \times 27$  m) of Veritas Maritime Corporation from Philippine, and two domestic vessels for docking and minor repairs.

Located at the entrance of Yangtze River into the China East Sea and opposite to Shanghai Port, Huarun Dadong Dockyard (HRDD) is closelyfollowing the rapid step of Shanghai's economic development, reforming externally and internally. Within the last seven years of improvement after HRDD's establishment, the company now has the ability to bid for repairs and conversions not only on bulk carriers and multi-purpose carriers, but also on container, chemical tankers, RoRos and LPG vessels with satisfactory feedback from owners.

With the steady technique support from Hudong shipbuilding yard which is the shareholder of HRDD together with China Resource (Hong Kong) Ltd, the repair work scope in the yard consisted of the completion of sev-

M/V Modern Chance from South Korea docked at Huarun Dadong Dockyard.

eral successful repair contracts: conversion of bulk carrier cargo hold into container cargo hold and converted container hold 12-ft. cover into 24 ft. cover for SS Manulani from Matson in October of 2000; 1,700 tons of steel renewal on M/V Primo in 2001 from Barber Ship Management, which again awarded M/V Leopardy with 1,100 tons of steel renewal to HRDD. In addition, HRDD performed 700 tons of steel renewal on M/V Irongate from Zodiac in 25 days during May 2002.

The systematic management and the infrastructure reinforcement such as berth extension and air compressor capacity expansion enable HRDD to sandblast all holds for panamax ships simultaneously and accomplish successfully 13,000 sq. m. of cargo tank sandblasting for M/T Emerald Sky from Tanker Pacific within 15 days this May.

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# Prinsesse Ragnhild at Blohm + Voss Repair



On January 7, 2003, the 664-ft. (202.2-m) passenger/car ferry Prinsesse Ragnhild, which belongs to Norwegian shipowner Color Line, began a 41-day stay at the Blohm+Voss shipyard. The vessel, which has a gt of 35,438, and a breadth of 80 ft. (24.3 m), is to undergo a comprehensive general overhaul of its auxiliary diesel and main starboard engine — and a new coat of paint.

A crankshaft in the portside main engine will be replaced and public sanitation installations renovated along with cabins. In addition the stern of the vessel is to be modified with the installation of a 'duck tail' to improve thrust.

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# Tanker Detained In Shetland

In the early morning hours of February 7, 2003, the single hulled oil tanker Arendal loaded with 106,000 tons of crude oil was detained at Sullom Voe in Shetland after deficiencies were found by a Maritime and Coastguard Surveyor during his inspection of the vessel. Measuring 771 ft. (235 m), Arendal is a Norwegian registered oil tanker

that is owned by Norwegian-based Arendal Holdings.

Initially, members of the crew contacted the owners of the vessel in Norway, after finding cracks in the vessel. The owners then requested a Classification Society Surveyor from Sweden to go to Shetland to inspect their tanker. He discovered cracking on deck in way of the number three starboard water ballast tank.

The harbor authorities at Sullom Voe alerted the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, who sent a surveyor to also inspect the vessel who has confirmed the findings of the class surveyor. The vessel has now been placed under detention at Sullom Voe until the vessel can be discharged and further assessments can be made with regard to further action on repairs to the vessel.

# Repairs on Infinity Greater than Expected

According to Celebrity Cruises, bearing units in Infinity's propulsion system required more extensive repairs than originally expected, following a thorough examination of the ship's propulsion equipment. These repairs, which according to Celebrity, were expected to take longer than estimated earlier, resulted in the cancellation of the vessel's February 23 sailing. Infinity was expected to resume service March 9. As a result of the repairs, the company cancelled two sailings on Infinity — a Feb. 2 sailing from Ensenada, Mexico, to Hawaii and a return trip Feb. 13. It also shortened a Jan.19 cruise, so that the vessel could be drydocked at a facility in Newport News, Va.



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# **Kjelstad Appointed New Head of Aker Kvaerner**

The Board of Aker Kvaerner Yards has appointed Karl Erik Kjelstad as the company's president and CEO. Kjelstad has occupied these posts in an acting capacity since January 16, 2002 when the previous incumbent, Leif-Arne Langøy, left to become president and CEO of Aker RGI. Kielstad graduated as an engineer specializing in marine subjects from the Norwegian Institute of Technology (now the Norwegian University of Science and Technology) in 1992. In the last 11 years he has held a number of leading positions in the maritime industry — with Aker Yards since 1998 and Aker Kvaerner Yards since the company was established in February 2002.

# **Sugar Named Northrop Grumman CEO**

Northrop Grumman Corporation's board of directors has elected **Ronald D. Sugar**, the company's president and COO, as Northrop Grumman's next



CEO. Sugar, a 35-year defense industry veteran, will assume leadership of the nation's second largest defense contractor effective April 1, 2003. In addition to his election as CEO, he will retain the position of company president. The announcement culminates an orderly succession plan by the board of directors that accommodates the decision of **Kent Kresa**, Northrop Grumman's chairman and CEO, to retire after reaching the board's mandatory retirement age of 65 for senior executives. Kresa will continue as non-employee chairman until Oct. 1, 2003.

available upon request.

# Alfa-Laval Appoints New Head of Marine & Diesel

Alfa Laval, global supplier of separation, heat transfer and fluid handling products, systems and services, has elected Victor Mazza to lead the Marine & Diesel



business in the U.S. Mazza, vice president of the Equipment Division, will head the U.S. sales and marketing efforts for the company.

# **Deltamarin Engineering Appoints New President**

Vesa Marttinen has been appointed as the new president of Deltamarin Engineering, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which is the sister company of the Finnish consulting and engineering company Deltamarin Ltd. Marttinen comes from the Finnish ferry company Silja Line, where he has had several positions. Most recently he was responsible for the conversion and refurbishment of Silja Opera into a new type of Baltic Cruise Vessel concept.

### **Santos-Pires Joins Eurofin**

Victoria Santos-Pires, who has joined Londonbased ship finance consultant Eurofin has been a shipping financier for more than 15 years, most recently as loan



portfolio manager with Tufton Oceanic Limited where, in an 11-year spell, she handled the overall implementation of loan transactions. Prior to that, she was with Swiss Cantobank in London, and Chancery Bank.

# **Henry Named VP at SEA**

Matthew G. Henry has been named as executive vice president, Corporate Development and Corporate Officer to oversee the Defense and IT Services Group at Science & Engineering Associates Inc (SEA). Henry, who has more than 30 years of experience with the military as a civilian, most recently oversaw personnel management within the Navy managing a \$25 billion budget. Additionally, for over 12 years, he was involved in strategic financial planning for the Navy, which has a budget of \$100 billion.

# Willem de Ruiter to Head European MSA

Willem de Ruiter has been named the first Executive Director of the new European Maritime Safety Agency. De Ruiter, who is a Dutch national, has been with the EC since 1985.

# Patiño Joins Salvage Association

Ricardo Patino, a marine engineer surveyor, has joined the Salvage Association, and will now be based at the Panama Canal. Patino studied at South Shields Marine & Technical College, obtaining a first-class honors degree in mechanical engineering at Sunderland University. After seagoing service with BP, Wallem and Swire Pacific, he worked in his native Panama as a Lloyd's Register surveyor. More recently he has been surveyor and vice president of an independent survey company.

# Rickmers-Linie Appoints JHL as New Agent

German project liner and heavy-lift specialist, Rickmers-Linie, has appointed Japan Heavy Lift Inc. (JHL), a Sankyu Group company, as its new general agent for Japan, effective March 1, 2003. Rickmers-Linie serves Japan with its Round the World (RTW) service on a fortnightly basis. In due course this service will see a major upgrade with the phasing in of newly built "Superflex Heavy MPC" vessels, of which three have been delivered and



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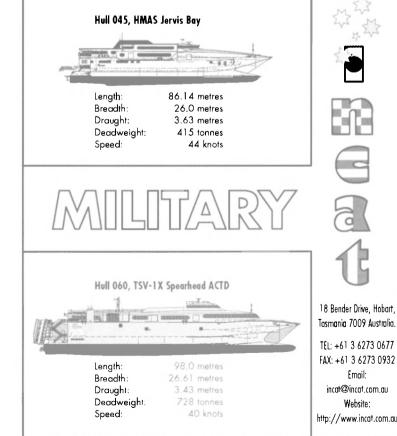
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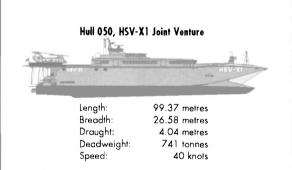
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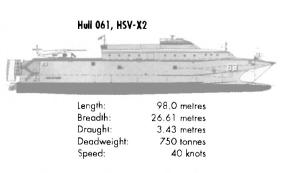
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GERMAN GOVERNMENT	GERMANY	PEENE-WERFT	GERMANY	ANTI-POLLUTION	1		1,500	04	37.33
TA HO MARITIME	TAIWAN	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP.	TAIWAN	BULK CARRIER	2		77,500	04	42.00
CIDO SHIPPING	JAPAN	TSUNEISHI	JAPAN	BULK CARRIER	2		76,300	05	
EFNAV		STX (DAEDON)	KOREA	BULK CARRIER	2		75,500	05	45.00
KC MARITIME	CHINA	HUDONG SHIPYARD	CHINA	BULK CARRIER	ī		74.500	04	
U-MING MARINE TRANSPORT CORP.	TAIWAN	CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP	TAIWAN	BULK CARRIER	2		74,000	04/05	44.00
CHINA SHIPPING GROUP (CSG)	CHINA	BOHAI SHIPYARD	CHINA	BULK CARRIER	1		57,700	04	18.30
CHINA SHIPPING GROUP (CSG)	CHINA	SHANGHAI SHIPYARD	CHINA	BULK CARRIER	1		57,700	04	18.30
INTERSHIP NAVIGATION	CYPRUS	SAIKI	JAPAN	BULK CARRIER	1		38.000	04	15.00
TAIWANESE INTERESTS	TAIWAN	SHIKOKU DOCKYARD	JAPAN	BULK CARRIER	1		35,000	05	15.00
EGON OLDENDORFF	GERMANY	SAIKI	JAPAN	BULK CARRIER	1		32,000	04	15.00
WAGENBORG SHIPPING BV	NETHERLANDS	MAWEI	CHINA	BULK CARRIER	1		17,600	03	13.00
EUROPEAN INTERESTS	TETTERO TOS	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	KOREA	BULK CARRIER / ORE CARRIER	1		172,000	05	
SEASPAN INTER.	CANADA	SAMSUNG	KOREA	CONTAINER		8,100	172,000	04/05	450.00
CONTI REEDEREI	GERMANY	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	CONTAINER	7	7,500		04/05	364.00
MATSON	US	AKER PHILADELPHIA	US	CONTAINER	2	2,600			364.00
MATSON NAVIGATION	US	KVAERNER PHILADELPHIA	US	CONTAINER	_			03/04	
			FINLAND		2	2,600		04	
COLOR LINE	NORWAY	KVAERNER MASA-YARDS INC		CRUISE SHIP	1			04	302.50
ODFJELL	NORWAY	SZCZECIN SHIPYARD	POLAND	CHEMICAL TANKER	2		39,500	05	108.00
GERMAN TANKER SHIPPING	GERMANY	UNDENAU	GERMANY	CHEMICAL TANKER	1		32,230	04	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	YARDIMCI	TURKEY	CHEMICAL TANKER	1		10,048	03	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	HIGAKI ZOSEN	JAPAN	CHEMICAL TANKER	1		8,450	03	
GUANGZHOU DREDGING	CHINA	IHC HOLLAND	NETHERLANDS	DREDGER SUCTION HOPPER	1		13,000	04	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	DAMEN SHIPYARDS	NETHERLANDS	DREDGER SUCTION HOPPER	1		12,350	04	
VAN OORD ACZ	NETHERLANDS	IHC HOLLAND	NETHERLANDS	DREDGER SUCTION HOPPER	1		6,350	03	
CHINA OFFSHORE OIL NORTHERN	CHINA	DALIAN NEW	CHINA	FPSO	1			05	
ESSO EXPLORATION	ANGOLA	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	FPSO	1				745.00
NORSK HYDRO	NORWAY	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	LPG	1			0.5	48.50
US INTERESTS	us	SENESCO MARINE	US	OIL BARGE	1		12,500	04	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	AUSTAL SHIPS	AUSTRALIA	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	1		. 2,000	03	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	NAIKAI	JAPAN	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	2			04/05	
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	NAIKAI	JAPAN	PASSENGER / VEHICLE/FERRY	î			04	
STAMCO SHIP MANAGEMENT	GREECE	GDYNIA	POLAND	PCTC	1		21,300	04	
RAY SHIPPING	ISRAEL	GDYNIA	POLAND	PCTC	1		21,300	04	
ACT-OG	CHINA	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	PLATFORM	2			04	320.00
BOURBON GROUP	CHINA	BENDER SB	US	PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL	10			04/05	320.00
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			CHINA	PRODUCTS TANKER	0		72 000	04	FO 00
D'AMATO DI NAVEGAZIONE	ITALY	NEW CENTURY	KOREA		2		73,000	05	58.00
EUROCEANICA	ITALY	SAMSUNG	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		72,700	05	65.00
UNKNOWN	QATAR GREECE	SAMSUNG	JAPAN	PRODUCTS TANKER	1		72,000	05	
DYNACOM		ONOMICHI		PRODUCTS TANKER			71,000	04	30.00
ULIANIK SHIPPING	CROATIA	3 MAJ	CROATIA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		47,300	04/05	56.00
J.O. TANKERS	NORWAY	NEW CENTURY	CHINA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		47,000	04	58.00
BP SHIPPING	UK	HYUNDAI MIPO	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	6		46,000	04	165.00
OMI CORPORATION	US	HYUNDAI MIPO	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		37,000	04	57.00
ARMINTER	MONACO	HYUNDAI MIPO	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		37,000	04	50.00
UNICORN LINES	SOUTH AFRICA	SHIN-A SHIPBUILDING	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	1		37,000	04	
MONTANARI GROUP	ITALY	HYUNDAI MIPO	KOREA	PRODUCTS TANKER	2		35,000	04	50.00
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UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	AAS MV	NORWAY	PRODUCTS TANKER	1		1,100	03	
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SHIPPING CORP. OF INDIA (SCI)	INDIA	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	TANKER	2		320,000	04	130.40
NS LEMOS	GREECE	SAMHO NEW SHIPYARD	KOREA	TANKER	1		320,000	04	66.00
EASTERN MED MAR	GREECE	SAMSUNG	KOREA	TANKER	2		319.000	0.5	128.00
EMBIRICOS	GREECE	DAEWOO	KOREA	TANKER	ī		300,000	04	
ANGELICOUSSIS	GREECE	DAEWOO	KOREA	TANKER	i		300,000	04	66.00
TSAKOS GROUP	GREECE	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	TANKER	i		300,000	04	65.00
GOULANDRIS	GREECE	SAMSUNG	KOREA	TANKER	i		300,000	05	00.00
LEMOS,N.S	UK	UNIVERSAL	us	TANKER	2		164,000	05	
ATHENIAN SEA CARRIERS	GREECE	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	TANKER	2		160,000	05	
ARCADIA SHIPMANAGEMENT	GREECE	HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (HHI)	KOREA	TANKER	2				
			KOREA	TANKER	4		160,000	05	124.00
DUNYA DENIZCILIK	TURKEY	SAMSUNG			4		115.000	05	136.00
MONTANARI GROUP	ITALY	DAEWOO	KOREA	TANKER	1		105,000	05	34.00
MINERVA SHIPPING	GREECE	SAMSUNG	KOREA	TANKER	1		105,000	05	37.00
AB SWAN	SWEDEN	STX (DAEDON)	KOREA	TANKER	2		74,100	05	58.00
JAPANESE INTERESTS	JAPAN	NAIKAI	JAPAN	TANKER	2		45,900	05	
	VENEZUELA	IZAR	SPAIN	TANKER / ASPHALT CARRIER	2		27,000	04	
PDV MARINA	VEINEZUELA	DE HOOP	NETHERLANDS	UTILITY VESSEL	2		27,000	04	









### Shipsale Notes

Stelmar Shipping Ltd. has agreed to purchase six high-specification double-hull Handymax newbuildings being constructed for privately owned Greek shipping interests. These new vessels will be delivered between December 2003 and September 2004 and will reduce the average age of Stelmar's Handymax fleet to 8.2 years from 10.8 years. The expected cost at delivery is approximately \$177 million. The new Handymax tankers will add 280,000 dwt of capacity, bringing Stelmar's total cargocarrying capacity to 2,042,000 dwt. Stelmar Shipping Ltd., also announced that the Nedimar, a 1996 double-hull product tanker and the Macanas a 1998 double-hull product tanker, and the Maremar, a 1998 double-hull product tanker, have both been signed to two-year time charters. Both contracts are with existing clients at rates in excess of \$14,000 per day.

Finnlines OYJ bought a RoPax vessel from Stena Ferries Limited at a purchase price of \$75.5 million. The vessel was built in 2000 in Spain and has a cargo capacity of 2,918 lane meter and a passenger capacity of 45° beds.

**Contship To Offer Passengers Sales** 

Contship Containerlines is offering passenger voyages directly to the public - available on Contship Aurora, Contship Australis and Contship Borealis. Contship has recently introduced the eastbound routing of its contra rotating services in the Europe-Australasia trade. The three new vessels, each with a total capacity of 4,100 teu, including 1,300 reefer plugs, are the first to be owned by Contship, making them the world's largest reefer containerships. "Despite the continuing popularity of more traditional passenger services on cruise liners, there will always be a strong niche market of keen sea travelers who prefer the less structured lifestyle found onboard freighters," said David Halliday, CEO of Contship Containerlines. There is no separate passenger lounge so passengers are invited to convene in the Officers' Recreation room, which has a and a bar. Meals are taken Officers' Mess.

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further six ships become available later this year.

### **Jackson Promoted to** Assistant VP at MOL

Diana Jackson has been appointed to assistant vice president, equipment, North America at MOL, where she will be responsible for equipment control throughout North America as well as for the North America trade.

# Salazar Appointed as **Chairman of PCA**

Jerry Salazar, former director of the Panama Maritime Authority, has been appointed to the position Minister of State for Canal Affairs. Since the Canal



Minister chairs the ACP board, Mr. Salazar will assume the Chairmanship of the Panama Canal Board of Directors. Salazar replaces Ricardo Martinelli, who resigned as Canal Affairs Minister in January.

# **Industry Mourns Member** of Greek and International **Shipping Industry**

Captain Erric B. Kertsikoff, Vice-Chairman of Intertanko since 1997 and a member of the Executive Committee since 1994, passed away suddenly on February 6. Kertsikoff, who was also Chairman of the Hellenic Forum and an active member of the Association for more than 25 years, served the Greek and International Shipping Industry for more than 50 years, with dedication. According to Intertanko, his personal commitment and contribution was truly outstanding; his enthusiasm and guidance was inspirational, and the leadership and statesmanship he brought had profound importance in shaping the stature and success that the Association

# **Craft Bearing Appoints** Canadian Sales Network

Craft Bearing Company, Newport News, Va., has appointed Advantage Sales Network Corporation to represent its Craft Split Roller Bearing line throughout Canada.

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enjoys today. Intertanko's managing director, Peter Swift said: "I, along with many colleagues in Intertanko, have personally lost a dear friend and mentor. Erric's support and assistance knew no bounds and his wisdom and guidance will be greatly missed." Intertanko Chairman, Lars Carlsson, commented: "During the last few weeks, conscious of his failing health, Kertsikoff not only advised his pending resignation from Intertanko's executive committee, but in typical fashion also spelt out his visions and advice for future work in the tanker world and in Intertanko." Kertsikoff is survived by his wife Loula and his children, Vassilis, Costis and Irina.

# Hogg Appointed at North Florida Shipyard

Bill Hogg has been appointed as the marketing representative at North Florida Shipyard, Inc., in Jacksonville,

Hogg, who joins the company with almost 50 years of experience, began his career as a shipwright, moved on to become a naval architect and continued his career by becoming a ship manager with control of as many as a dozen active ships for the U.S. Maritime Administration, as well as company owned tankers.

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# Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC)

#### By Bob Winters

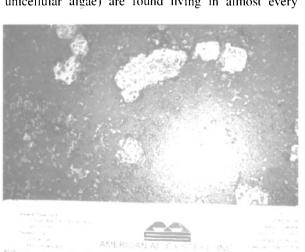
Recently, the use of certain environmental-friendly waxes or "semi-hard coatings", used by barge fabricators to protect the internal void walls and floors of marine double-hulled steel barges from corrosion, have fallen under scrutiny by some barge owners/operators. It is believed that certain paraffin wax coatings act as a food source for certain living corrosive microorganisms. These single-celled organisms are associated with a phenomenon known as Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC) that can cause localized pitting and eventually leaks in steel barge voids. This following examines the biological and chemical research that has recently been performed on the Jotun Paints, Inc, "beeswax" coating by two independent laboratories. The research confirms that the wax coating is of the highest quality, effectively mitigates corrosion, and does not introduce nor promote the growth of microorganisms when properly applied in barge voids. Allegations that beeswax coatings support MIC in barge voids must be with regard to other hydrocarbon type waxes.

The void space between the outer and inner walls of double hull barges used to carry various cargos (i.e., grain, aggregate, salt, coal and hydrocarbons) is often susceptible to condensation and resulting corrosion.

The voids in barge compartments are accessible by opening sealed watertight hatches and climbing down fore and aft ladders for periodic floor and wall integrity inspections. Voids should be kept clean and dry. They are not recommended for use as ballast tanks during cargo loading and unloading operations. To help control corrosion, barge fabricators often apply coatings such as waxes, alkyds, vinyls, and epoxies to the cleaned, prepared metal surfaces in voids. Recently, some barge owners/operators have charged wax coatings applied in barge voids as being a food source for microorganisms and with the rampant spread of these bacteria associated with MIC. However, a certain wax coating composed primarily of "beeswax" has been researched by several highly regarded independent U.S. laboratories and found to be sterile of microorganisms in the virgin state and not susceptible to microbial degradation in barge voids.

#### Mechanisms of MIC

Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC), also known as biological or bio-corrosion, refers to corrosion that is initiated or accelerated by microorganisms. It is commonly known that microorganisms (tiny one-celled organisms such as bacteria, fungi, and diatoms - unicellular algae) are found living in almost every



Typical configuration of void space in double-hulled barge.

Minor localized pitting noted at damaged wax coating areas on the bottom of void space in the representative barge.

# Table 1 Microorganisms recovered and examined for and their relative corrosion

Organism	Туре Сс	orrosion Effect (0 - 4)	Comments	Recovered (frequency)
Aeromonas	Slime former	0	Helps others but not a risk by itself	Yes (all)
Pseudomonas	Slime former	0	Helps others but not a risk by itself	Yes (all)
Vibrio	Slime former	0	Helps others but not a risk by itself	Yes (all)
Clostridium	Acid Producing Bacteria (APB)	1-3	Produces organic acids in small amts.; associated with other organisms	Yes (2)
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria	SRB	4	Corrosive	No
Fusarium oxysporum	Filamentous mould (fun	gus) 0-2	Some varieties have been associated with corrosion under certain conditions; most are Saprophytes.	Yes (1)

Note: This represents a subjective ranking as no work was conducted in this phase to examine the effects of these species on corrosion.

aqueous environment on earth. MIC is caused by a few specific genera of microorganisms that attach to a firm steel surface to feed on and metabolize selective nutrients and other elements found in most types of water environments, to fulfill their life cycles. Microorganisms require water to propagate (live) .... no water, no MIC, no corrosion. A food source and specific environments can enhance the growth of microbes. The instant a metallic surface is immersed in water, a microbial mass or biofilm begins to form. However, this does not mean that all species in the biofilm are directly or indirectly corrosive to steel. Several types of microorganisms can play a role in MIC, but many do not. Free-swimming microbes (planktonic) float freely in the water medium and are not considered harmful to steel. On the other hand, when certain free-floating microbial cells attach to the steel surface and become sessile at specific metal receptor sites or inclusions, the initiation of a tubercule or nodule on the steel surface can be seen. Localized pitting or the MIC phenomenon occurs under the nodules. One of the most effective means of controlling MIC and the pitting of steel in barge voids is through the use of barrier coatings. The Jotun void wax is a barrier coating, that when applied in dry barge voids, has been a very good barrier and "first line of defense" in preventing general corrosion, bacterial, fungal and viral propagation and MIC. Natural substances found in this unique coating actually ward off microorgan-

### **Beeswax and Propolis**

A primary component of the Jotun void coating is beeswax. Beeswax is a tough wax (ester) formed from a mixture of several compounds secreted by honeybees. In conjunction with the beeswax and honey, propolis is another one of the great products the bees produce. It is a resinous substance that the bees gather from tree leaves and bark, and combine it with nectar, beeswax, pollen, and bee bread to make a natural "glue" type substance. This glue is used to seal hive cracks and holes. It is also placed at the entrance to the beehive, where incoming workers have to brush up against it as they enter the hive. This sterilizes the bees from infection, and may disinfect them upon entry as well. Propolis is also used to line the wax birthing chamber where the queen lays her eggs, thereby providing a clean, sterile environment for the developing eggs. Researchers have found that propolis contains all the known vitamins except for vitamin K. Of all the 14 minerals the human body requires for normal function, propolis contains all but one, sulfur. It contains a number of unidentifiable compounds that create a perfectly balanced food substance. It also is composed of 16 amino acids that have been identified, and more bioflavanoids (necessary for anti-inflammatory action within the human body) than found in oranges. The propolis found in beeswax is antibacterial, antiviral, antioxidant, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory. The Jotun beeswax has had a similar "no growth" effect on

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# NACExpo 2003 Set for San Diego

According to the study, "Corrosion Costs and Preventive Strategies," the cost of corrosion in the U.S. is a staggering \$276 billion per year. The shipping industry alone accounts for \$2.7-billion, broken down into new ship construction — \$1.1 billion, maintenance and repairs — \$0.8 billion, and corrosion-related downtime — \$0.8 billion. This study was initiated by NACE International — The Corrosion Society and mandated by the U.S. Congress in 1999 as part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and conducted by CC Technologies Laboratories, Inc, with support from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and NACE.

This year more than 7,000 of the world's leading corrosion professionals will meet in San Diego, Calif. for NACE International's 58th Annual Conference, CORROSION/2003 being held March 16-20, 2003. Due to the staggering numbers reported in the Cost of Corrosion Study, topping the agenda this year will be preventive corrosion control strategies which could potentially save billions of dollars per year and help protect public safety and the environment.

Traditionally, CORROSION has been the largest gathering of corrosion professionals in the world. This year with 37 symposia, more than 475 papers, approximately 250 technical committee meetings and 10 educational courses/seminars all dealing with corrosion prevention and control, this year's event will once again attain this same status.

As in years past, one of the main highlights of this year's event will be the NACExpo. It attracts nearly 600 exhibitors displaying the latest in corrosion prevention technology and occupying more than 250,000 sq. ft. of the Convention Center. The Expo opens Monday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. and will remain open until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 20.

Additional highlights of this year's event which are specifically targeted to the marine industry include a Naval Fleet Corrosion Control Forum. This forum will be presented by Dr. Alexis Kaznoff, Director SEA-05M for Naval Sea Systems Command as part of the Front Page Issues Session being held Tuesday, March 18, 2003. This forum will cover NAVSEA's progress into different technologies, such as UV technology for performing holiday detection, edge-retentive coatings, and solventless technology.

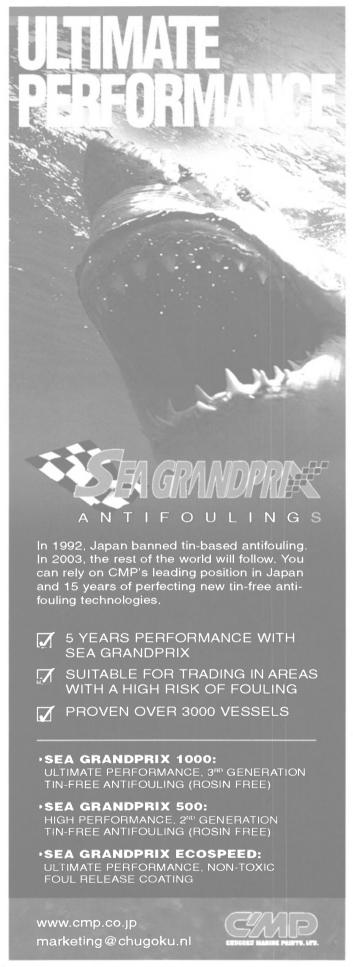


Attendees will be able to view a marine coatings project in progress at a major U.S. shipyard, on Tuesday, March 18 — courtesy of San Diego-based Southwest Marine — has been planned which will include a tour of the facility and presentation of one or more projects underway.

NACE will also be offering a number of its education courses including Marine Coating Inspection, March 14-16, 2003. This is a three-day course which covers the fundamental issues that are specific to coatings in the marine environment such as types of coatings that are effective, surface preparation, application and inspection techniques, international regulations and standards, and environmental concerns. This course was developed by a broad spectrum of industry experts (including representatives from international marine coating companies, shipyard personnel and ship owners and operators), bringing proven strategies and know-how to the course content.

On March 19 and 20, 2003 there will be a technical symposium on marine corrosion. This symposium will consist of technical papers that address recent basic and applied corrosion research, case studies, and testing to advance the knowledge of the corrosion behavior of materials in seawater and related marine and natural saltwater environments. Papers also cover the advancement of understanding marine corrosion mechanisms, evaluation of the specific corrosion behavior of different materials, assessment and determination of pertinent factors that may alter corrosion behavior of materials, and selection of materials that provide cost-effective service.

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## **Coatings & Corrosion Control**

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microorganisms found in barge voids when tested by various independent laboratories.

Late in 2001, a three year-old, 300-ft. (91.4-m) fuel oil transport barge was suspected by the barge owner/operator

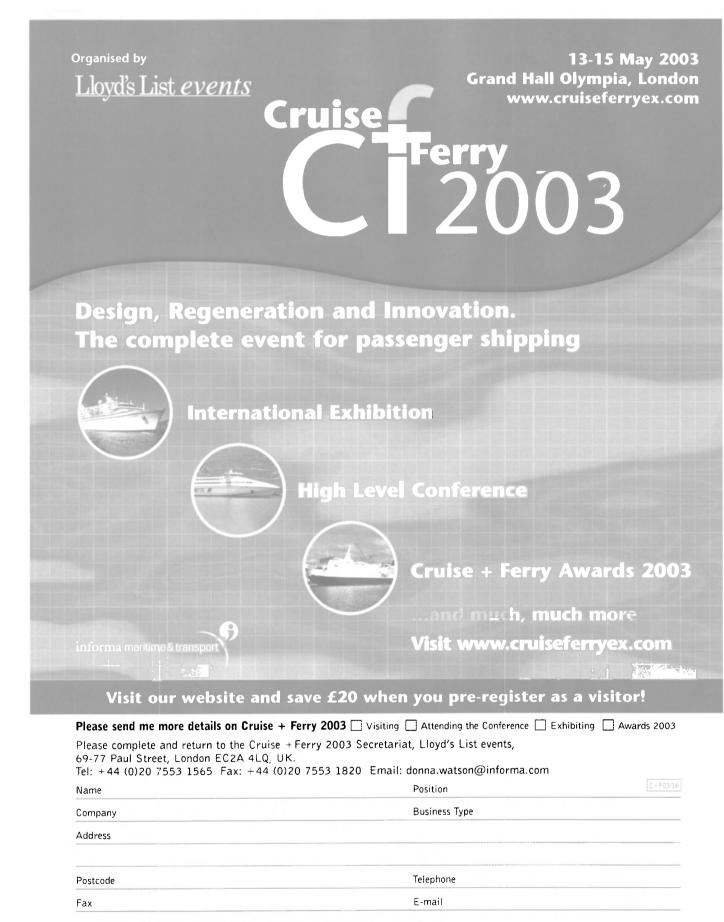
of having bacterial corrosion and had its steel voids inspected by qualified personnel for MIC. The voids had been coated with a 2-ml layer of the Jotun beeswax by the barge fabricator during construction. The void inspection found the wax coating well bonded, mostly

intact and performing well with many of the barge voids holding stagnant water, as well as, organic and corrosion deposits. Void bottom samples were collected in the barge at several areas, where the wax coating was damaged and where active corrosion pitting resembling that of MIC was identified. Samples originated from the void space at the following locations: 1) Bay #2 forward port, 2) Port #3 midships, and 3) #7 starboard forward ladder bay. Corrosion deposits in pits were tested onsite for iron sulfide (usually associated with the most harmful sulfate reducing bacteria, SRBs). Testing was negative for FeS. Void composite samples containing viable microorganism cultures from the barge were sent to a professional independent laboratory in Texas for culturing and further beeswax coating-related investigations. Several other beeswax-coated barges suspected to have suffered MIC and contracted by the same owner/operator had voids inspected in the same time period. Stagnant water was standing in many of the barge voids. General corrosion was observed and documented at wax-damaged areas. Visual, biological and chemical tests of suspected areas revealed MIC was not occurring in these barges.

### Lab Test Results

A five gallon sample of the virgin beeswax coating gotten off the shelf of a Jotun coating's distributor was sent to the Texas laboratory for bacterial contamination and growth-inducing studies. The 300-ft, barge samples that tested positive in MIC Test Kits (IV) for microorganisms appeared to house several viable organisms. However, none of the organisms were contaminants in the virgin beeswax coating, as the Quality Control tests of the virgin beeswax coating did not contain any viable microbes. This indicated that the beeswax coating used to paint the void spaces did not introduce microorganisms that induced the corrosion observed during inspec-Laboratory culturing on six selective media showed that all of the organisms collected in the MIC kits from the barge were environmental fauna, most likely introduced through the use of the void spaces as a ballast tank. The most widely recovered organisms were three kinds of slime formers that are believed to be relatively innocuous (from a corrosion perspective) by themselves. Also recovered in two subcultures (out of 27 total) was an acid producing bacteria (APB), known to accelerate corrosion through the metabolic production of organic acids. The APBs were only recovered from one location in the barge. APBs are usually associated with sulfate reducing bacteria (SRBs) that are well recognized to cause MIC, however, no SRBs were recovered. A fungus was also recovered in one case and has been taxonomically

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identified as Fusarium oxysporum. This fungus is also an environmental organism and is most often associated with soils and muds. Finding this fungus in the void space lends additional evidence that the most likely source for the organisms is the use of the void space as a ballast tank. Thus, when the void is filled with water, some of that water will have entrained silt, soil, and mud that then carries the fungus. Microorganisms were cultured from the positive MIC kit vials and all beeswax growth determinations were performed under aerobic and anaerobic conditions while cultures were in the log phase of growth. Nutrient testing involved testing in triplicate the Jotun beeswax in autoclaved and buffered basil salts solu-The coating was thoroughly mixed using a mechanical mixer and introduced into the three sterile containers at concentrations of 50, 250 and 500 ppm and controls were run. Aseptic transfers were made to aerobic and anaerobically incubated glass tubes. A paraffin wax control test was also set up. All negative controls remained negative throughout the test period. Results of extensive aerobic and anaerobic culturing showed that no microorganisms were noted in the virgin Jotun beeswax coating and no microorganisms grew on media containing the beeswax.

The average carbon chain length for the virgin wax coating samples that had

# Extensive testing and research resulted in the following conclusions:

 The virgin beeswax coating does not contain any viable microorganisms. Thus, any organisms collected in the void space of the barge are contaminants that were introduced during coating application or barge operations. The most likely source is from barge operations.

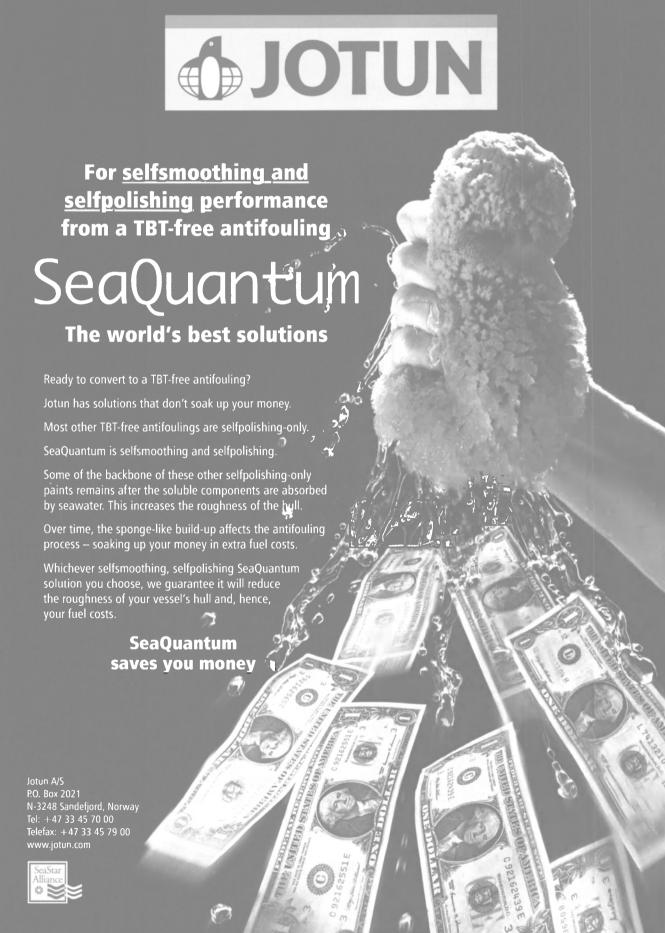
 All of the organisms recovered from the void space (Pseudomonas/Aeromonas, Vibrio, Clostridium, Fusarium oxysporum) are environmental in origin and are ubiquitous. In addition, the fungus (Fusarium oxysporum) is predominantly found in soils and muds. Thus, since these organisms are common to the environment, were not contained in the virgin paint, and in one case is predominantly found in soil, the most likely cause of the contamination is barge operations and the use of the void space as a ballast tank.

- Based on microbial culturing and analytical organic chemistry analyses, it is evident that the organisms present cannot (or at least do not) readily metabolize the beeswax coating as a nutrient source. The propolis in the beeswax is a well known antibacterial and antifungal agent. Thus, even if MIC is playing a causative role in the corrosion observed in the suspect barge, the wax coating is not aiding in this process.
- Evidence strongly indicates that there is a direct correlation between corrosion and the environmental condition, which exists in the void spaces. The longer the stagnant water and other contaminants remain in the voids the greater the corrosion risk.
- A second independent laboratory in the New England area has also firmly stated their research has shown that the Jotun beeswax coating does not support microbial growth.

been inoculated in triplicate, with controls, with bacteria from the MIC kits and incubated for over 60 days was determined using ASTM D2887. The average boiling point for each sample was then compared to a standard calibration curve that establishes the relationship between boiling point and

hydrocarbon chain length. The results clearly showed no appreciable difference between the virgin and inoculated beeswax samples. If the microbes were able to use the wax coating or any of its components as a nutrient source, the average boiling point and thus the chain length would decrease. As there was

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# Title XI: Left Out in the Cold

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available, will be limited to a term of no more than 10 to 12 years. This mismatch in vessel life and available financing will more than double what should be a project's early year debt service requirements. This will increase the cost of the services to be provided — be it for the coastwise movement of a 53-ft. trailer, or a ferry fare for a work-bound commuter, by the same multiple. In many cases, this doubling of the cost of service will defeat a business plan finding of economic viability. So, where will the long term debt financing necessary to properly fund these transactions be found? And, where will we find the equity?

#### **Established Financing Solutions**

Put in place under the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, the MarAd Title VI and Title XI Programs were intended to meet this very set of problems as they existed at that time.

In their revised forms under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970, and the Federal Ship Financing Act of 1972, the MarAd Capital Construction Fund (CCF) and Title XI financing guarantee programs enable qualified operators: (i) to accumulate vessel equity on a tax deferred basis over a period of up to 25 years under CCF program contracts; and (ii) to access private sector commercial vessel financing for up to 25 years by means of a U.S. government program of financing guarantees.

We have well established national water transportation needs which will require as much as \$1 to \$2 billion in new vessel construction over the balance of this decade. There is a need for equity funds for these projects, and for long term debt matched to project lives.

Existing U.S. operators have approximately \$1.4-billion of their own monies already set aside for U.S. vessel construction under MarAd CCF program contracts. And, there is a "public-private partnership" program of MarAd financing guarantees that has afforded U.S. operators access to long term private sector financing at no cost, or at very little cost, to the federal government.

However, access to these MarAd programs is currently being denied by the Bush Administration Office Management and Budget that: (1) refuses to allow a change in the program that would allow these operators to use \$1.4 billion of their own monies to contract for vessels to be engaged in coastwise service; and (2) seeks to discontinue the Title XI financing guarantee program March 2003

for accessing long term private sector debt financing matched to vessel lives.

U.S. Department of Transportation and Congress are charged with crafting transportation policies for the 21st Century. The MarAd and Title XI programs are well suited for a place in this mosaic. But there is no change in the OMB position, which blocks the use of the CCF program for vessels in our coastwise trades, or in OMB efforts to entirely discontinue the Title XI program. And, now Congress has apparently acquiesced in the OMB Title XI program termination.

Our highway congestion problems are increasing and cannot be solved by additional highway construction or increased rail services. Water borne passengers

and cargo transportation offers the only means for congestion relief. The vessel needs are clear. There are financing means available. But, these solutions continue to elude Congressional and Executive Branch planners. And, to date, neither branch of government has proposed other means for accessing the equity and long term debt to fund the vessel construction necessary to meet national transportation needs.



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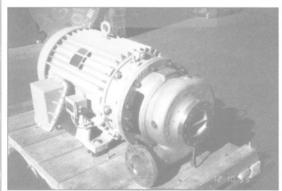
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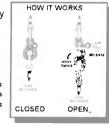
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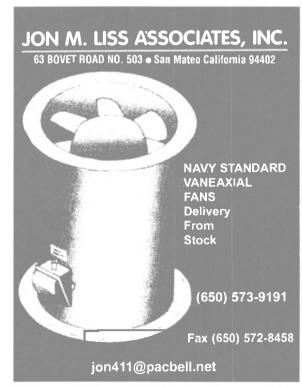
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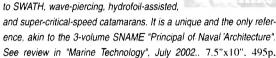
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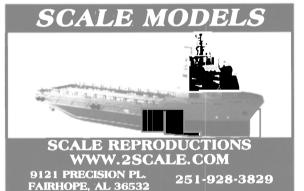
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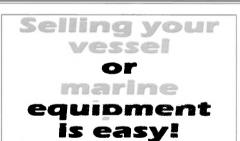
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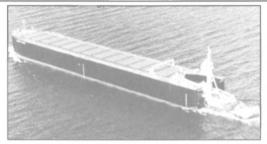
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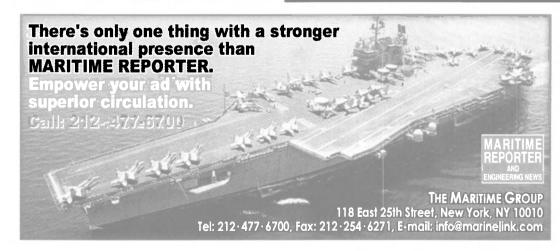
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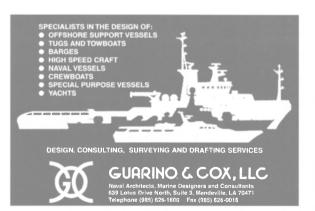
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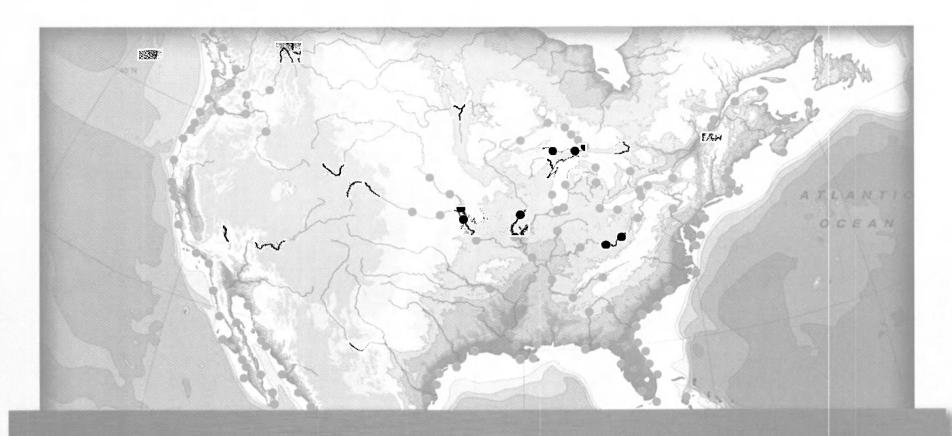
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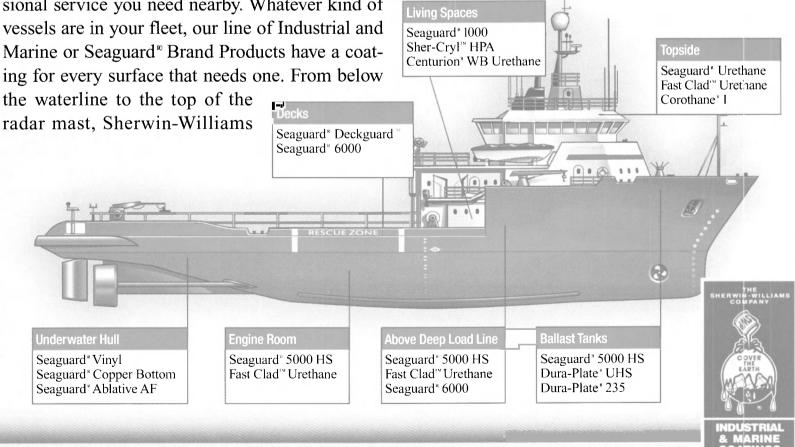
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