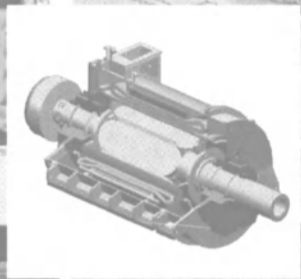


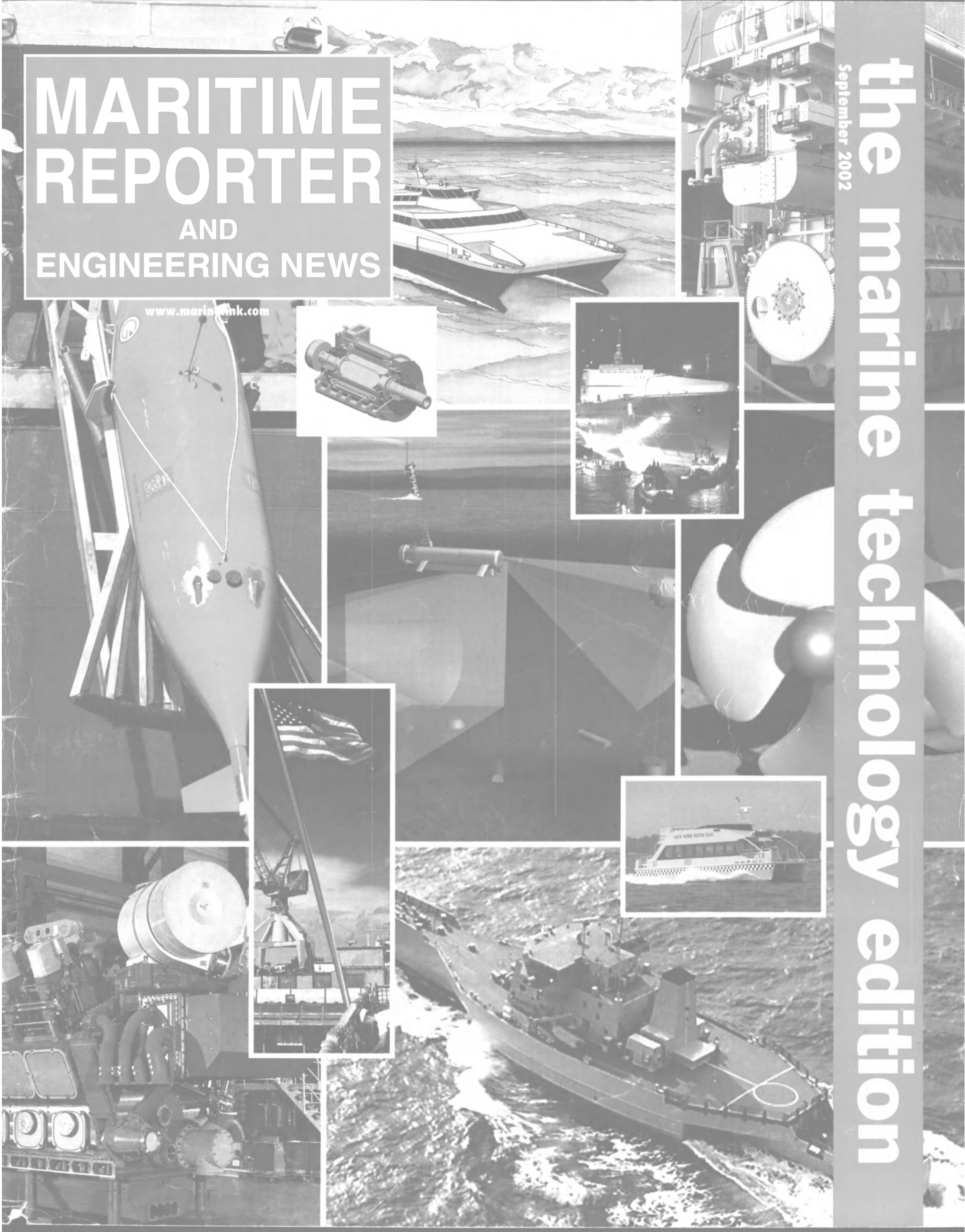
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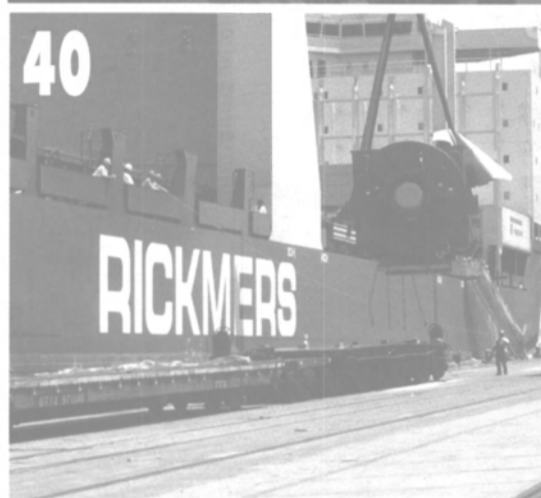
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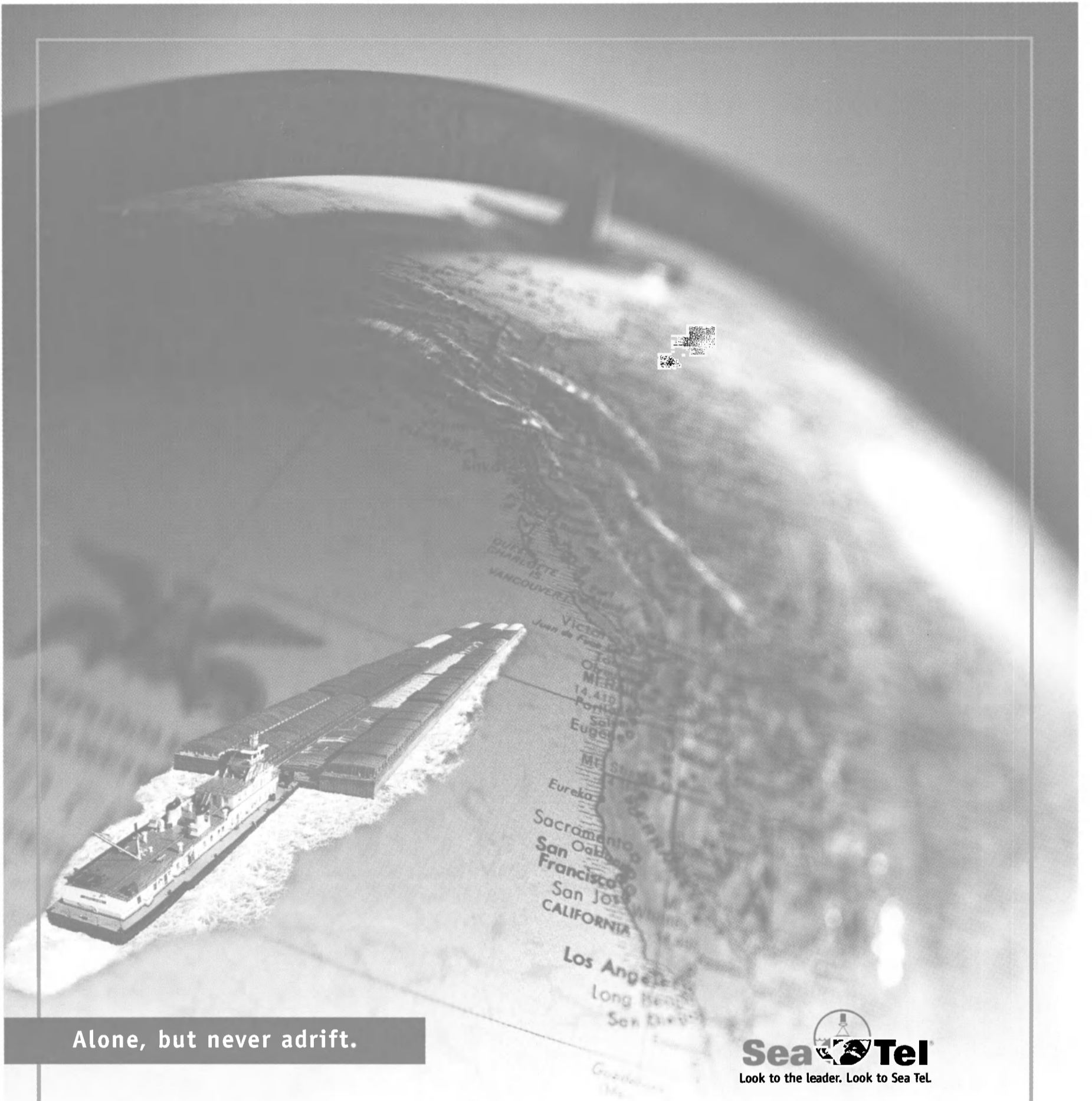
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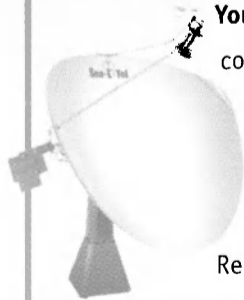
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**A**merican Shipbuilding has, in my opinion, seen its lowest point, during the past year.”

Most of you might naturally assume that this is a recent quote from a high ranking shipyard, government or other informed source regarding the current status of the U.S. marine industry.

Wrong!

This quote is attributed to the opinion of Captain C.A. McAllister, president of the American Bureau of Shipping, published in the January 1, 1928 edition of *Marine Age* magazine. This, and something my five-year-old son said recently, struck a chord within me regarding the challenges facing the U.S. ship and boatbuilding industry. Upon coming home from the beach one hot August day, Shane, upon inspecting his “Adidas” sandals, said, “It says that these were made in Indonesia ... I thought everything was made in China.” From the mouths of babes.

This month I am pleased to present — with the dogged determination of Bastianelli, Brown & Kelly’s H. Clayton Cook Jr., and the much-appreciated cooperation of U.S. Maritime Administrator William G. Schubert — what I feel is one of the most comprehensive and thought provoking assessments of the U.S. Maritime market, current status and future prospects. Mr. Schubert — in the article starting on page 78 — addresses in a straight-forward manner the needs of the industry by vessel niche, as well as complex topics such as financing options and prospects of operating ships profitably

Another traditional maritime powerhouse, Germany, hosts SMM 2002 — arguably the best marine exhibition in the world — later this month in Hamburg. In conjunction with this exhibition, Alan Haig-Brown has recorded in words and photographs — in *On the Road with Charles Kuralt*-esque fashion — an unparalleled insight to German Harbor Pilots operations. Those of you who enjoyed his coverage of a journey down through the Germany country side aboard the 345-ft. Johannes Von Nepomuk with Albrecht Zoller and his wife Roswitha, are sure to enjoy his experience in North Germany, as presented starting on page 34.



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## News

### GAO Affirms DD(X) Contract to Gold Team

Northrop Grumman Corporation, leader of the DD(X) Gold Team, and Raytheon company, received positive news last month when the General Accounting Office (GAO), decided that an appropriate evaluation process was used when the U.S. Navy selected the

Gold Team to complete the system design for the Navy's 21st century surface combatant, DD(X).

Northrop Grumman's Ship Systems sector will lead the DD(X) system design, engineering prototype development and testing under a \$265 million contract awarded to the Gold Team by the Navy on April 29. The Gold Team

includes Raytheon and more than 30 of the nation's top engineering and maritime industrial companies. The initial design contract has a total value of approximately \$2.9 billion over four years.

Design and technology verification work, which will culminate in the construction of a new family of surface



combatants, includes destroyers, cruisers and littoral combat ships. The transformational technologies developed in the DD(X) program will also be backfitted into today's existing fleet of Aegis-equipped cruisers and destroyers.

Key technologies of DD(X) include developing and testing engineering development models for advanced concepts for the gun system, radar suite, integrated power system, vertical launch system and signature management/reduction.

As electronic systems integrator, Raytheon's Naval & Maritime Integrated Systems (N&MIS) business will be responsible for DD(X) systems engineering, software development and development of combat system equipment. As part of this effort, Raytheon N&MIS will build and test a dual frequency radar suite, an integrated solid-state communication system, a new launcher, an Integrated Undersea Warfare Suite and a multimission total ship computing environment.

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A top to bottom review of the U.S. Navy's new "family" of ships.

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The contract covers an initial period of one year, with options for four additional years. Management, operation and preventative maintenance of the Shippingport will be provided on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis and is worth up to \$34.6 million over the next five years, with \$2.2 million of the total funded in the current fiscal year. The drydocking services associated with this contract will be paid on a firm-fixed-price basis and will be worth up to \$26.4 million during the life of the contract.

The Shippingport (ARDM-4), which is used to lift submarines out of the water for repairs, had previously been operated by Navy personnel, but will now be run by a civilian crew of about 40 Electric Boat employees.

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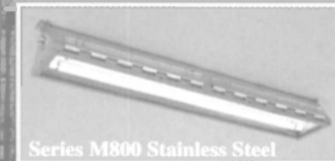


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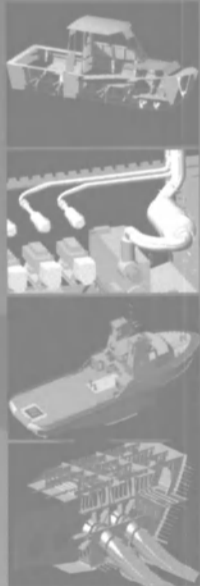


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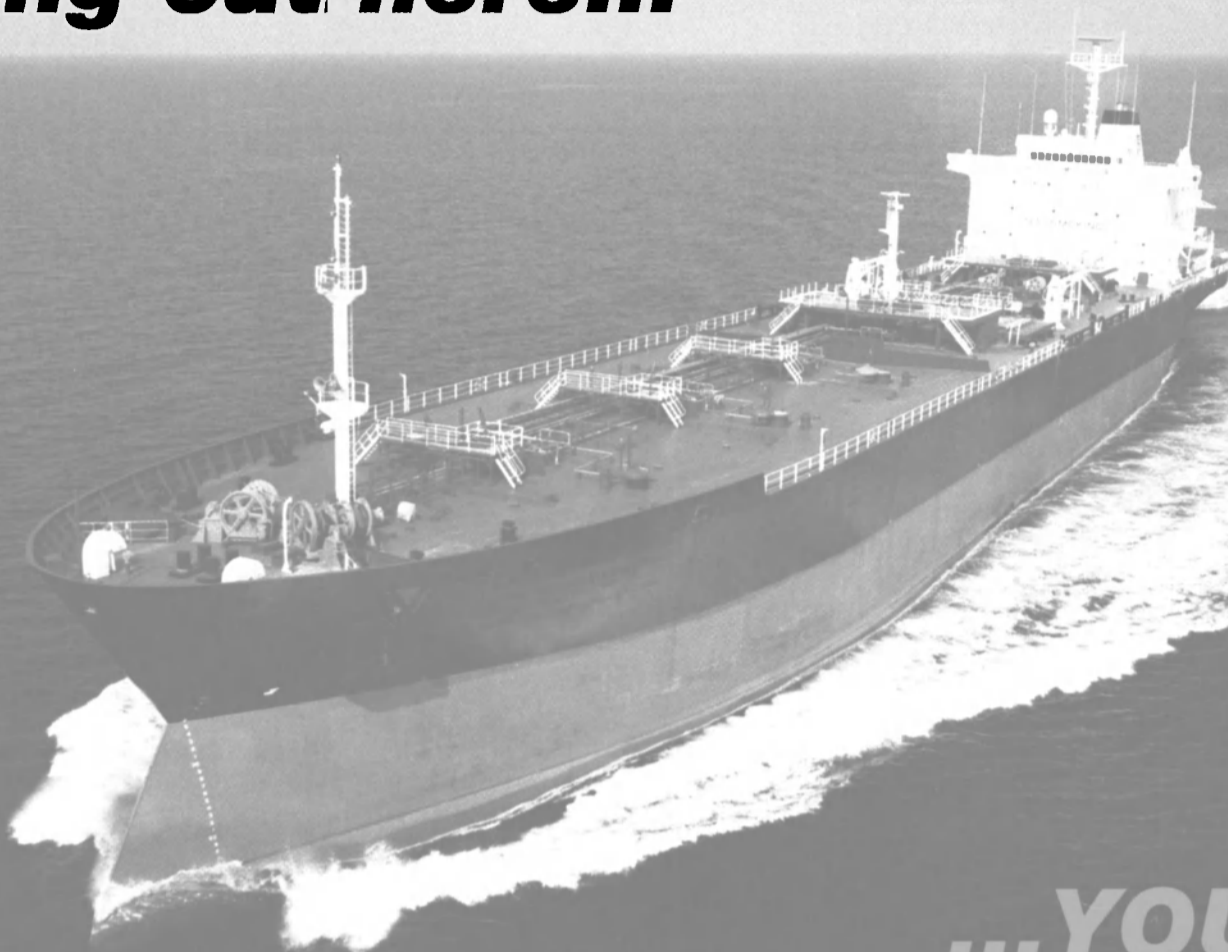
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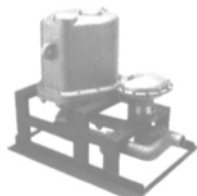
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## Northrop Grumman Unloads Half-built Project America Ship to NCL

The saga of the now-defunct American Classic Voyages' U.S. Lines has seemingly come to a close with Northrop Grumman Corporation reaching an agreement on August 19 to sell all struc-

tures and material associated with the cruise vessel program at the company's Ship Systems sector to Norwegian Cruise Line.

Under the agreement, Norwegian

Cruise Line will take possession by Sept. 30, 2002 of the nearly half-complete first ship and all associated equipment and materials, as well as material acquired by Northrop Grumman for a

planned second ship. Approximately 350 Ship Systems employees are currently preparing the cruise ship for launching and towing. These ships were to have been known as the first cruise ships to be constructed in the U.S. in more than 30 years.

The company does not expect the sale to impact previously announced financial guidance. In May, the U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd) conducted an auction for the cruise ship and associated materials, at which time MarAd subsequently directed Northrop Grumman Ship Systems to proceed unilaterally with the disposition of the vessel.

Malaysian-based Star Cruises Group, which is the parent company of NCL, said that the vessel will be operated as part of the Norwegian fleet as a 2,000-guest purpose-built ship for Freestyle Cruising. The yet-to-be-named ship will be delivered in spring of 2004 in time for the summer season.

NCL has contracted with Northrop Grumman Ship Systems (NGSS) to buy all of the materials and equipment and the work performed to date on the two Project America vessels under construction at Northrop's Ingalls shipyard in Mississippi, that were to have been part of the now-defunct United States Lines fleet. The substantially completed hull of the first vessel, plus all of the associated equipment and materials, will be transported to Europe, where work will be completed in a yet to be determined shipyard.

"The acquisition of the 'Project America' assets was prompted by the success of Freestyle Cruising, the tremendous reception we have had to Norwegian Sun and Star, and the need to add ships as soon as possible after the delivery of Norwegian Dawn, our last scheduled new build, in December 2002," said Colin Veitch, president and CEO of NCL.

The original design of the "Project America" ship has been modified and will sail under the NCL brand as the latest addition to the company's revolutionary Freestyle Cruising fleet, which allows passengers to enjoy the benefits of no fixed meal times and no assigned seating in a relaxed atmosphere.

Eighty percent of the staterooms will have an ocean view, with 85 percent of those including private balconies — a total of five decks with private balconies.

Once the completion of the first vessel is under way, NCL will explore the feasibility of completing the second vessel based on the work in progress and materials that have been purchased as part of the deal with NGSS.

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## Oil Recovery Project Makes Progress

The U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay, the California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and Titan Maritime, Inc. continue their steady progress on the assessment and oil removal operations from the sunken 468-ft. (142.6-m) cargo ship S.S. Jacob Luckenbach, which sank 50 years ago, 17 miles West of San Francisco.



Despite the challenges and risks involved with the operation, the responders have identified 26 tanks and spaces on the wreck containing about 132,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil. To date, about 12,000 gallons of oil have been recovered. During the assessment, many fuel tanks were found to have badly corroded vent pipes, which allowed oil to slowly leak into the cargo holds. These vents are the primary sources of the pollution that has contaminated shorelines and sea birds over the last few years.

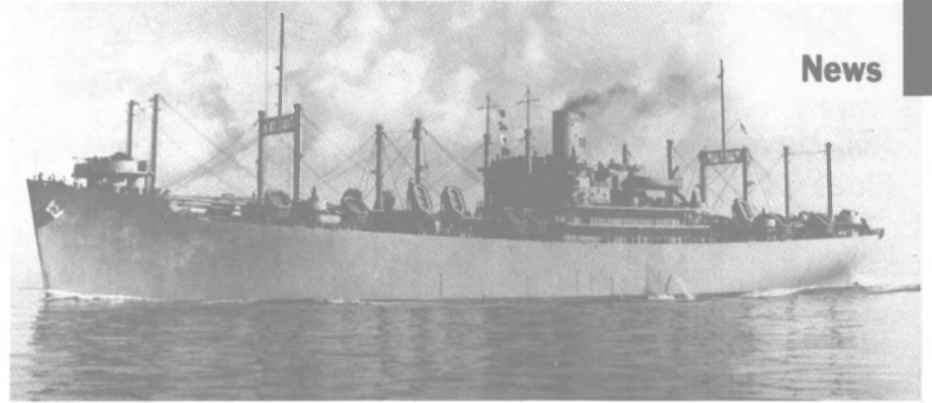
Most of the leaking fuel vents have been sealed, but the process is ongoing. Operations in the forward cargo holds have been especially challenging. Inaccurate ship drawings and piles of cargo have complicated the search for vents in the holds. The 50-year-old cargo has corroded and fused together, forcing divers to chisel through solid walls of material to tunnel access ways to the vents.

The piles of cargo create safety concerns for the divers due to its instability. The recovery team has also had to overcome many challenges, including; diving in 175 ft. of water, 45 degree sea temperatures, poor underwater visibility, and strong bottom currents.

With the assessment and vent sealing phase nearly completed, the responders are using various techniques to remove the oil from the tanks. The oil at 50 degrees resembles that of peanut butter in thickness and is very difficult to pump to the surface. Divers are inserting heat exchangers and injecting steam into the oil to raise the oil's temperature enough to pump. The responders are making good progress refining these techniques or developing new, innovative ways to remove as much oil as possible.

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S.S. Jacob Luckenbach, which sank 50 years ago, 17 miles West of San Francisco, has been slowly leaking oil.



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**New & Notable**

# Crowley Christens Tug Response

Crowley's latest ship assist and escort tug renamed Response was christened August 2 in Elliott Bay.

**Deicy Mathur**, wife of **Anil Mathur**, President of the Alaska Tanker Company, LLC, performed the christening ceremony aboard Response. A team of Crowley engineers and architects designed the Response, with input from Crowley's ship assist and escort customer, Alaska Tanker Company; the vessel was constructed by Marco Shipyard in Seattle.

Response is a 130 ft. (39.6 m) and 7,200-hp tug able to provide enough indirect force to get most any job done quickly and safely.

Response features twin Voith Schneider 32G II/250 cycloidal propellers, powered by two Caterpillar 3608 DITA engines, and a unique high lift and streamlined hull designed to meet the indirect forces and speed requirements of the tankers operating in Puget Sound. The hull is derived from a design for the tug Boxer and was developed by Bukser og Berging, Norway. It is also equipped with full fire fighting capabilities and can carry 2,800 of foam concentrate.

Measuring 130 x 46 x 25 ft. (39.3 x 14 x 7.6 m), Response is designed to generate direct bollard pull of 150,000 lbs. and indirect forces in excess of 340,000 lbs. at 12 knots, with an anticipated free running speed of 15 knots.

Fitted with a Markey Model DESS-52 High Performance single-drum electric Hawser winch designed



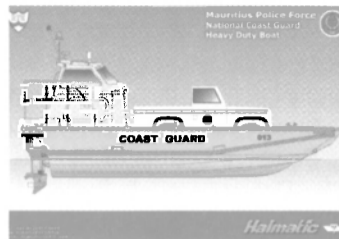
specifically for this vessel, Response's winch will hold 1,000 ft. of 10-in. circumference AmSteel Blue high molecular weight polyethylene line with an average strength of more than one million lbs. This main line will be able to be hauled in at pressures of over twice the bollard pull of the boat's engines, a condition that can occur when escorting tankers at high speed.

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Weight	3,450 kg (lightship)
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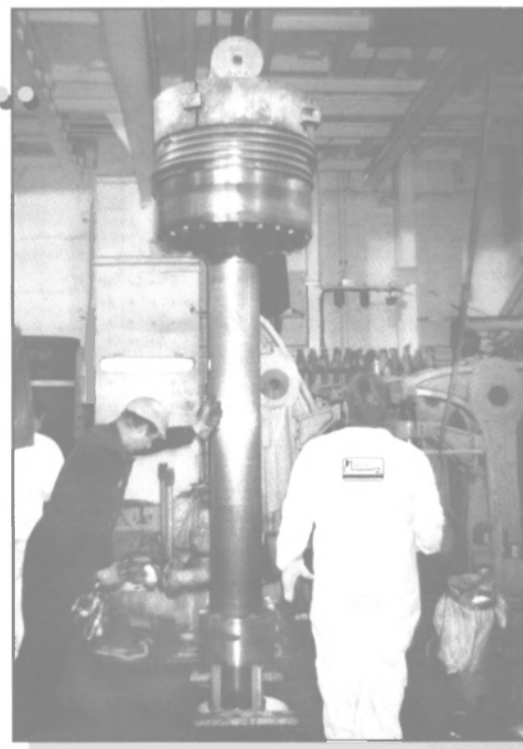
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## NASSCO and TOTE Christen Midnight Sun

National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) has joined with Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc. (TOTE) to christen M.V. Midnight Sun, the first commercial dry cargo vessel to be built in the U.S. in 10 years. Midnight Sun is the first of two new Orca-class trailer-ships being built by NASSCO for TOTE's service from Tacoma, Wash., to Anchorage, Alaska.

Lynn Garvey, wife of Mike Garvey, Chairman of the Board of TOTE's parent



TOTE's 840-ft. (256-m) M.V. Midnight Sun was floated out at NASSCO in August.

company, Saltchuk Resources, Inc., and Lily Stevens, the daughter of Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), were the ship's sponsors, christening M.V. Midnight Sun with ceremonial bottles of champagne. Senator Stevens, who is serving in his seventh term in the U.S. Senate, was the keynote speaker at the event. M.V. Midnight Sun, and its sister ship, M.V. North Star, are 840 x 118-ft. (256 x 35.9-m) RoRo cargo ships offering the option to carry trailers as large as 53 ft. The ships' cargo can be loaded and discharged in nine hours, with the speed and efficiency of this process being an important competitive advantage for TOTE.

M. V. Midnight Sun and M. V. North Star have already received several prestigious awards for their environmentally sensitive design. These include the States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Legacy Award for 2000, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner's 2000 Pollution Prevention Award, and the Biennial William M. Benkert Foundation 2002 Environmental Excellence Bronze Award. With Midnight Sun scheduled for delivery in early 2003, North Star will be christened on March 15, 2003, for a summer 2003 delivery.

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## Halter Launches First J&L Barge

Halter Marine has launched Capella (meaning the brightest star in the constellation Auriga) an 80,000-barrel tank barge for J&L, Inc. The barge, the first project Halter has undertaken for J&L, was built at Halter's Gulfport, Miss. Yard for an August 30 delivery.

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borne transportation for New York City residents, as well as the millions of tourists that visit the major attractions on the West Side, Lower Manhattan and Downtown Brooklyn Waterfront each year.

Designed by Nigel Gee & Associates, the new Water Taxi is powered by two Detroit Diesel Series 60 engines, pro-

viding 600 hp at 2,100 rpm via Twin Disc gears. It is an all-aluminum catamaran with a low-wake hull and a top speed of 25 knots carrying 54 seated passengers. A bow-



#### Main Particulars

Length, (o.a.)	53 ft. (16.1 m)
Beam, (o.a.)	19 ft. (5.7 m)
Draft	4 ft. (1.2 m)
Engines	2x Detroit Diesel Series 60, 600 bhp
Passenger capacity	75 (max.)

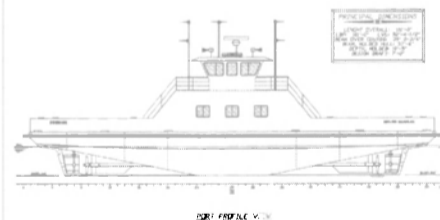
loader type, the vessel allows the passengers to disembark directly from the bow into the cabin located on the main deck. Able to hold 75 passengers, the vessel boasts 54 seats designed by Beurteaux, situated back-to-back so that passengers can enjoy panoramic views of the city during their ride.

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tional car ferry with one open auto deck and enclosed aluminum side cabin with pilothouse.

The Sunrise can carry a maximum of 50 cars or 4 semi-tractor trailers with a maximum load of 240,000 lbs. Sunrise is powered by two Detroit Diesel Series 60 engines producing 400 hp at 1,800 rpm with stand-alone Twin Disc MG-516 gears (4.5:1) for easy access to change Vulcan couplings and Detroit Diesel DDEC controls. The vessel is equipped with two Rolls Royce, ice class, right hand, 54 x 40-in. pitch, four-blade propellers.

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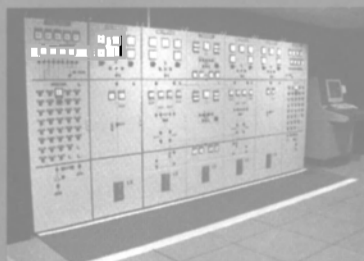
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MS Carnival Legend was delivered on August 14 to Carnival Corp. at Kvaerner Masa-Yards' Helsinki shipyard. Legend, which is the fourth cruise ship in a series of new Panamax-Max size cruise ships under construction for Carnival Corporation, is operated by Carnival Cruise Lines and Costa Crociere. The first ship in the series, Costa Atlantica, was delivered in June 2000 - with sister-ships Carnival Spirit and Carnival Pride in 2001.

The vessel carries a total of 2,680 passengers (lower beds: 2,124 passengers) in a total of 1,062 staterooms, and a maximum crew capacity is 961. Measuring 961 ft. (293 m), with a maximum breadth of 127 ft. (38.8 m) (over bridge wings), and a draft at dwl of 25 ft. (7.8 m), the vessel's relative number of outside passenger staterooms and staterooms with balcony is very high; 80 percent of all the staterooms are outside staterooms, and 70 percent of all the staterooms have a balcony. All prefabricated staterooms have been manufactured by Piikkio Works Oy.

Carnival Legend has been built by the yard together with a large number of turn-key and other suppliers. Production began in October 2000, and the assembly of the hull began in the covered new-building dock in April 2001. The vessel was launched in December 2001, after which the cruise ship was transferred to the outfitting quay in front of the yard's outfitting terminal.

Legend has a diesel-electric machinery, consisting of six Wartsila 9L46D diesel engines, with a total power of 62,370 kW, each connected to an alternator producing electricity to the ship's main electric network. The propulsion consists of two azimuthing electric Azipod propulsion units, with a power of 17.6 MW each, as well as three 1.91 MW tunnel thrusters in the bow. The service speed is 22 knots.

Sailing under the Panamanian flag, the

vessel is built according to RINA classification standards, fulfilling RINA's new Green Star environmental standard, consisting of two voluntary RINA class notations, CLEAN SEA and CLEAN AIR, setting strict requirements on the

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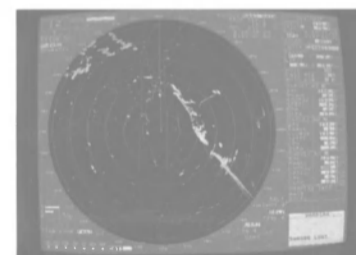
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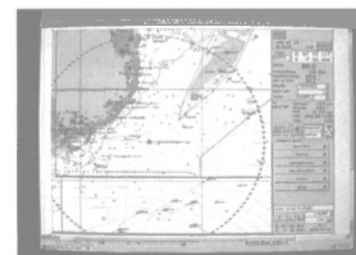
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Length, (pp) .....	855 ft. (260.6 m)
Breadth, (max.) .....	127 ft. (38.8 m)
Breadth, (dwl) 106 ft. (32.2 m)	
Draft, (dwl) .....	25 ft. (7.8 m)
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# Crewing and Maritime Security

By Dennis L. Bryant, Senior Maritime Counsel, Haight Gardner Holland & Knight, Washington, D.C.

*In the process of enhancing homeland and maritime security in the United States, the federal government is substantially increasing the burden on the owners, operators, managers, and agents of foreign ships. The heaviest burden, though, is being felt by the individual crewmember.*

### INS Policy

For a short time after the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2002, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) officials in some ports (particularly the Port of New York and New Jersey) would not allow non-U.S. crewmembers to land (come ashore) in the United States. This knee-jerk reaction gradually faded and INS processing of foreign crewmembers slowly returned to nearly the pre-9/11 situation.

In March 2002, an incident in Chesapeake, Va. changed the unofficial INS policy. Four Pakistani crewmembers

from the Maltese-flag freighter PROGRESSO sought shore leave. They did not have individual passports and the ship had not obtained a crew list visa. Despite that, the INS officer attending the ship exercised his discretion and, in accordance with the regulations, granted the shore leave request. The crewmembers promptly deserted, hoping for a better life in the United States. The INS Commissioner reacted by immediately recalling the District Director. This action had the intended effect of prompting all other INS District Directors to tighten the procedures for handling foreign ships and their crews.

The unofficial policy that rapidly but unevenly developed within the INS following the PROGRESSO incident was that no work was to begin on any vessel carrying non-U.S. crewmembers unless prior clearance had been received from the INS boarding inspector. On vessels that the Customs Service was not boarding, the gangway was not to be put down unless the INS inspector was present, unless prior approval has been received from the INS inspector. Finally, no visa waivers would be approved. Medical

emergencies or other paroles will be considered only on a case-by-case basis, and then only with the specific approval of an INS supervisor.

Recently, though, even this policy has been tightened. At an increasing number of U.S. ports, the INS is issuing "detain on board" orders, requiring masters to keep on board some or all crewmembers. Allegedly for national security reasons, the INS is refusing to tell masters, agents, and ship owners, operators, and managers the basis of the "detain on board" orders. In many cases, the U.S. Coast Guard, at the request of the local INS office, issues Captain of the Port (COTP) orders requiring masters to hire commercial guard services to man the gangway 24-hours a day while the ship is in port to prevent crewmembers from going ashore. Disputes are now arising between ship owners and ship operators over responsibility for this added cost, which can run as high as \$3,000 per day of the port call.

### Crew List Visas

The U.S. Department of State, in a separate initiative, has drafted a propos-



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al to eliminate crew list visas entirely. This measure, which was submitted on August 6, 2002 for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and could be placed into effect as early as January 2003, would eliminate U.S. shore leave for all foreign crewmembers except those fortunate enough to have both a valid passport from their country and a current U.S. visa. Many

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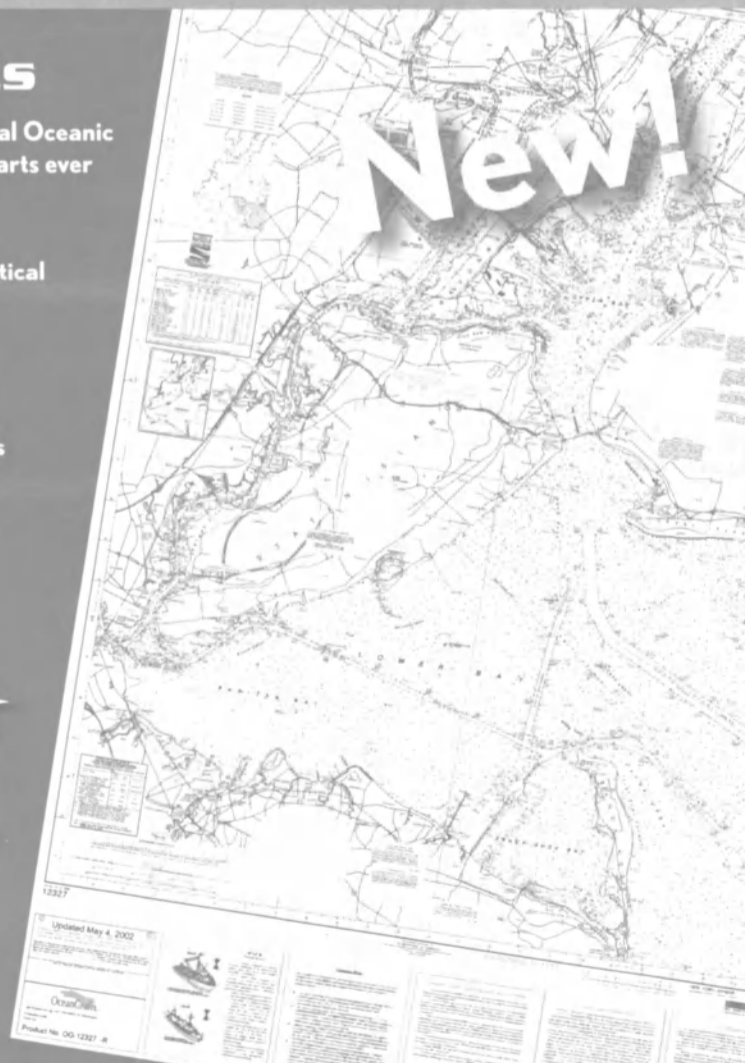
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crewmembers from third world countries lack passports, which traditionally were not required. In addition, it is often difficult for a mariner, who may be sailing for months at a time and who doesn't know future ports of call far in advance, to obtain a U.S. visa. The elimination of the crew list visa will provide a further obstacle to both shore leave and the ability of ship owners, operators, and managers to undertake crew changes while the ship is in a U.S. port.

#### Maritime Identification Credentials

The U.S. Coast Guard has announced that, starting September 6, 2002, it will only accept certain credentials for the purpose of identifying maritime personnel needing to board or disembark from ships and enter or leave waterfront facilities. Acceptable credentials include a military identification card, a federal employee badge, a driver's license or official identification card issued by a Department of Motor Vehicles or a Motor-Vehicle Administration within the U.S., a merchant mariner's document issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, a valid passport, a local law enforcement credential, an identification credential issued by a state or local port authority, and an identification credential issued by a company, union, or trade association. The credential must contain the full name of the individual, include a current photograph of the individual, bear the name of the issuing authority, and be laminated or otherwise secured against tampering.

Unofficially, the individual Captains of the Port (COTPs) are given broad discretion to accept additional credentials that they have determined to be trustworthy, but this will naturally vary from port to port.

Immediately after the terrorist attacks in September 2002, the Secretary of Transportation convened various Direct Action Groups to examine various aspects of transportation security. The Credentialing Direct Action Group (CDAG) has been studying the issue of a National Transportation Workers' Identification Card (TWIC) for all transportation workers and other persons who require access to secure areas at transportation facilities. The Coast Guard policy regarding maritime identification credentials will remain in effect at least until the TWIC process has been finalized and implemented.

#### National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS)

On August 12, 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that on September 11, 2002, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will commence a pilot program at selected ports of entry called the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System

(NSEERS). The NSEERS Program will be adopted at all U.S. ports of entry (including seaports, airports, and land border crossings) on October 1, 2002. This program, which is intended to "provide greater protection for the United States and help aliens fulfill their responsibilities under the laws of the United States," will require the finger-

printing of some entering foreign visitors and completion of registration forms. Initially, the requirements will be imposed on all nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, and Syria and on all other nonimmigrants whom the State Department or the INS determines to present an elevated national security risk.

The NSEERS Program relies on regu-

lations that have been on the books for many years, but these regulations have been suspended for decades, as conceded by the Department of Justice.

#### Analysis

The new emphasis on ships' crews raises a host of issues.

The INS is now strictly enforcing reg-

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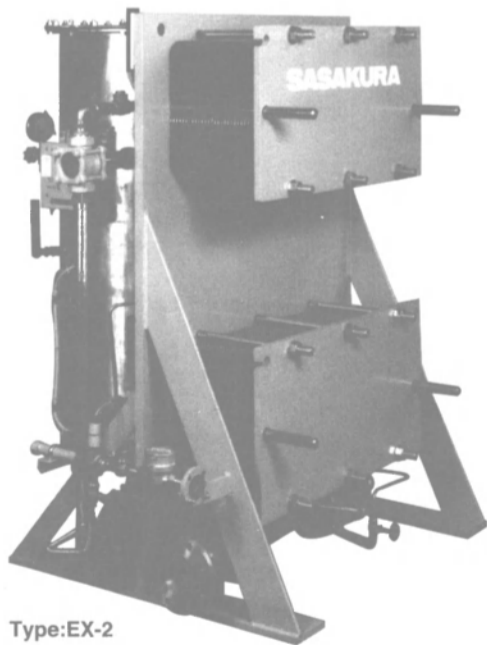
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ulations that have not been adhered to in years. The U.S. Coast Guard is preparing to do likewise. Particularly with regard to the newly-reinvigorated INS policy, the question of due process is germane.

The federal government is preparing to implement a transportation worker's

identification card system at the same time that it is negotiating at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London and the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva for adoption of a universal mariner's identification card.

Crewmembers are being branded as

threats to U.S. national security, but the individuals affected, the masters, owners, operators, managers, and agents are not being advised of the basis of the allegations. Further, masters are not even being allowed to remove the "suspect" crewmember from the vessel. Such removal would both reduce the alleged

risk to national security and eliminate the requirement for hiring commercial guard service. In many instances, the masters are not even being advised of the reason for the requirement for guard service.

It is questionable whether INS has the authority to require a master to hire a commercial guard service merely because INS has issued a "detain on board" order with regard to a particular crewmember. The pertinent statute merely requires the master to receive and detain the crewmember. The regulations largely repeat the statutory provision. The words 'guard' or 'guard service' appear in neither the statute nor the regulations.

This would not be the first time that INS has overstepped its authority. In the mid-1990s, INS was demanding that sea and air carriers pay detention costs (including the cost of guard services) in cases where a stowaway alleged political asylum. Processing of asylum cases can be lengthy and the detention costs can be high. Various sea and air carriers brought separate actions against INS for recovery of monies expended in accordance with the INS orders. The appellate courts held that INS lacked authority to require the carriers to bear the expense of detention.

On the diplomatic level, the question arises with regard to how the United States Government can engage in meaningful negotiations in an international forum to develop a universal standard for mariners' identification cards when it is actively working on the domestic level to implement a unilateral scheme. Only time will tell whether the two processes will be compatible.

It is presently unclear how many mariners will be caught up in the NSEERS Program and required to be fingerprinted and complete new documentation. If the incidence of "detain on board" orders is any indication, though, the number could be quite high.

### Conclusion

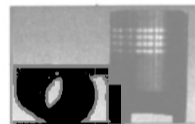
Foreign mariners on foreign ships carry 95 percent of U.S. imports and exports. The U.S. economy would grind to a halt without them and their ships. They have carried U.S. military personnel and U.S. military equipment on a regular basis since at least World War I. While the United States certainly needs to exercise heightened vigilance subsequent to September 11, 2001, the need to "detain on board" large numbers of foreign mariners is less than clear, and certainly has not been explained to those involved or to the public at large. Until and unless a public explanation of the new processes is forthcoming, the U.S. Government will lack moral authority in this regard.



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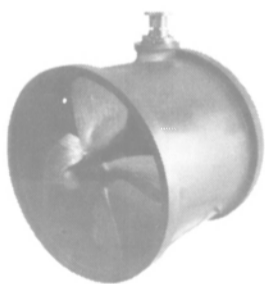
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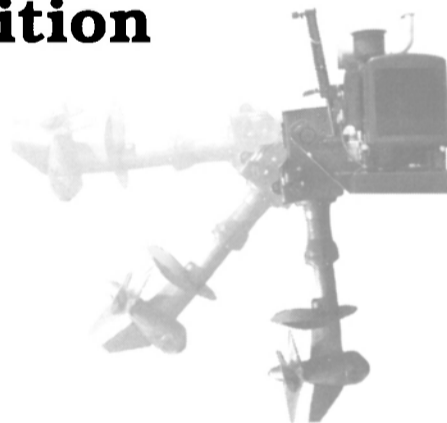
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## President Cuts USCG Funding

On August 13, President Bush hosted the President's Economic Forum at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, bringing together a variety of individuals to discuss the fundamentals of the economy and the President's agenda to increase economic growth for the future.

From the President's Statement at the Economic forum Plenary Session, President Bush indicated that he will refuse to spend a \$5 billion package included in the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States stating, "Congress, for the long-term economic security of America, needs to restrain spending.... And if the Congress won't show spending restraint, I intend to enforce spending restraint."

The President is opposed to several of the individual expenditures in the package, including \$273 million in supplemental funding for the Coast Guard: "But those who wrote the bill designed it so I have to spend all \$5 of the extra billion dollars or spend none of it. That's how they wrote the supplemental. Those are the rules they placed upon my administration. I understand their position, and today they're going to learn mine. We'll spend none of it."

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## SENECO To Construct 171-Ft. Hopper Barge

The Southeastern New England Shipbuilding Corporation (SENECO) has signed a major barge contract for construction of a 171-ft. (52.1-m) hopper barge that will have a holding capacity of 2,750 cu. yds. Construction has already begun and is expected to be completed this fall. The barge is being built for Disch Construction of Summit, N.J. who will use the barge to transport dredge spoils.

In addition to an increase in its executive ranks and the announcement of the Disch contract, SENECSO also recently completed a multi-vessel repair contract for Modern Continental, a Boston-based construction company.

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# Bollinger Builds Next Generation Liftboat

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What sets L/B Myrtle apart from other liftboats is that it is equipped with a bow thruster and controllable pitch (CP) propellers for greater maneuverability and pinpoint positioning of the huge legs with oversized pads on the ocean bottom.

The vessel's namesake is in honor of Myrtle Orgeron, mother of Lee Orgeron, and is equipped with 40 x 16-ft. pads (12.1 x 4.8-m), much larger than those on other liftboats, to provide for greater bottom stability and greater deck loads. The L/B Myrtle can also jack with a full pre-load and its pre-load system has quick acting stainless steel dump valves.

It is equipped with three Nautilus cranes with 150, 50 and 25-ton capacities in an innovative configuration. The smaller crane is positioned on the starboard stern so that support vessels can tie-up to the liftboat and offload personnel, cargo, and/or fluids without hindering other work being done by the liftboat. The 150-ton crane has a 110-ft. boom and is equipped with VHF radio, loudhailer, load indicator and boom-mounted video camera with monitor to assist when load hook-ups are out of the normal view of the operator.

With regulatory classifications consisting of ABS loadline, SOLAS/MARPOL, USCG Subchapter L, L/B Myrtle measures 137.5 ft. (41.9-m) with a 92-ft. (28-m) beam and hull depth of 13-ft. (3.9-m). Open deck area is 6,000 sq. ft., and its three legs are 72 in., in diameter and constructed of 1.5-in., wall thickness high strength steel. Power is supplied by two Caterpillar 3512 diesels developing a total of 3,000 bhp, driving Berg controllable pitch propellers through Reintjes reduc-



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On August 13, President Bush hosted the President's Economic Forum at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, bringing together a variety of individuals to discuss the fundamentals of the economy and the President's agenda to increase economic growth for the future.

From the President's Statement at the Economic forum Plenary Session, President Bush indicated that he will refuse to spend a \$5 billion package included in the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States stating, "Congress, for the long-term economic security of America, needs to restrain spending.... And if the Congress won't show spending restraint, I intend to enforce spending restraint."

The President is opposed to several of the individual expenditures in the package, including \$273 million in supplemental funding for the Coast Guard: "But those who wrote the bill designed it so I have to spend all \$5 of the extra billion dollars or spend none of it. That's how they wrote the supplemental. Those are the rules they placed upon my administration. I understand their position, and today they're going to learn mine. We'll spend none of it."

That supplemental funding is now rescinded.

## SENESCO To Construct 171-Ft. Hopper Barge

The Southeastern New England Shipbuilding Corporation (SENESCO) has signed a major barge contract for construction of a 171-ft. (52.1-m) hopper barge that will have a holding capacity of 2,750 cu. yds. Construction has already begun and is expected to be completed this fall. The barge is being built for Disch Construction of Summit, N.J. who will use the barge to transport dredge spoils.

In addition to an increase in its executive ranks and the announcement of the Disch contract, SENESCO also recently completed a multi-vessel repair contract for Modern Continental, a Boston-based construction company.

SENESCO's repair business is expected to grow even further when the company launches a new dry dock it is building at its Quonset Point, R.I. facility. The new dry dock will allow the company to repair larger vessels and also enable Senesco to launch larger barges, including the 320-ft. (97.5-m), 80,000 barrel double hulled liquid fuel barge being built for Don Church of Sea Boats, Inc.

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# Bollinger Builds Next Generation Liftboat

The evolution of liftboats took a giant leap forward when Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., delivered L/B Myrtle, a 137.5-ft. (41.9-m) liftboat to Montco Offshore, Inc., Golden Meadow, La. Equipped with 245-ft. (74.6-m) legs, the self-propelled floating platform has the ability to work in water depths to 180 ft. with a 15-ft. air gap while lifting a total of 850 kips of variable load.

What sets L/B Myrtle apart from other liftboats is that it is equipped with a bow thruster and controllable pitch (CP) propellers for greater maneuverability and pinpoint positioning of the huge legs with oversized pads on the ocean bottom.

The vessel's namesake is in honor of **Myrtle Orgeron**, mother of **Lee Orgeron**, and is equipped with 40 x 16-ft. pads (12.1 x 4.8-m), much larger than those on other liftboats, to provide for greater bottom stability and greater deck loads. The L/B Myrtle can also jack with a full pre-load and its pre-load system has quick acting stainless steel dump valves.

It is equipped with three Nautilus cranes with 150, 50 and 25-ton capacities in an innovative configuration. The smaller crane is positioned on the starboard stern so that support vessels can tie-up to the liftboat and offload personnel, cargo, and/or fluids without hindering other work being done by the liftboat. The 150-ton crane has a 110-ft. boom and is equipped with VHF radio, loudhailer, load indicator and boom-mounted video camera with monitor to assist when load hook-ups are out of the normal view of the operator.

With regulatory classifications consisting of ABS loadline, SOLAS/MARPOL, USCG Subchapter L, L/B Myrtle measures 137.5 ft. (41.9-m) with a 92-ft. (28-m) beam and hull depth of 13-ft. (3.9-m). Open deck area is 6,000 sq. ft., and its three legs are 72 in., in diameter and constructed of 1.5-in., wall thickness high strength steel. Power is supplied by two Caterpillar 3512 diesels developing a total of 3,000 bhp, driving Berg controllable pitch propellers through Reintjes reduc-



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The Hydraquip jacking system is designed using the latest hydraulic and computer technology to accurately control the leg position. The programmable logic controller provides all jacking system logic, safety interlocks, leg position and alarm monitoring. The hydraulic system incorporates a three speed jacking system that allows leg tagging at 10 ft./min, normal jacking at 4 ft./min and preload jacking at 2 ft./min. The jacking system has counterbalance (holding) valves at each motor for pinion isolation. All jacking system pressures, system status, temperatures, alarms, and operation manual are displayed on a liquid crystal plasma touch screen.

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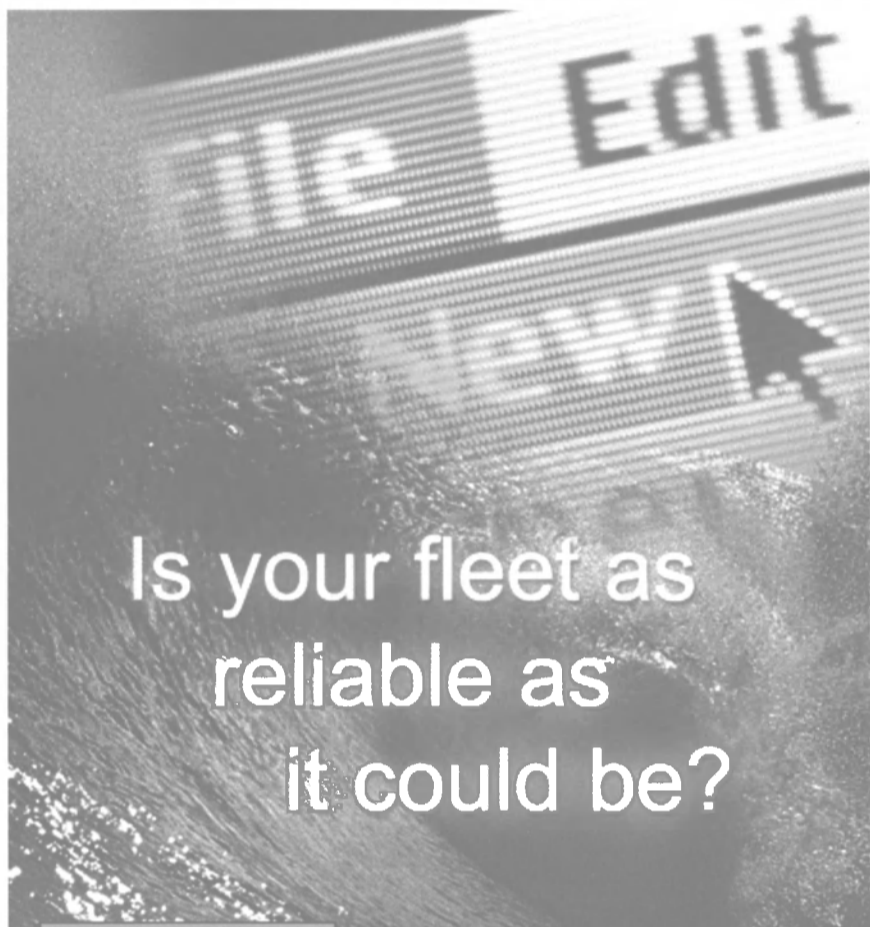
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transducer" it is imperative that the structure is representative of a warship and as light as possible so that induced strains can be measured by the onboard instrumentation with the minimum of error. Obviously the need for the lightest structure could compromise the structural safety of this ocean-going ship. Studies were carried out to investigate the best way of



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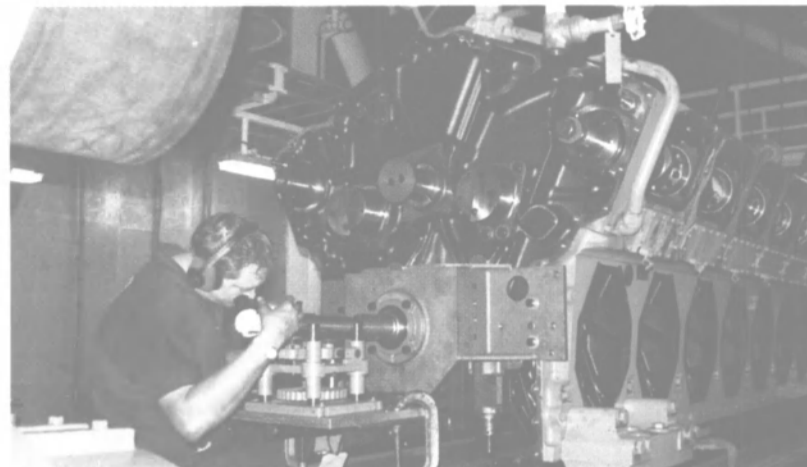
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ensuring structural safety. These showed that adopting a structural design code such as the DNV High Speed Light Craft rules, should result in a structure similar in style to a typical Royal Navy frigate. Safety of the vessel will, therefore, be demonstrated by adherence to appropriate Classification Society rules. To ensure the "structural transducer"

role is not compromised the contractor was required to obtain confirmation from DNV that the structural weight of RV Triton was minimized.

As well as providing a mechanism for a safe structural design the adoption of classification society standards was also consistent with the need for the vessel to be operated by QinetiQ using a contract-

ed commercial crew. This approach meant that RV Triton would also need to meet the requirements of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and be registered as a U.K. merchant vessel.

### Trials Instrumentation System

Clearly, a structural demonstrator is of little use unless the structural responses

can be measured and recorded. RV Triton has been fitted with a significant instrumentation package feeding data into a central recording facility. The system records more than 300 channels covering a wide range of data from structural instruments and other sources such as machinery control, ship motion, steering gear, navigation and the environment. The Trials Instrumentation System (TIS), as it is known, has been developed by the US Navy from the system installed in the SWATH T-AGOS 19 and will be fitted to RV Triton under an inter-governmental agreement.

### Hydrodynamic Parameters

A number of hydrodynamic studies were carried out at Haslar as part of the trimaran research program. These were used to generate a reference hull form and to define the required hydrodynamic parameters. During the early stages of the program it emerged that under certain stern quartering sea conditions and with the ship having a metacentric height of that expected of a trimaran

### Primary Design Drivers

The requirement for Triton to be a "structural transducer," combined with the novelty of the hull form, led to the design being driven predominantly by three issues:

#### 1. Structural Design

The initial structural design was carried out in accordance with the High Speed and Light Craft Rules of DNV. However, with no historical data on which to base predictions it was imperative to estimate, without undue conservatism, the structural loads resulting from motions in a seaway at various speeds and at various headings. To achieve this, DNV used their SWAN package which simulates the passage of the vessel through a given seastate to generate estimates of the in service and extreme loads. The results of the simulations were time dependent predictions of structural loading which were then, together with a number of quasi-static load cases from the DNV rules, used as the basis for global finite element and fatigue analysis of the structure. This work revealed a number of potential problem areas with the initial structural design. For example, high stresses from transverse wave loading were induced in 2 deck around the transverse bulkheads which could have led to buckling. Panel stiffeners and some increases in plate thickness were necessary.

#### 2. Hydrodynamics

One of the central justifications for the adoption of the trimaran configuration has been the benefit of lower resistance leading to higher speeds or lower installed power. For this reason, the minimization of resistance, in particular at top speed, has been a high priority during the design.

The extensive experience gained by QinetiQ during its model testing enabled a highly efficient configuration to be developed within the constraints laid down by the specification.

The main hydrodynamic parameters of the hull form are as follows:

Length waterline	298 ft. (91 m)
Side hull % of total displacement	3.7 percent
Main hull CB	0.49
Main hull B/T	2.14
Side hull LWL	112 ft. (34.2 m)
Side hull BWL	4 ft. (1.4 m)
Side hull draught	7 ft. (2.3 m)
Side hull separation	30 ft. (9.3 m)
Side hull longitudinal position	2.25m aft amidships

#### 3. Stability

The specification required that both Naval Standards, supplemented by a specific trimaran GZ shape criterion, and MCA requirements were met. The only standard used by MCA that is appropriate to multihull craft is the SOLAS high-speed craft code.

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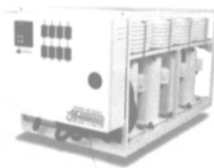
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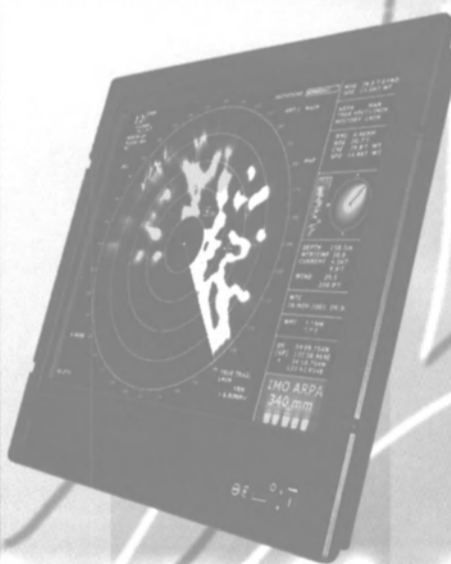
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warship, models exhibited unacceptable dynamic roll characteristics. With a shorter roll period, equivalent to that of a scaled mono-hull, this characteristic improved. Exploration of this phenomena during the trials of RV TRITON is a vital part of trimaran development. Tight control of the predicted roll period of the vessel was included in the specification.

The contract for the design and build of RV Triton was placed with Vosper Thornycroft in July 1998 as the result of a competitive tender process. The ship was launched in May 2000 and delivered to QinetiQ (then DERA) in August of the same year.

#### Hull Form

The main hull is of round bilge form with underwater sections approaching semi-circularity amidships. A gentle rise of buttock lines aft leads to a counter-stern transom with minimal immersion. The sidehulls are of multi-chine design on the outboard face with a plane inboard face for ease of manufacture. A parallel section is included extending above and below the waterline to avoid large changes in waterplane as displacement varies. Above this there is a flared section outboard and a haunch inboard to provide additional buoyancy as the opposite side hull emerges when heeling. Both hull and decks are longitudinally stiffened and supported by transverse frames at 1,500 mm spacing. Frames are fabricated up to two-deck level while above this both frames and deck beams are flanged. The steel grade used has a yield stress of 265 Mpa that is similar to the main structural steel used on frigates.

#### Propulsion

RV Triton is a diesel electric ship with both propulsive and ship service power provided by a pair of diesel generators. Drive is provided by a single conventional shaftline in the main hull, plus a right angle drive thruster in each side hull. The main shaft is driven by a single 3.5MW AC electric motor through a reduction gearbox. Side hull thrusters are driven by 350 kW electric motors. The prime movers are two Paxman 12VP185 powered 2MW diesel generators backed up by a 400 kW harbour set and an 80 kW emergency set.

A single fixed pitch propeller and rudder are conventionally arranged under the aft end of the main hull. The capability to fit a larger permanent magnet motor of up to 5 MW power has also been provided so that any related trials could contribute to the business case.

#### Sea Trials Summary Report

Since delivery to QinetiQ in August 2000, RV Triton has been conducting sea trials for the UK Ministry of Defence and the US Department of Defense to evaluate the performance of

the trimaran hullform in various operational scenarios and environmental conditions.

All the trials were carried out under a Memorandum of Understanding between the two governments. These trials completed in March 2002.

These trials were conducted in various sea states and at different speeds to ensure the ship encountered a diverse set

of sea conditions. One of the perceived advantages of the trimaran hullform is the decrease in resistance and the lower power required to drive the ship when compared against the equivalent displacement monohull. In trials this has been proved as a reduction at high speed.

RV Triton has good directional stability due to its long centre hull and the sea

trials have proved that she is far more comfortable in higher sea states than a monohull. Towing operations were conducted in one sea state higher than had previously been conducted for ships of RV Triton's size.

#### Structural Loading

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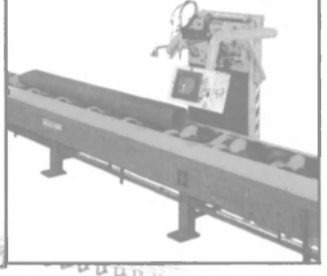
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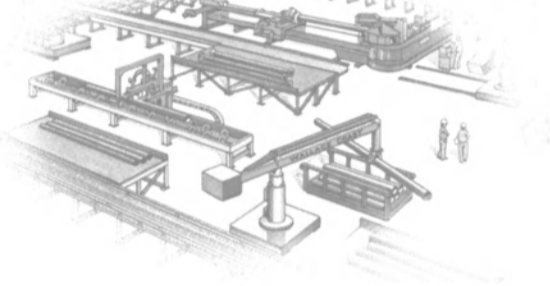
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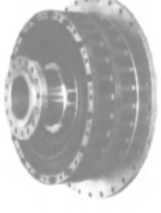
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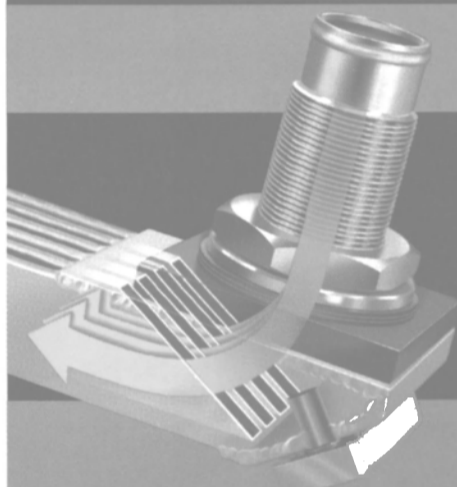
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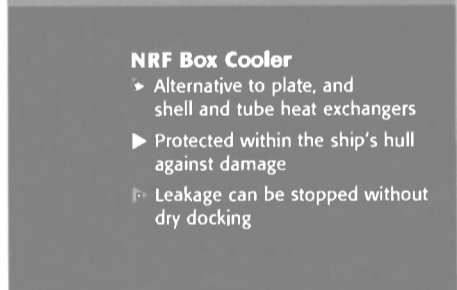


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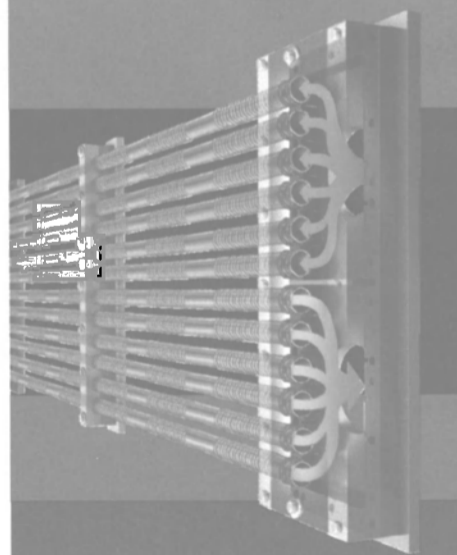
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## McC Campbell Commissioned

The U.S. Navy commissioned Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer, McC Campbell on Aug. 17, 2002. Measuring 510 ft. (155 m), with a 59-ft. (17.9-m) waterline beam, the ship, which honors the late Navy Capt. **David McC Campbell** (1910-1996), who is the Navy's top ace with 34 confirmed aerial victories and recipient of the Medal of Honor while serving as commander, Air Group 15, the USS Essex, during the Battle of the Philippine Sea (June 19, 1944) and the Battle of Leyte Gulf (October 24, 1944). During the first encounter, McC Campbell's force virtually annihilated an attacking force of 80 Japanese carrier-based aircraft, of which he personally shot down seven. In the Battle of Leyte Gulf, he daringly attacked a formation of at least 60 Japanese land-based aircraft. McC Campbell shot down at least nine of these aircraft, forcing the remainder to abandon the attack. In addition to the Medal of Honor, McC Campbell received the Navy Cross, Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. No previous ship has been named McC Campbell.

Construction of DDG 85 took place at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine.

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# What Hull Shape Is Best?

Back at the dawn of maritime history, a coastal dweller first took a log and ventured out on the water. Over time his craft evolved from a rough log to one that had shape at the ends and was hollowed out. These changes to the basic log shape were the first example of modifying a hull form to increase carrying capacity, improve ride comfort, and to reduce resistance. Since then, shipbuilders, naval architects, and ship owners have experimented with hull shapes and the number of hulls to find the "best" design. Let's look at some of those variations to understand the challenges of choosing a hull shape. — by John Waterhouse

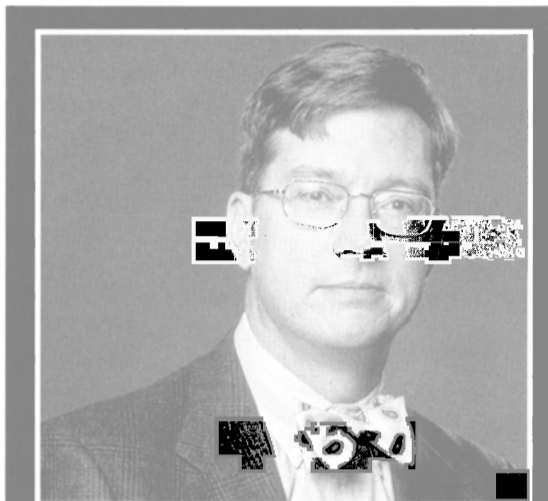
## Monohull Design

The basic monohull can be defined by six key numbers: length, beam, depth of hull at midships, design draft, prismatic coefficient, and displacement. Length, beam, and draft are familiar to everyone. Depth of hull at midships gives an idea of the freeboard as well as an indication of the hull strength in bending. The prismatic coefficient is a measure of how much shape there is in the ends of a hull. A high prismatic coefficient means that the ends are full such as a tanker bow. A low prismatic coefficient means that the ends are fine, with little volume, such as a tugboat stern.

The choice of what dimensions to use depends on the intended use of the vessel. For a passenger vessel, there are considerations of carrying capacity, operating environment, and type of operation. Clearly, a 400-passenger dinner boat operating on a river will have different characteristics than a 400-passenger overnight car ferry operating in Alaska. Characteristics the riverboat hull will likely have include:

- **Shallow Draft** — allowing the vessel to operate near river banks at various river levels
- **Relatively low freeboard** — vessel is not subject to the bending forces from ocean waves
- **Relatively high beam** — provides stability since there is little of the vessel down in the water
- **Moderate displacement** — the variable load (people, fuel, provisions) is relatively small
- **Low prismatic** — the hull operates at modest speeds and low horsepower

Further refinements of the hull shape have to do with factors such as: type of propulsion, sea conditions the vessel will experience, method of construction, and handling characteristics. Using our example of a riverboat, the after portion of the hull



By John Waterhouse, P.E., president, Elliott Bay Design Group, Seattle, Wash.

will be shaped differently if the vessel is propelled by a paddlewheel versus propellers in tunnels. Similarly, for steel construction, the designer must decide whether to choose a molded hull or a hard-chine hull. The latter construction method is less expensive, but may require more power to drive at the same speed.

## Key Factors in Hull Shape Selection

Speed and displacement are key factors in choosing a hull shape. To a waterfront observer, a 600-ft. (182.8-m) tanker moving at eight knots leaves little or no apparent wake behind it while an 80-ft. (24.3-m) tug operating at the same speed leaves a very noticeable wake. The great naval architect William Froude showed us that the wave-making resistance of a vessel is proportional to the square root of the vessel's waterline length, or:

$$R_w = \frac{\text{Speed}}{(\text{waterline length})^{1/2}}$$

The tanker is operating at eight knots divided by the square root of 600 ft., or a so-called speed-length ratio of 0.33, while the tug is operating at a speed-length ratio of 0.89. Relative to its size, the tug is putting more effort into moving through the water.

Another factor in hull design is the displacement. Our tanker has a displacement of some 46,700 long tons versus some 301 long tons for the tug. However, if they both had the same hull shape, say the tug was shaped like the tanker, the tug's displacement would only be 110 tons, its beam would be

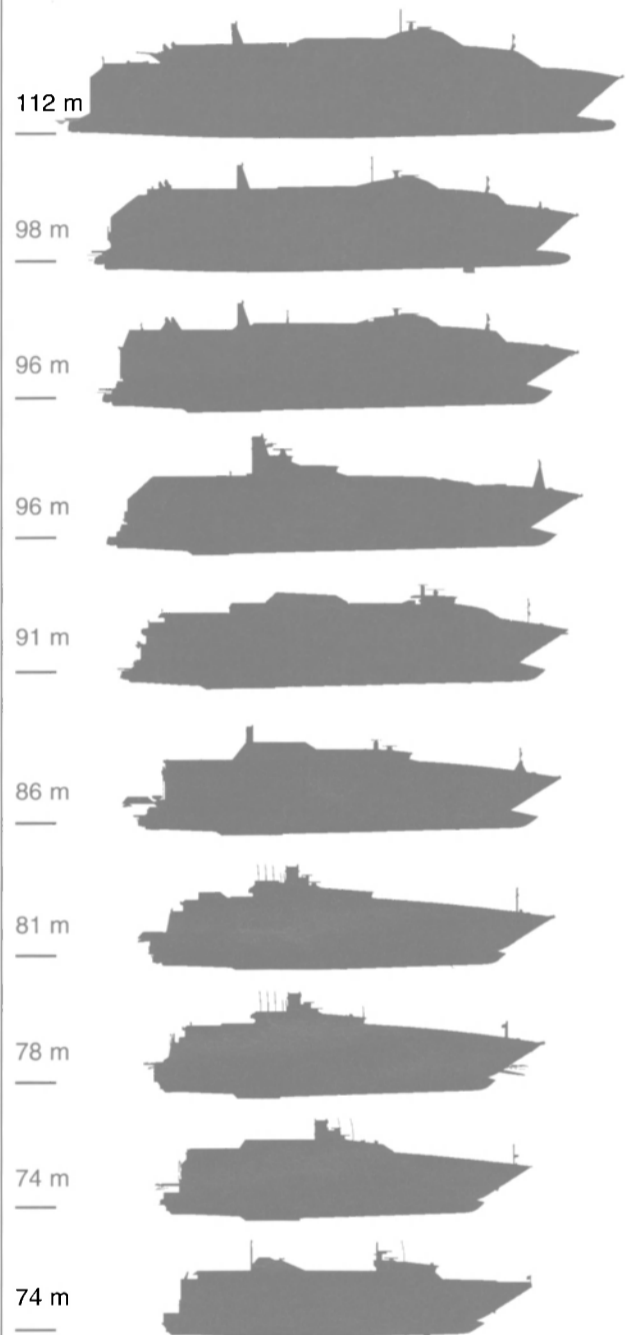
Figure 1: Hull Shape Comparison Chart

Vessel Type	Length oa (ft)	Length wl (ft)	Beam (ft)	Depth hull midship (ft)	Design draft (ft)	Displ. (long tons)	Prismatic Coeff.	Design speed (knots)	Speed/ Length Ratio	Displ/ Length Ratio
Fast Ferry (Catamaran)	134.5	115.5	9.8	13.9	6.5	84	0.60	36.0	3.35	54
Trans-Atlantic Liner	1029.3	962.0	117.8	91.8	36.6	68350	0.58	29.5	0.95	77
Riverboat	274.0	241.0	62.0	8.5	6.0	1497	0.70	8.7	0.56	107
Fast Ferry (Monohull)	98.0	88.0	22.0	9.5	5.6	83	0.70	26.0	2.77	122
Tanker	620.0	600.0	100.0	46.0	34.0	46700	0.76	14.5	0.59	216
Tug	80.0	80.0	29.0	13.1	10.0	301	0.58	12.0	1.34	588

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only 13.3 ft. (4.4 m) versus 29 ft. (8.8 m) and the depth of hull would be only 6.1 ft. (1.8 m) versus 13.1 ft. (3.9 m). Clearly one shape does not fit all vessels. Since vessel displacement is roughly proportional to the length cubed, we can group vessels by a so-called displacement-length ratio (DLR), which is

defined as:

$$\text{DLR} = \frac{\text{Displacement (long tons)}}{(\text{waterline length (ft)})^3}$$

By this measure, the tug has a displacement-length ratio of 588 vs. 216 for the tanker. In other words, the tug is

quite heavy for its length. Typical of vessels with high displacement-length ratios (over a value of 400) are tugs, fishing vessels, and some yachts. Most slow passenger vessels have moderate displacement-length ratios (values between 200 and 300) while fast vessels generally have low displacement-length

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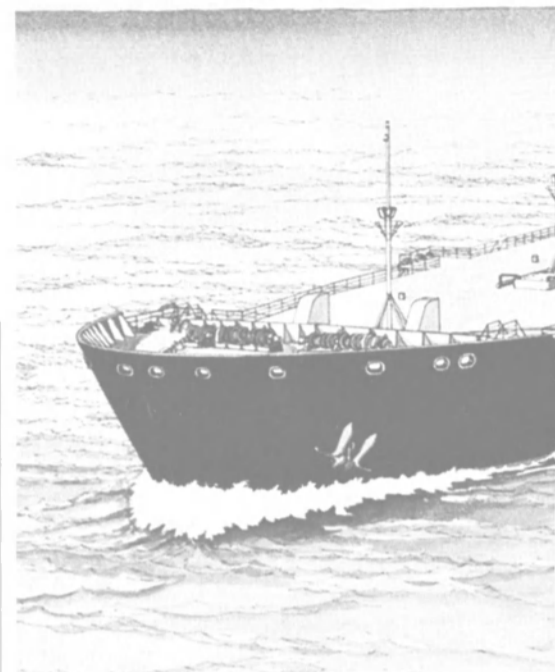
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ratios (values of less than 100).

For speed-length ratios from zero to approximately 1.3, the weight of a vessel, at speed, is supported by buoyancy forces. Operating at a speed above 1.0 times the square root of the waterline length, greater speed typically means a long, slender hull. This is shown in the transatlantic liners of the 1930's such as Normandie, which has an operating speed of 29.5 knots - provided by a hull that was approximately 962 ft. (293.2 m) on the waterline; giving her a speed-length ratio of 0.95. Its ratio of length to beam was 8.7:1 and its displacement-length ratio was 76.7.

Where the weight of the hull is supported by both buoyancy and hydrodynamic forces, as in a planing hull, the hull shape is markedly different. The width of the hull relative to the length increases in order to provide more lifting area to get the hull out of the water. Typical of monohull planing boats are length to beam ratios of between 5:1 and 4:1. The hulls have significant deadrise in the bow to prevent pounding in waves. The bottom lines aft of amidships tend to be of a relatively constant shape, providing good water flow. The stern is a transom shape to provide a clean separation of the water flow. Again, the hull shape changes as the operation changes.

Figure 1 on page 27 provides some comparison between various hull shapes, sorted by displacement-length ratio.

#### What About Multi-Hulls?

Shortly after our coastal dweller modified his basic log shape, his neighbor probably lashed other timbers onto a log and pronounced his invention of a newer, better hull shape: the outrigger canoe. Since that time there have been a large number of vessels built with two or more hulls. Are two hulls better than one? Let's see what our key numbers tell us.

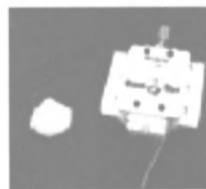
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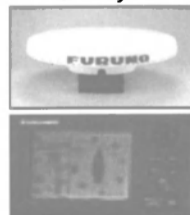
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is primarily due to the frictional resistance of the water flowing past the hull. This frictional resistance is proportional to the surface area of the hull. With two hulls, a catamaran has more surface area than a monohull of the same displacement. Therefore, at low speeds, a catamaran is less efficient than a monohull. It does have greater stability however due to the spacing of the hulls. A designer may use a catamaran hull for a slow speed vessel where there is a need for greater stability or where there is a need for a large deck area.

At high speeds the catamaran design divides the weight of the vessel and wave making resistance between two demi-hulls, both of which are relatively narrow for their length. Let's take the example of a 135-ft. (41-m) catamaran with a waterline length of 115 ft. (35.2-m), a speed of 36 knots, and a full load displacement of 170 metric tons (167.3 long tons). Each demi-hull has a speed-length ratio of 3.35 and a displacement-length ratio of 54.4. The beam of the demi-hull is 9 ft. (3 m) giving a length to beam ratio of 11.7:1. Note that the hulls are long and narrow and that the weight is relatively low compared to the size of the vessel. They are also spaced far enough apart that the wave train from one demi-hull does not affect the other demi-hull. The shape of the main deck with a beam of 34 ft. (10.5-m) also gives a good layout for passenger spaces.

Like any other hull type, there are disadvantages to the catamaran configuration. The narrow shape of the demi-hulls makes for restricted access to the propulsion machinery.

The hull will be subject to slamming when the height of the seas exceeds the air gap clearance between the cross structure and the design waterline. The fine shape of the bows can cause the bow to plunge into waves rather than rise over them and the stresses induced by two demi-hulls working in a seaway can lead to structural cracking.

Lastly, the performance of the vessel is very sensitive to weight so careful mon-

itoring of weight growth is essential.

**So, What's the Perfect Hull Shape?**

The answer will be different for different operations. If you are thinking of a new vessel design or about modifying an existing one, I suggest talking to a variety of designers. Each one has their

preferences and their areas of expertise. If someone is trying to convince you that there is a break-through design that is better than anything out there, be cautious. As we have tried to show above, there is no one hull shape or type that will meet all needs.

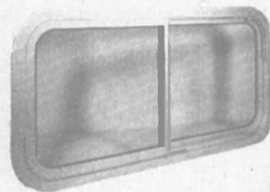
Designers have lots of good tools to

analyze vessel performance in order to optimize hull shape for seakeeping and resistance. Talk to them and get educated about the options for hull shape and their costs. Size up those logs and pick the one that's best for you.

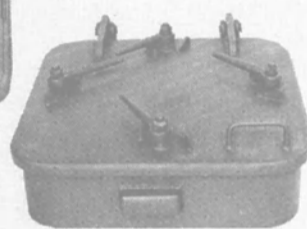
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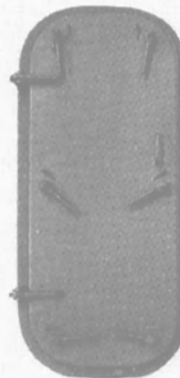
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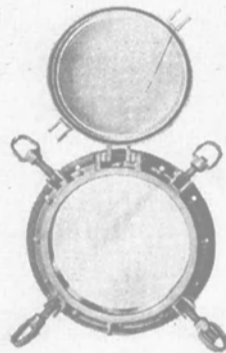
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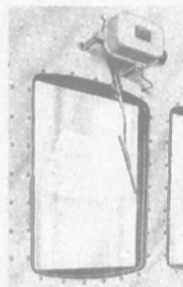
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# Advances in CAD and CAM System Integration

Over the past 25 years CAD and CAM have become a vital part of shipbuilding. The individual tools have evolved into highly capable products of today. This

has included the change from 2-D to 3-D CAD, a dramatic increase in the level of usability (example: from batch mode to fancy 3-D GUI's) and increased func-

tionality within the tools themselves.

With the development of these tools has also come improved integration of the CAD and CAM data. While 2-D

CAD drawings were originally entered into the CAM system manually, it has now become commonplace to utilize a fully integrated product model environment from vendors such as Dassault Systems (Catia), Intergraph (ISDP), Nupas-Cadmatic, Sener (Foran) and Tribon Solutions (Tribon M1).

Even today, some current installations utilize a complete 3-D product model for the design of a system such as piping or HVAC, but then create a paper drawing to transfer data to the production (CAM) system.

CAD and CAM integration has always been a primary problem for U.S. shipbuilders. U.S. naval shipbuilders have tended to use general-purpose mechanical CAD systems such as CADDs or CATIA because of their exceptional 3-D model viewing capabilities.

### An Integrated Solution

Because these systems lacked shipbuilding CAM capabilities, they had to be combined with separate shipbuilding CAM systems such as AUTOKON or SPADES. Few options were open as to how to integrate these CAD and CAM systems, and yards have normally created the connections themselves by writing dedicated custom interfaces. These interfaces must then be maintained by the shipyard (or sub-contractor) and be modified to accommodate software upgrades or new tools.

In general European shipyards have tended to utilize shipbuilding specific CAD/CAM systems such as Tribon, Foran and Nupas. These systems provide an integrated CAD/CAM solution as part of a single system. Such monolithic systems utilize proprietary data architecture, to provide seamless links between the two systems. In this case the shipyard is tied to a single vendor and may have to compromise on the available features in one part of the system in order to have the desired features of the other part. Additionally, many shipyards implemented the sole source vendor's products while they were in the early stages of product development and were left to create many custom interfaces to other shipyard systems themselves.

Up until now, major Japanese shipbuilders have employed either their own homegrown systems such as Mitsubishi Heavy Industry's MATES or specialized shipbuilding CAD/CAM systems such as Tribon. Like their European counterparts, the Japanese put more emphasis on CAM and production than the U.S. yards, which, as mentioned, tend to emphasize model viewing.

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changes to a single system, a major revision to the connection architecture is normally required.

Additionally, several manual steps might be necessary to perform the actual data transfer. These environments typically don't have support for data management, putting a heavy burden on the systems user. This is especially true in the "one of a kind" production in shipbuilding, where the CAD to CAM data transfer happens often.

#### Research, Development, Sharing = Better CAD Systems

As the implementation of 3-D product modeling becomes the norm in more shipyards, the need for a flexible CAD and CAM integration solution will increase. The need for flexibility is compounded by the worldwide consolidations taking place in the industry. Acquisitions and mergers have created families of companies working together in ways that would have seemed impossible just five years ago.

The current direction from the large product model vendors is to allow an open standard format as an optional output from their product model. This is demonstrated by vendor involvement in projects such as NSRP, ISE / ESTEP. Use of open standards would support a local integrated architecture and provide data access between systems used by sister shipyards or subcontractors.

Two open-standard formats; STEP and STEP-NC are destined to compete with proprietary solid-model formats. These important standards allow

the sharing of model data between different systems and will provide a better integration of CAD and CAM.

STEP or ISO 10303 (<http://www.diffuse.org/products.html#STEP>) is a vendor neutral standard that describes how to represent (and therefore exchange) digital product information. STEP-NC or ISO 14649 ([www.step-nc.org](http://www.step-nc.org)) provides a neutral NC-programming interface to support information transfer between CAD and CAM and NC systems. Recent emphasis has been on milling operations; however further exploitation of this standard for other applications such as shipbuilding is currently underway.

There are several U.S.-based R & D projects currently underway that are intended to better integrate CAD, with the current and planned CAM systems.

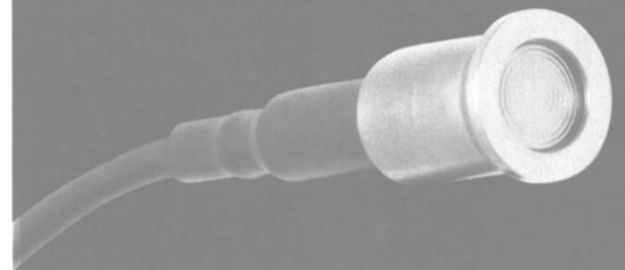
The Integrated Steel Processing Environment (ISPE) is an NSRP-ASE funded research project. Headed by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, the project goal is to create an interoperable solution that removes the dedicated link from one CAD system to one CAM system for the design and production of steel plate.

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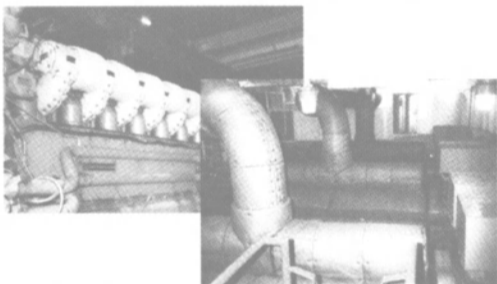
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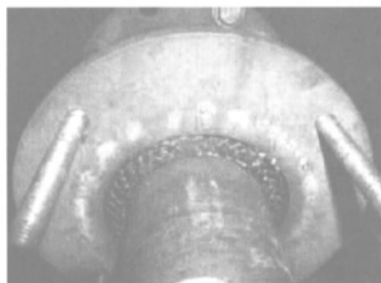
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and production tools are headed towards a higher level of interoperability, which will lead to greater flexibility in upgrading and working with other shipyards, subcontractor, and suppliers.

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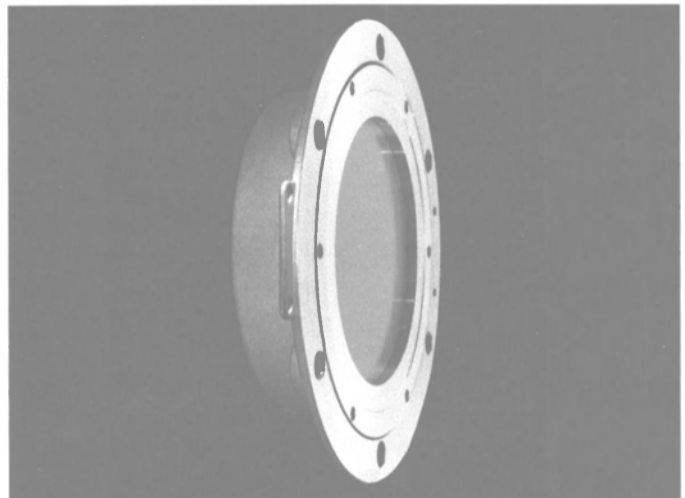
currently has an ONR funded research project to determine the feasibility of an open connector architecture that decouples CAD and CAM software applications. The goal of this is to provide greater flexibility in selecting best of breed CAD and CAM system and simplify the information infrastructure typically required to support CAD and CAM connections. Atlantec-es is working with Electric Boat, Quonset Point, RI in the HVAC fabrication area and Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft, Kiel Germany in the plate production and pipe bending areas.

While there have been major improvements in the tools available on the market today, these projects all offer a glimpse of the future for the shipbuilding industry. Computer aided design

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# Precision Ship-Handling Writ Large

Story and Photos by Alan Haig-Brown

On the Elbe River, the famous port of Hamburg's Nautical Institute had its final intake this year due to a shortage of prospective students. From now on it will be known as the Hamburg Institute for Ship Handling and Simulation, but for many years it sent highly trained young people to sea. Some of those, after gaining years of deep sea experience, returned to Hamburg to become river and docking pilots. The Port has two pilot stations and two pilotage authorities. The Harbor Pilots (Hafenlot-senbrüderschaft), of which there are about 45, work from a beautiful brick building complete with clock tower on a point at the entrance to the port on the south side of the river where most of the docks are located. The river pilots' association (Lotsenbrüderschaft Elbe), which includes the sea pilots and has about 240 members, are located just down and across the river in a large house barely distinguishable from its luxurious neighbors in the tonier part of this very beautiful city.

Entering the Hanseatic port of Hamburg from the sea is a three-stage proposition. As the ships come into the German Bight from the North Sea, they contact a pilot from the sea station, which is the recently launched 164 x 74-ft. (49.9 x 22.5-m) SWATH station ship Elbe. The pilots are boarded from a (7.5-m) pilot boat or a (25-m) version of the

SWATH that has effectively done away with the need for and use of helicopters for boarding unless specifically requested by the ship. Forty n.m. from the pilot ship and just inside the estuary, on the north shore where the Kiel Canal connects from the Baltic Sea, a pilot boat brings a river pilot out to exchange places with the sea pilot. This pilot then takes the ship the remaining 36 miles on up the river to the port entrance where one or more docking pilots take over.

Out bound the reverse order is followed. Just ahead of the Easter weekend last March 27, one of the harbor pilots handed the 3,764 teu containership Teng He over to river pilot Capt. **Jens Heesch**, who had boarded from a launch in front of the River Pilot station. Although the port is 60 miles from the North Sea some parts of it are below sea level. With 15-ft. tides common, the river typically reverses its flow to over three knots on a flood tide. A strong westerly blowing in from the North Sea can add another six feet to these tides and frequently threatens flooding in the lower port areas. On this March afternoon with the full moon just one day away, the tide is flooding just under two knots and the ship is making 12.2 knots over the bottom as it heads down river. The north shore, with its sumptuous homes, many of which were built over the centuries by Hamburg shipping magnates, is lined with swimming beaches and marinas, both of which require the



Hanjin Praha's Captain **Jens Urohn** stands between Hamburg docking pilots **Jan Venghaus** and **Kai Supper**.  
photo credit: **Alan Haig-Brown**

pilots' care. Especially the swimming beaches in summer, says Heesch, as the ship's effect in surging and sucking water off the beach can cause a dangerous situation. It requires precision to move a large ship through water while allowing for the presence of a fragile human body in the same system. Opposite the huge Airbus fabrication facility on the south shore, Capt. Heesch calls the Port of Hamburg vessel traffic manager center located in the Harbor Pilot's building, to report that he is leaving the port's jurisdictional area. Then he checks in with the Brunsbüttel Vessel Traffic System which is operated from a state-of-the-art facility at the mouth of the Kiel Canal Brunsbüttel reports on the river traffic as Heesch brings the Teng He on course with the aide of the first of a series of leading or range lights that aide ships in maintaining mid channel for the whole length of the lower river.

Also on this stretch of the river at the lower end of Hamburg's residential suburbs, is the restaurant Schulauer Fahrhaus where a maritime flag pole displays a Chinese flag and huge loud speakers play the Chinese national anthem to honor the registry of the Teng He. The COSCO Container Line vessel's Captain **Yang Renzhong** walks out on the starboard bridge wing to wave his appreciation of the gesture. "Sometimes the captains show a little tear," says Heesch of the tradition marking a ship's entrance and exit from Hamburg.

With a number of years in deep sea service himself, Heesch is sympathetic to the emotions of the visiting captains. Following his sea duty, he has been 18 years in the Elbe pilotage, with all but the last of those spent as a sea pilot. Most of the pilots working in the river between Hamburg and Brunsbüttel have spent time in the physically more demanding leg in from the German Bight. Typically new pilots train for both the sea leg and the estuary but then start at sea. When they make the move inside, the pilots take an update to the training for the transition to the river.

An hour after leaving the Port of Hamburg controlled area, the Teng He passes a Dow Chemical plant that takes advantage of huge reserves of underground salt in the area. This is one of the few shipping docks on the lower river. Once clear of the plant, Heesch asks for another 10 revolutions on the main engine to bring the ship up to its 16-knot maneuver speed. The river is widening now but the navigation channel is maintained at a 820 x 989-ft. (250 to 300-m) width from Hamburg to Brunsbüttel with the depth dredged in a few spots as required to maintain a 114-ft. (14.4-m) low water depth allowing a 42-ft. (12.8-m) maximum ship draft on low water and 49-ft. (15.1-m) draft on high water. With the tide still flooding and the Teng He drawing 37 ft. (11.3 m), Heesch keeps the speed in check to avoid any possibility of "squat" as the ship passes over some



Docking pilots station in the Port of Hamburg.

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of the shallower areas. As the tide reaches high water slack and the ship reaches slightly deeper water 20 minutes later, he increases the vessel's speed to 17.5 knots just under its full sea speed. The pilot's years of deep sea experience are revealed as he tells not only of ocean crossings, but of watching other pilots work in the tides and currents on the Congo River and grounding a ship just inside Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge.

The land along the lower river is uniformly flat with few villages on its flood prone expanse, but a few miles above Brunsbüttel, the mouth of the smaller Stor River is protected by a flood gate. Over the grasslands the superstructure of a small coaster containership rises from the dry-dock at the Peterswerft Wewelsfleth GmbH, shipyard that represents the long tradition of German shipbuilding. While suffering from lower cost Asian competition, the yards are active in specialized ships. But few large containerships like the Teng He are built here now. The 905 x 106-ft. (276 x 32.3-m) Teng He was built in Germany by Bremer Vulkan Ag in 1994. It was a time of busy yards when owners, anxious for new tonnage, were not so conservative on price.

At 3:30 p.m., merely three hours after leaving the dock at Hamburg, the ship is slowed for the approaching pilot boat that is coming out from the Brunsbüttel station. The widening expanse of the estuary is covered with a low mist over both the land and the water, "It can be very rough here and we usually have to make a lee for the pilot boat," explains Heesch, "But today a high pressure has brought this mist and calm seas."

The station at Brunsbüttel is the hub of the Elbe pilot area. With approximately 100 sea pilots stationed here, a similar number of river pilots come down river and then await a ship back up river while another 50 pilots are charged with bringing ships into the small port of Cuxhaven to the west on the south shore just inside entrance to the estuary. They also move ships from there to Brunsbüttel and the entrance to the Kiel Canal.

After handing off the ship to the pilot that will take it to sea, Heesch makes his way to the pilot boat. Like many foreign ships sailing the area, the Teng He also had a North Sea pilot on board. These private pilots hire out to move the ships between port pilot authorities such as those at Felixstowe in the U.K., Amsterdam in the Netherlands and Antwerp, where the Teng He was bound, in Belgium.

At the Brunsbüttel pilot station, Capt. Heesch would await his turn in rotation to take a ship back up river. The old station building is a sentimental favorite with the pilots in spite of having lost its popular cafe, which helped pass time between ships. It is scheduled to be

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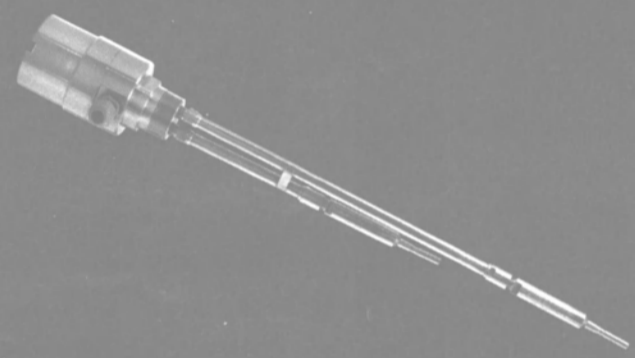
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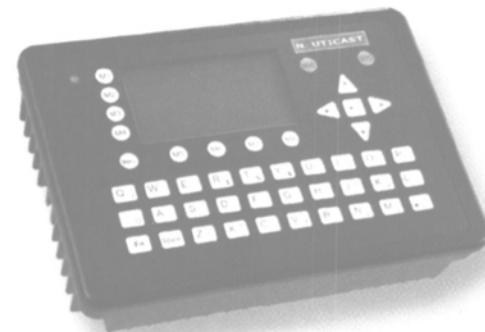
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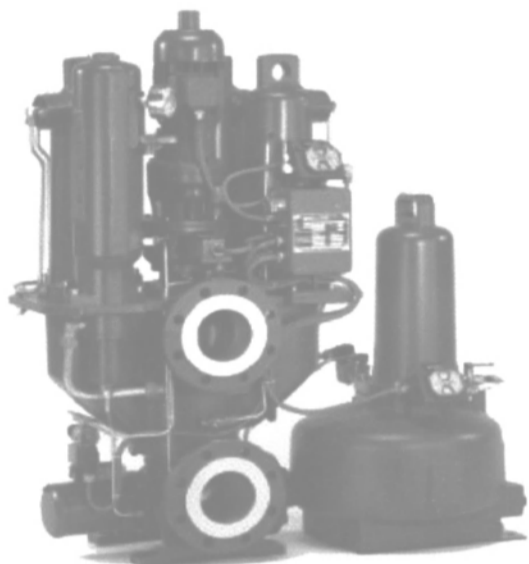
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of the shallower areas. As the tide reaches high water slack and the ship reaches slightly deeper water 20 minutes later, he increases the vessel's speed to 17.5 knots just under its full sea speed. The pilot's years of deep sea experience are revealed as he tells not only of ocean crossings, but of watching other pilots work in the tides and currents on the Congo River and grounding a ship just inside Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge.

The land along the lower river is uniformly flat with few villages on its flood prone expanse, but a few miles above Brunsbüttel, the mouth of the smaller Stor River is protected by a flood gate. Over the grasslands the superstructure of a small coaster containership rises from the dry-dock at the Peterswerft Wewelsfleth GmbH. shipyard that represents the long tradition of German shipbuilding. While suffering from lower cost Asian competition, the yards are active in specialized ships. But few large containerships like the Teng He are built here now. The 905 x 106-ft. (276 x 32.3-m) Teng He was built in Germany by Bremer Vulkan Ag in 1994. It was a time of busy yards when owners, anxious for new tonnage, were not so conservative on price.

At 3:30 p.m., merely three hours after leaving the dock at Hamburg, the ship is slowed for the approaching pilot boat that is coming out from the Brunsbüttel station. The widening expanse of the estuary is covered with a low mist over both the land and the water. "It can be very rough here and we usually have to make a lee for the pilot boat," explains Heesch, "But today a high pressure has brought this mist and calm seas."

The station at Brunsbüttel is the hub of the Elbe pilot area. With approximately 100 sea pilots stationed here, a similar number of river pilots come down river and then await a ship back up river while another 50 pilots are charged with bringing ships into the small port of Cuxhaven to the west on the south shore just inside entrance to the estuary. They also move ships from there to Brunsbüttel and the entrance to the Kiel Canal.

After handing off the ship to the pilot that will take it to sea, Heesch makes his way to the pilot boat. Like many foreign ships sailing the area, the Teng He also had a North Sea pilot on board. These private pilots hire out to move the ships between port pilot authorities such as those at Felixstowe in the U.K., Amsterdam in the Netherlands and Antwerp, where the Teng He was bound, in Belgium.

At the Brunsbüttel pilot station, Capt. Heesch would await his turn in rotation to take a ship back up river. The old station building is a sentimental favorite with the pilots in spite of having lost its popular café, which helped pass time between ships. It is scheduled to be

replaced with a modern building that will reflect the contemporary design of the Vessel Traffic Center (VTC) located just across the smaller of two entrances to the Kiel Canal on a piece of land between the two locks. Built in 1895, the Kiel Canal connecting the North and the Baltic Seas, is more properly named the Nord-Ostsee Kanal. As there is virtually no tide in the Baltic and large tides on

the North Sea, the canal gates are designed to protect the land around the canal from flooding, manage the drainage of water pumped from the land and lift or lower ships as is required. Before the opening of land routes to Eastern Europe from the west, the canal carried many ships to those countries. Now it is kept busy with a growing local trade of coasters taking containers and

general cargo to and from the large central ports of Western Europe. It is also not uncommon to see a partially finished fishing vessel or tug being towed from an eastern shipyard to a western yard for fitting out.

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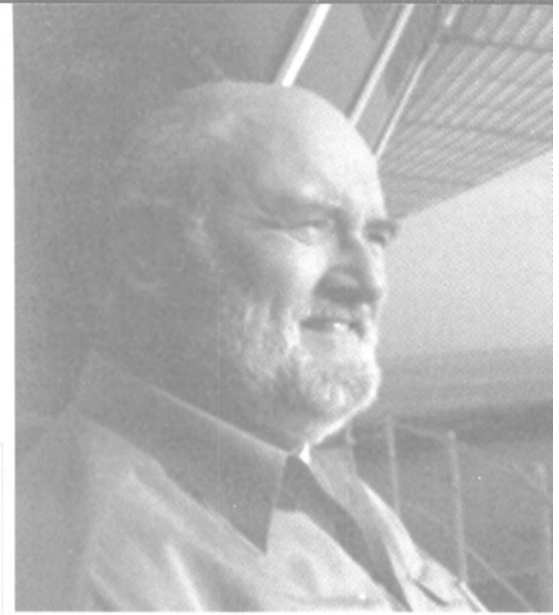
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from a point just to the sea side of the station and then up river to the western boundary of the Port of Hamburg. Another station at Cuxhaven, manages the outer reaches of the estuary. The first radar system was installed on the river in the early 1960s. This new and more comprehensive facility was opened in 1994.

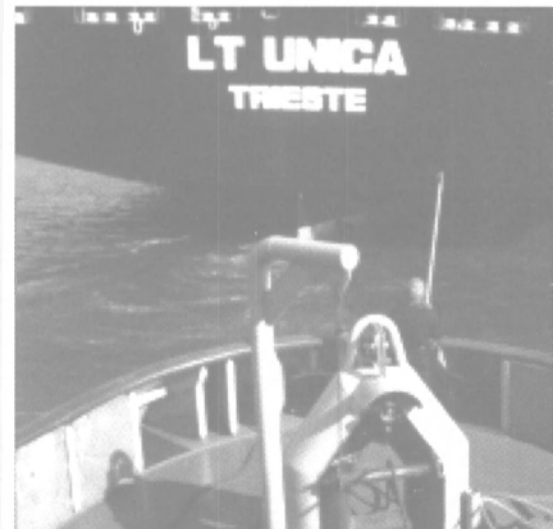
On the Elbe River between Brunsbüttel and Hamburg, six radar masts monitor the whole 30 n.m. of river. These masts feed data by wire and microwave to the center where they show on screens with chart representations. On screen, vectors show the direction and speed of each ship. The river channel is marked as is its center line and buoys. On a clear

day the station is staffed by two operators and a chief. Ten video monitors over the chief's desk display the whole river area. Each of these representations can be brought down and displayed on a desk console. VHF contact is maintained with all ships in the system and an hourly general broadcast gives an updated notices for mariners on obstruc-



tions, visibility, tides, anchored ships, dredging and other such changeable data. In an interesting cooperation with the pilots, foggy weather with visibility less than 2,000 m will bring from two to eight pilots on duty at another bank of consoles. Their job is to work with their colleagues on board the ships to let them know their ship's precise location in relation to the channel center line. If the ship is wandering in the channel the shore pilot can inform the ship pilot who retains responsibility for final decision making. The system has the strong support of the pilots and shipping community as it means that the river can stay open to traffic in virtually all weather conditions. While it is making the pilot's life easier, it has huge economic benefit in keeping a river port competitive for time sensitive modern cargo ships.

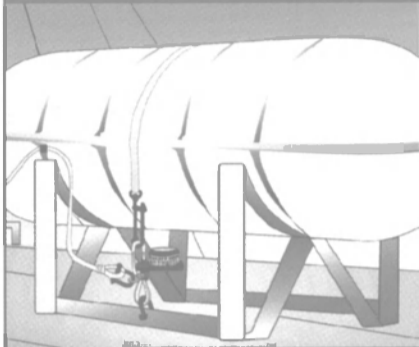
As the sun set over the wide estuary at Brunsbüttel, the launch took three pilots out to meet three ships coming in line from sea. When the Elbe River pilot, **Christian Thiele**, boarded the second ship, the Hanjin Praha he met a German Captain **Jens Urohn** on the bridge. Urohn was returning home to Germany in command of the ship that he had taken out of the Hanjin Heavy Industries shipyard in Pusan, Korea in November 2001. The first of a series of five built for German investors and chartered back to Hanjin, the new ship is managed by Reederei F. Laeisz G.M.B.H. of Rostock, Germany. The 925-ft. (282.1 m) ship carries a 105-ft. (32.2-m) beam and



Tug Bugsier 17 puts a line up to the stern of containership LT Unica in the Port of Hamburg.  
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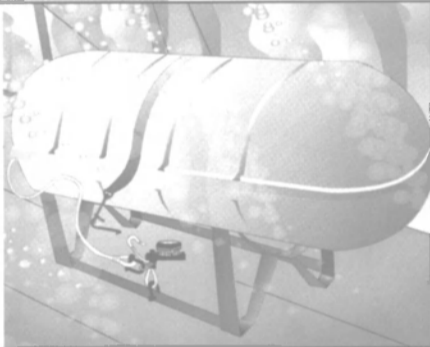
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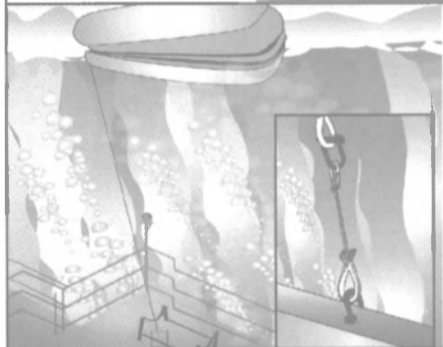


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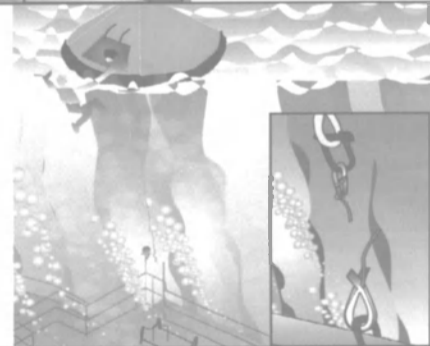
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Capt. Ficher, operations chief at the Brunsbüttel Vessel Traffic Management Station. (photo credit: Alan Haig-Brown)

has a capacity for 4,389-teu with 400-teu reefer capacity. The main engine is a Hyundai MAN B&W 9K90MC-C turning 96-rpm at sea and having an output power of 41,040 kW (55,890 bhp). Its five-blade propeller has a diameter of 8,200 x 7,979 mm mean pitch and can drive it through the ocean at a 24.3-knot service speed.

But its speed was restrained as it moved smoothly up the golden moon path toward Hamburg with quiet exchanges between the pilot, captain and helmsman in the soft glow of the radars. Fifty-four year old Urohn spoke of keeping pirate watch in the Straits of Mallaca even though the fast, high sided container ship is less vulnerable than laden bulkers. And he spoke of being at sea since he was an 18-year-old. With two daughters and grandchildren he has successfully balanced the mariner's life with a 30-year marriage and now, with the children grown, he often has his wife onboard. At Hamburg the ship would take on a new chief engineer and captain who would get a familiarity cruise with Urohn and the present chief staying aboard until the next port.

Just below Hamburg, the river pilot was joined on the bridge by two docking pilots. After handing over the ship he went down to the waiting launch. When docking ships of a certain size and especially when it will be required to turn them 180 degrees in a turning basin, regulations call for two pilots to be on board. This ensures full visibility with one on each bridge wing. The Hyundai Praha would be going into a basin then fitting into a spot between two moored container ships. A tight maneuver in dead water, but with as much as two knots of current, it would require concentration and coordination between the bridge crew and the two docking tugs.

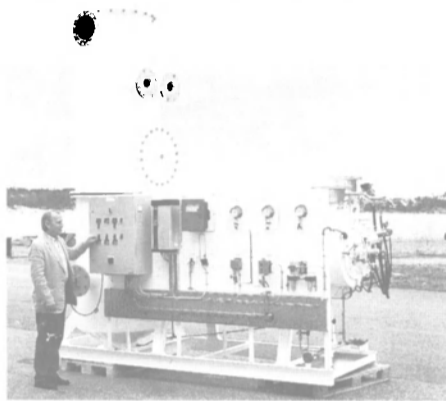
As do most European ports, Hamburg has a large contingent of Z-drive and cycloidal drive tractor tugs and the pilots know how to use them to best effect. With one tug made up mid-ship on the transom and the other working the starboard bow, the ship moved into the basin. To one side a Hapag-Lloyd ship was moored with bunkers barges alongside. On the other side an APL ship was taking on containers. Just astern of the

Hanjin Praha a second container ship waited to enter the basin, while further up in the finger still another ship waited to exit the port. For this tricky but routine maneuver, Capt. **Jan Venghaus** would serve as second pilot with Capt **Kai Supper** taking the lead role. Working with calm assurance they turned the ship and gently guided it to kiss the pier

where lines were made fast. The men's calm manner is marked by the precision of the vessel's placement. After a quick farewell to Capt. **Jens Urohn**, the two men left the ship by companion way and taxi. The port of Hamburg has good growth potential from the opening of Eastern Europe and many well established business like the Blohm-Voss

shipyards. The port's pilot services continue to have a ready supply of seasoned mariners to draw upon, but the German role in world shipping is destined to continue shifting and evolving along the lines suggested by the Hamburg Nautical Institute's conversion to the Hamburg Institute for Ship Handling

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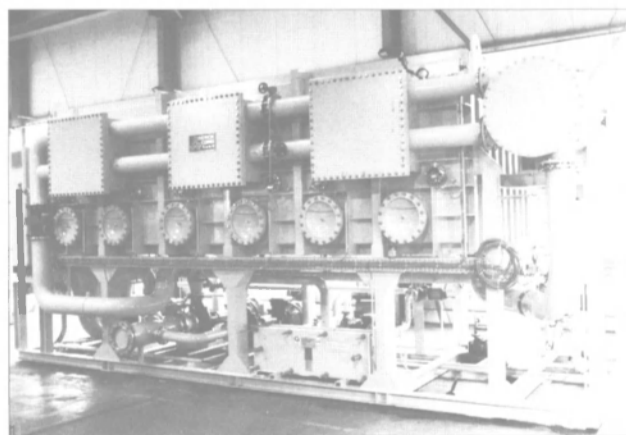
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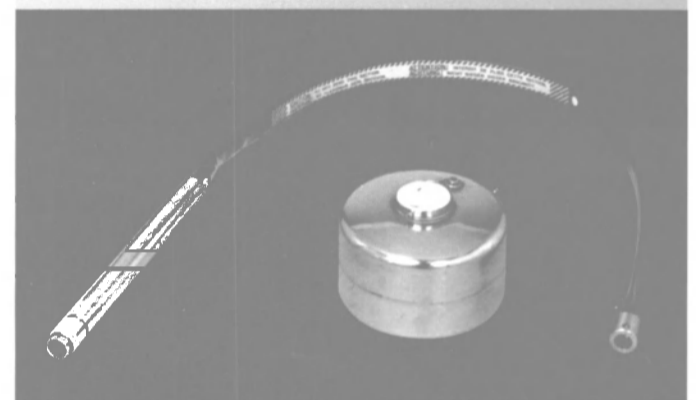
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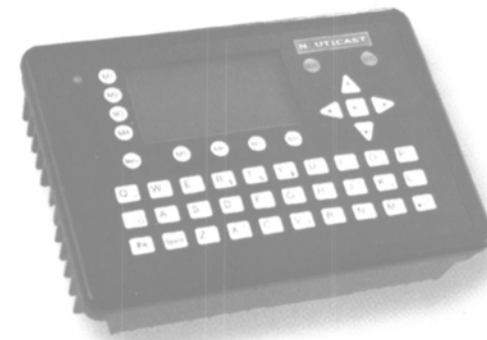
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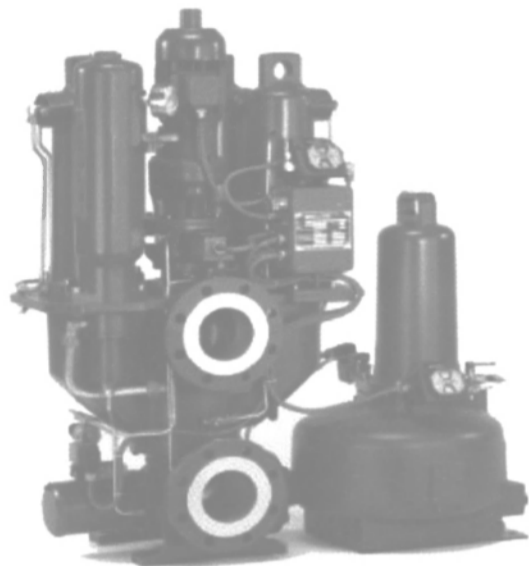
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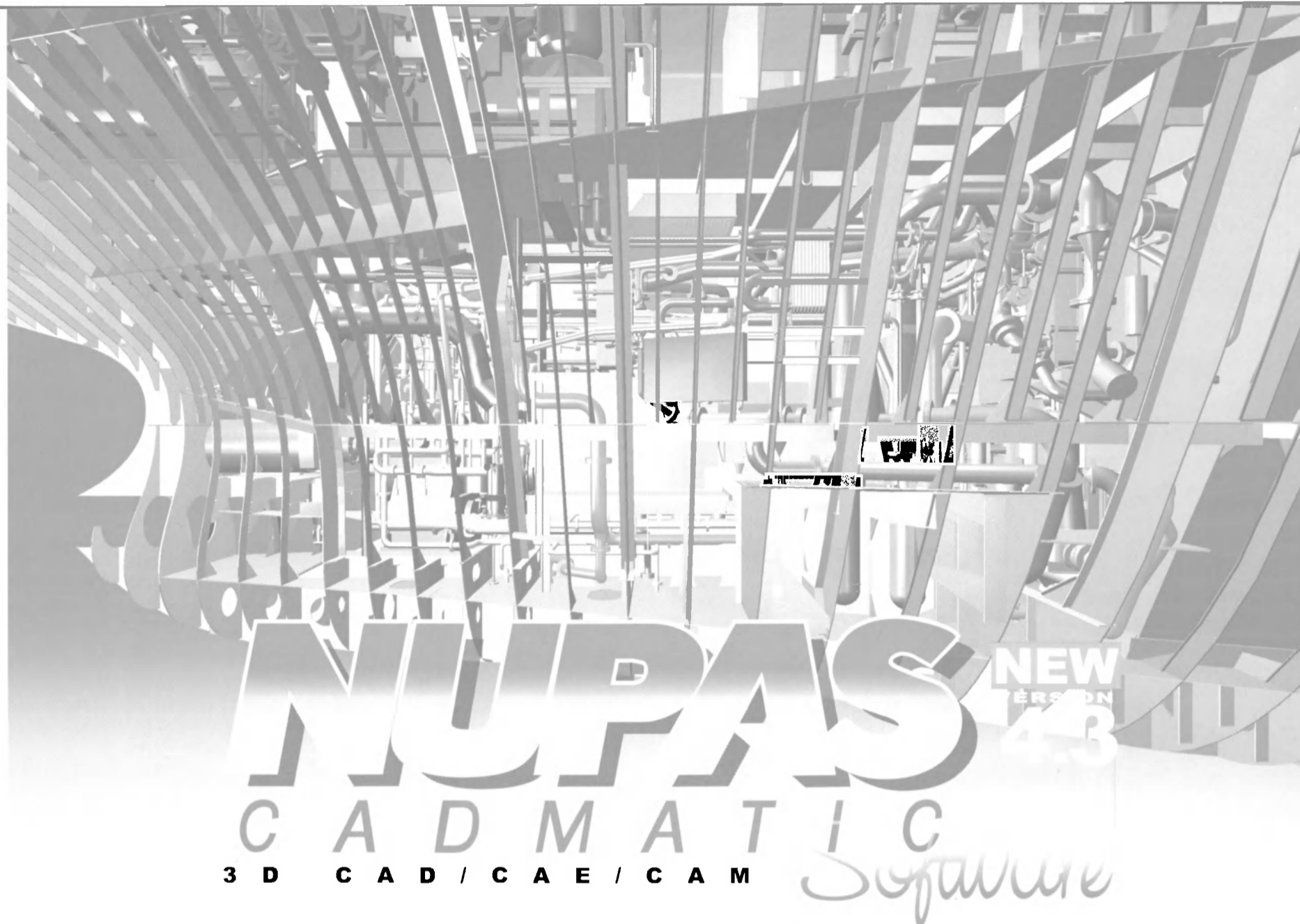
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# Modern Maid-of-All Work



by David Tinsley,  
technical editor

Recent years have witnessed a number of programs involving new series of versatile, omni-purpose ships targeted at the market for project cargoes and otherwise heavy or outsized items of freight. The multiple-vessel nature of the various fleet investment initiatives has meant that a capability for handling more difficult consignments is increasingly allied with a regular, scheduled

service pattern or transportation system, rather than with a purely tramping function. To a degree, this is evocative of the situation years ago when certain cargo liners were equipped with special heavy-lift derricks.

Combining a specialization in project and heavy-lift freight with long experience in liner-type service, Hamburg-based Rickmers-Linie has opened a major new stage of fleet development entailing nine ships of the Superflex Heavy MPC (multipurpose container carrier) designation.

First-of-class Rickmers Hamburg is every inch the modern maid-of-all-work, offering a 640-ton unit lift capacity along with a variable hold space configuration suited to the widest range of breakbulk and conventional cargoes as well as large, indivisible items of freight. The 30,000-dwt Superflex series is due to extend to nine ships before the end of next year, with construction having been distributed among three yards in China.

Testament to the Chinese shipbuilding industry's global competitiveness in an ever-widening range of tonnage, and to its strong links with the German shipowning community, the Rickmers-Linie program entails five vessels from Xiamen Shipyard and two from Jinling Shipyard,

plus the Rickmers Hamburg and a sistership from Shanghai Shipyard.

The five-hold design is fitted with four, high-stooled deck cranes, two of which have a 320-ton maximum lift capacity, while one is rated at 100-tons and other at 45-tons. By using the two largest units in tandem, piece weights up to 640-tons can be handled.

The hatchway layout provides openings up to 105 ft. (32 m) in length and 34 ft. (10.3 m), accessing holds fitted with adjustable tweendecks. The below-deck arrangements mean that the hold spaces can be highly compartmentalized using three flexible tweendecks, or can be configured to give various hold heights up to 15.7-m in accordance with cargo needs, making for optimum space utilization.

Integral dehumidifiers are intended to better ensure the delivered condition of handling-sensitive cargoes such as steel and paper, while the box-like nature of the holds contributes to efficient stow intake and outturn and to a full-load capability for 1,888-teu containers. The service speed of 19.5-knots is indicative of the liner role foreseen for the versatile new breed of general-purpose trader.

"In 2003, when more of the new ships are available to Rickmers, the Round-the-World service will be upgraded for faster transit times and greater regularity," commented the line's marketing manager **Andreas Elger**.

"This transformation — which will see the re-launch of the Round-the-World service as the Pearl String service — will offer shippers unparalleled possibilities for moving project cargo," he added.

Previously untapped market sectors, such as the paper industry, will also be targeted with the employment of the MPC fleet.

The Pearl String service will also include Rickmers' own supporting feeder services, including Asian routings via Shanghai as the hub port.

## Green GL Passports For Boxship Trio

Marking a departure from the company's highly effective chartering strategy of the past 30 years, three self-owned newbuilds are being phased into Contship Containerlines' core Australasian trades during the 2002 second-half.

The 4,115-teu Contship Aurora class is technically distinguished by its considerable scope for perishable cargo, in that 1,300 plugs have been incorporated for integral type refrigerated containers. The trio ordered from Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering is replacing tonnage deployed on Contship's Eagle service between Europe, Australia and New Zealand, operated in partnership with P&O Nedlloyd's eastabout and Mediterranean strings, and will ultimately contribute to a new, weekly eastabout, round-the-world schedule.

The dimensioning and engineering of the design for up to 1,300 reefer units equates to a potential, temperature-controlled cargo volume of around 2-million cu. ft., one of the biggest concentrations of reefer transport capacity at sea today. Underscoring Contship's long-term commitment to the business, the investment in the Contship Aurora, Contship Australis and Contship Borealis has been shaped not only by considerations of through-life economic performance and asset value, but also with due regard to rising expectations as to environmental protection. A circumspect approach to the ecological properties of the design is reflected in each ship's construction to the parameters set by Germanischer Lloyd for its new Environmental Passport classification category.

The 'Green Passport' documents the environmental credentials of the ship through a certified compilation of all characteristics relevant to various national and international standards along with the basic requirements laid out in the society's Environmental Service System (GL-ESS) guidelines. The information is put together in such a way as to facilitate use by authorities and agencies for specific purposes such as processing applications for environmentally-governed fee reductions, or running checks on a vessel's environmental status.

There are compelling economic and competitive reasons for shipowners to meet or anticipate the most demanding environmental criteria through voluntary measures, such as the adoption of innovative ecological technologies on board. In addition, more and more shippers and industrial producers have an environmental agenda, which filters down to heightened expectations of environmental performance on the part of the transport service providers.

Against this backcloth, GL has developed its Environmental Service System. While this presently consists of the Environmental Passport, the intention is to extend the concept by introducing an Environmental Passport Information System (GL-EPIS).



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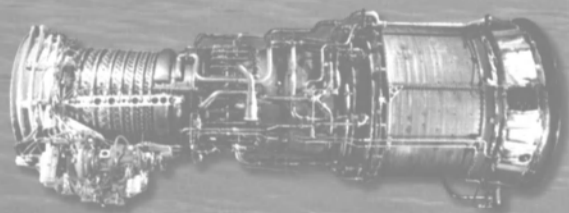
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# A German Ferry for All Harbors

The Hanseatic Port of Hamburg on Germany's Elbe River has never shied from innovative means of moving citizens and visiting ship's crew from the south shore harbor area to the beautiful city spread along the river's north shore. In 1911 they built, and continue to use, a tunnel that requires that cars be lowered one at a time in elevators to the sub river level, then drive through the tunnel to be elevated to road level on the other side. The elevator buildings reflect the design sensibilities of the picturesque Northern European port at the same time as displaying the ports continuing trade driven affluence.



Two of the twin Z-drive HADAG ferries pass on the busy Hamburg waterfront.

On the water, sightseeing tourists and commuting workers are moved by a flotilla of ferries representing everything from fine lined vessels with passenger seating in the hulls and a pleasing low profile flowing down a gentle sheer line to a fine fantail stern. These old favorites could never be adapted to today's fast paced bustle and the modern need for serious people movers. That is left to an innovative new series of boats operated by HADAG Seetouristik und Fahrdienst AG.

These 98 x 26-ft. (30 x 8-m) boats have capacity for 250 passengers with stowage space for up to 50 bicycles, handicapped accessible hydraulically operated loading ramps as well as enclosed and open seating. What makes all of this so remarkable is that the vessels are operated safely by only one person.

The success of the vessels cannot be credited to any one feature. It is in the total vessel, starting with the identified needs and concept from the experienced people at HADAG and the resulting design from Netherlands naval architect Fred Van DenBerg. The operator works

from a large enclosed bridge mounted on an arch right aft on the vessel and well above the open second deck. Passengers board aft on the ramps that are

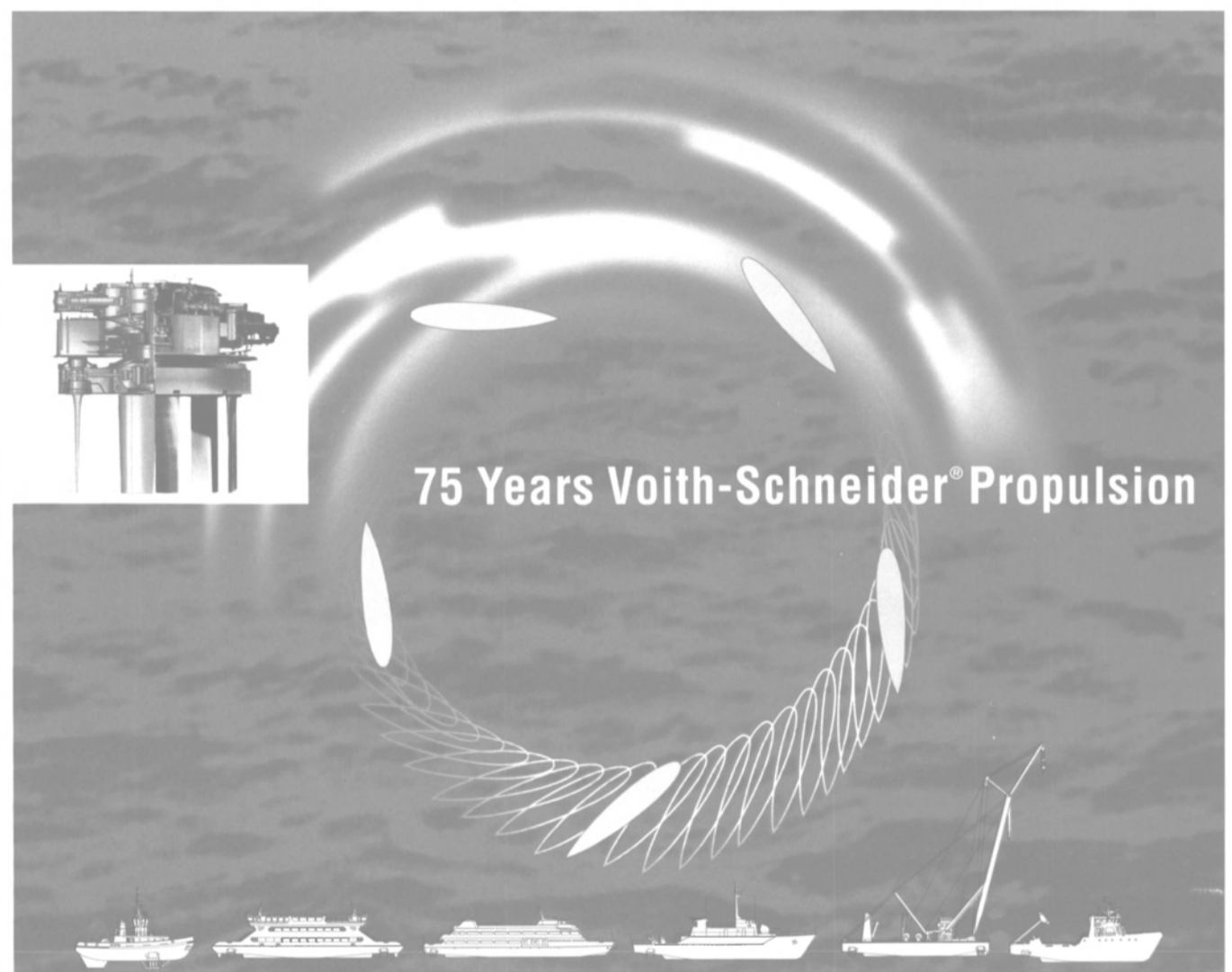
controlled from and can be seen through windows in the floor of the wheelhouse.

The wheelhouse also has 100 percent visibility of the open upper deck and

closed circuit television observation of the enclosed main deck.

The engine room can also be monitored by closed circuit TV. The superstructure is all aluminum to reduce weight, displacement and wake. Sound has been kept to 65 decibels or less in passenger areas.

The beamy steel hull has a shallow 5-



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ft. (1.5 m) draft and it is here that the most essential component of the ferry's success is found. A pair of open wheeled Rolls Royce/Aquamaster US381 CRP azimuthing drives are mounted in a finely faired hull. The hulls rounded chine and enhanced design reduces wake while assuring powerful water flows throughout the Z-drives' 360-degree

rotation. Power to the drives comes from a pair of six-cylinder, 14-liter Cummins N14 engines. These electronically controlled engines give the fast response and power required by the operator in maneuvering around the busy harbor traffic. An 75 kW Aquamaster bow thruster further enhances dockside maneuverability while negating the need

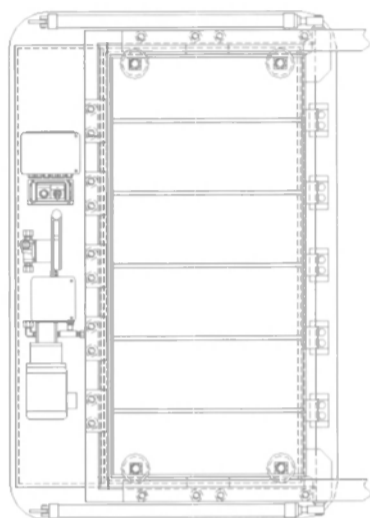
for mooring lines and line handlers.

The Cummins, like all other components on the boat, were chosen only after careful comparison and negotiation. They won the prestigious place due to their ability to cope with the heavy load conditions and strong service support from the local Cummins dealer Otto Blank in Hamburg. The first of the 98-ft.



Cummins engine representative, **Lutz Pauleburg**, with one of the Cummins N14 engines that power the HADAG ferries.

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(30-m) boats was delivered in 1997 and now has 17,000 trouble free hours on the Cummins engines. The last of this class boat was delivered in January 2002 and, as of late March, had 2000 hours on the mains.

Electrical needs are met by a pair of Cummins 6BT-powered 75 kW generators.

The ferry system in Hamburg handled only two million people in 1996. This has now increased to four million in 2001 with 2.5 million of those carried on a single route that has four boats leaving at 15 minute intervals on its one-hour round trips — that operate from 5:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

The success of the 98-ft. (30-m) boats led to plans for a 82 x 20-ft. (25 x 6-m) vessel with 114-passenger capacity to serve some of the smaller canals in and around the city. These boats will have a 9-ft. (3-m) air draft, compared to the larger boats' 28 ft. (8.5 m), in order of pass under more of the bridges of a city that claims more of them than Venice. Each of the new boats, designed by German naval architect Dr. **Christian Masilge** of Berlin, will have only one of the Cummins N14 main engines and RR/Aquamaster drives with a 35 kW bow thruster. Like the last of the 30-metre boats, the drives on the smaller boat have a pair of five and four-bladed contra-rotating open NiAlBr 950 m/m diameter propellers. Two of these vessels will be delivered in May of this year.



Captain **Karl-Heinz Fritsch** at the controls of one of the single-crewed HADAG ferries.

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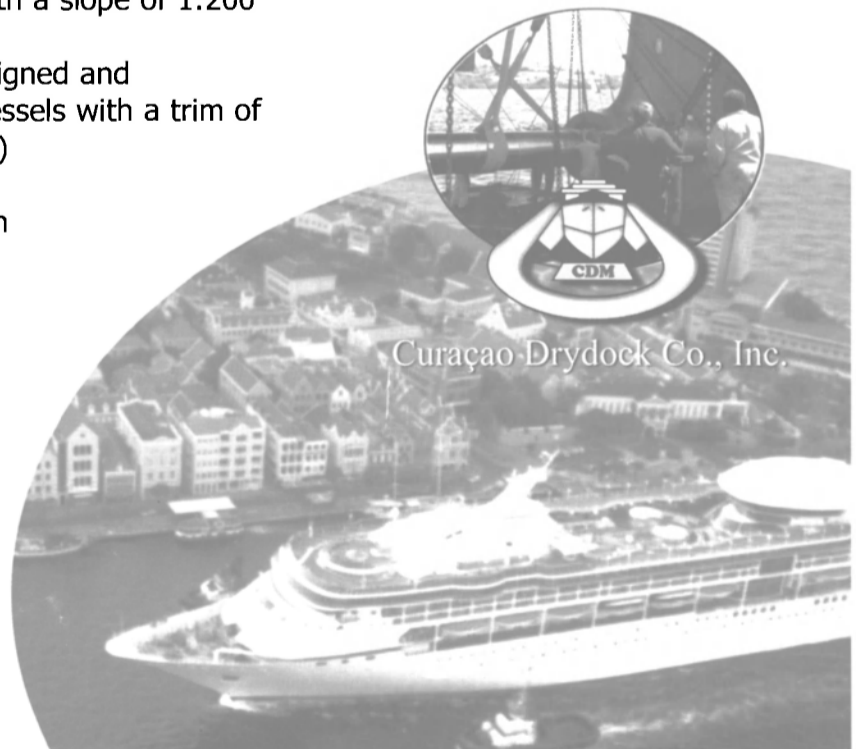
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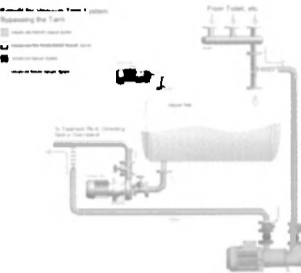
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**SMIT and Frank Mohn Complete Operations**

In cooperation with its Norwegian partner, the pump specialist Frank Mohn, SMIT has completed a number of highly successful operations involving the recovery of oil and chemicals from vessels located on the seabed at greater depths. In the salvage industry, 'greater depths' refers to operations in water deeper than 164 ft. In the past, work at this depth required a technique called saturation diving and the utilization of expensive diving support vessels. In searching for a more economical solution to the recovery of oil and chemicals from 'greater depths', SMIT and Frank Mohn developed the PolRec (Pollution Recovery) System. Since its development, this system has proven itself with the successful recovery of oil from two tankers, Yu-II 1 and O-Sung 3, both of which had sunk to a depth of 262 ft. off the Korean coast. The completion of this operation earned SMIT and Frank Mohn the internationally acclaimed Seatrade Award in the Countering Marine Pollution category.

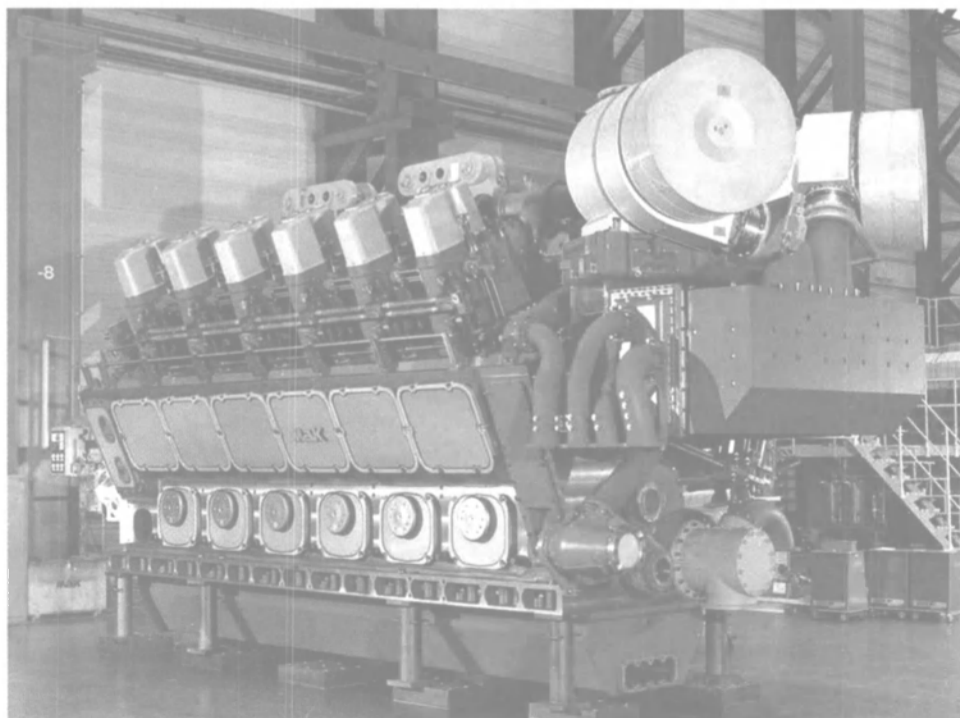


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**Caterpillar Motoren Presents V-type M43 at SMM Hall 6, Stand 6011**

Caterpillar Motoren GmbH & Co. KG, of Kiel, Germany, introduced four new heavy-fuel engine series to the marine market between 1992 and 2000 and presented them at the respective SMMs. At this year's SMM the company is presenting yet another new engine — the V-type M 43. The VM 43 will be available in 12, 16 and 18 cylinder versions. It doubles the maximum available output of the existing Caterpillar Motoren Engine Program, so that it now covers a range from 1,020 kW/1,380 HP to 16,200 kW/22,030 HP. This latest product is opening up important new market segments. As with all MaK engines of the new long-stroke generation, the design of the VM 43 was kept as simple as possible, which is an advantage to yards and operators in terms of ease of installation and low operating costs, due to minimum down times for service and to very easy maintenance. Its design is based on the successful in-line version, the M 43. Because the engine has the same speed, stroke and bore, it has been possible to make use of a large number of components of the M 43, e.g. cylinder head, connecting rod, piston, cylinder liner with calibration ring, valve drive, cooling water ring and the turbocharger. All these are identical in the in-line and V-versions. Caterpillar Motoren has built on extensive operational experience with these M 43 components and their impressive proof of reliability and economy, as well as their user-friendliness in operation and maintenance. An important new design characteristic is the "Flexible Camshaft Technology", the result of a development step taken to reduce NOx emissions and soot emissions to below the IMO limit over the entire operating range. The VM 43 is the first Caterpillar Motoren product to feature this technology which is internal to the engine. The M 43 in-line engine was introduced to the market in 1998 very successfully. Up to now, more than 180 engines with a total output of about 1,300 MW have been sold. It is the market leader in its output class. The VM 43 has also made a good start — the first six engines of this type have been sold already.

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### Rutter Technologies: VDR Manufacturer Exhibits Again at SMM 2002

Once again, Rutter Technologies will be exhibiting at this year's SMM show in Germany. In addition to showing the Rutter VDR-100 with its multiple options and advanced features, Rutter Technologies will also be introducing a new line of interface modules. The interface modules demonstrate the company's in-depth understanding of the real issues accompanying VDR installations and confirm their status as a market leader and innovator. Rutter Technologies... leading the marine industry in VDR technology.



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### Resurgence Software

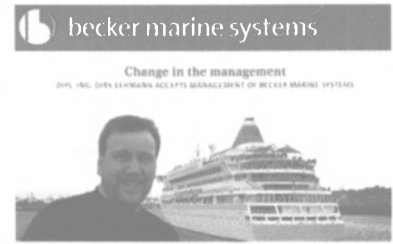
Resurgence Software Inc. produces the Wave Software System, an equipment reliability analysis software system that enables ship owners and operators to achieve the best operating and financial performance of their fleet possible by maximizing vessel uptime and minimizing maintenance costs and the risks of failure. Instead of relying on inadequate information and ad hoc decision-making, the Wave Software System provides owners and operators with the critical reliability information needed to make better maintenance, repair, replacement and capital expenditure procurement decisions.



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### Willi Becker Ingenieurburo Becomes Becker Marine

The German limited company Willi Becker Ingenieurburo changed its name to Becker Marine Systems to reflect its shift towards an increasingly global position as a system provider for rudders and steering gear, which development had been going for some years. While the name of the company has been changed, the substance of the company will remain the same. The new name will involve the addition of new operating areas to those already in existence. The new managing director Dirk Lehmann will concentrate the company's efforts in particular on the expansion of the new areas of operation. The new advances are expected to become most noticeable through a wider range of products, comprehensive technical support and even higher product quality. Already this year the product portfolio, traditionally consisting of rudders, Kort nozzles and steering gears has been amplified and now also includes complete rudders systems.



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### Beele Engineering Adds Light Switch Highlighter to Range of Yfestos Products

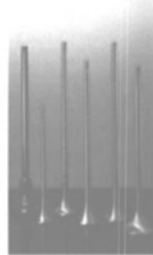
Beele Engineering (Aalten, the Netherlands) has added a luminescent light switch highlighter to its range of Yfestos products. In an emergency, the highlighter prevents time being lost in unnecessary searching for light switches. The highlighter is available in various sizes and operates independently of the power supply. In darkness it emits a clear blue-green light for over 12 hours. The material retains its light absorption and emission properties for over 20 years. The Yfestos evacuation route signposting system includes luminescent footprints, polycarbonate plating for light fittings, shapes, sheeting and strip, tape, paint, discs, fluorescent lamps and compound, as well as alphanumeric symbols and pictograms.



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### MWH Presents Entire Range of Products and Services

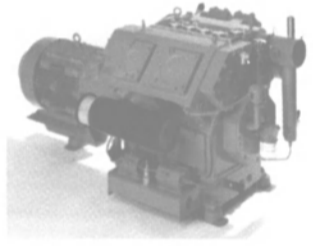
At this year's SMM 2000 Markisches Werk Halver (MWH) presents its entire range of products and services. Components and services for Medium-Speed 4-Stroke Diesel Engines: Valve Spindles, Valve Seats and Valve Guides. Decades of field experience and the passage of various product lifecycles has resulted in a continuous optimization of components (PRISE — Product Improvement Services). The product range comprises a multitude of valve spindles in various designs, various valve seats with individual cooling methods and optimized valve guides. Valve Rotators, The Turnomat rotation device provides for much longer lifecycles for valve spindles and valve seats. A polishing effect, which is forced by the rotation of the valve spindle, removes combustion deposits between the valve and the valve seat. This effect also improves the temperature distribution around the valve seat in order to minimize so called "blow-bys". Valve Cage/Cylinder Head Units and Reconditioning. MWH reconditions entire valve cage and cylinder head units. Incoming components are submitted to a rule-based inspection (RUBI). Based on the result of this inspection, a detailed reconditioning work package is drawn up.



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### CompAir to Provide Navy with Compressed Air Technology

CompAir Drucklufttechnik will be represented by a wider range of products than ever before at this year's SMM in Hamburg. A real highlight of the exhibits on show will be the water-cooled compare H5437 high pressure piston compressor. This production series builds on the well-established Reavell concept. The compressor is designed for a pressure range from 140 to 414 bar, with a delivery capacity of between 60 and 170 m<sup>3</sup>/h. The membrane dryer located between the third and fourth stage is absolutely unique. The component is energy-neutral, fully wear-resistant and maintenance-free. The Simmern-based company is using a cutaway version of the H5417 model from its H5000 series to demonstrate the sophisticated action of its compressors. Depending on the model, units from CompAir's H5000 series offer a delivery capacity ranging from 24.8 to 291.5 m<sup>3</sup>/h at an operating overpressure of between 20 and 414 bar.



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### Alfa Laval Establishes Help Desk

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### Transas to Launch New Nav Products in Germany

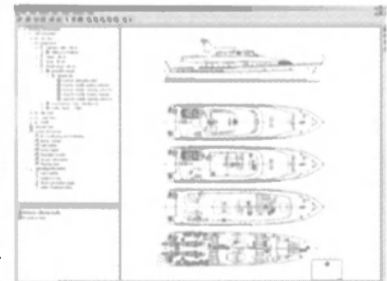
Transas will exhibit under the motto "Safety. Quality. IT." at the SMM 2002 show. The Transas stand will present a concentration of the latest IT developments in marine navigation and simulation embodied in high-quality equipment aimed at providing safety at sea and ashore. The highlight of the Transas exposition will be the launch of the new-generation 3000 line of navigational products. The range was started in June 2001, by the Navi-Sailor 3000 navigational system that incorporated all the functionality of the previously type-approved ECDIS with some additional innovative features. Since then, the range of new-generation onboard systems has expanded with the Navi-Radar, PC-based radar display system; the Navi-Bridge; the Navi-Fisher, electronic chart system specifically adapted for fishery vessels. These latest solutions will be introduced at the exhibition, including the recent enhanced version of Navi-Sailor 3000 ver.2 with UAIS transponder interface. To illustrate the advanced capabilities of the UAIS manufactured by Transas - McMurdo, a live demonstration of the equipment will be performed on the stand.



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### ILS-Software Package for German Coast Guard

Just two weeks after christening the first of three 216-ft. (66-m) Offshore Patrol Vessels, the German Coast Guard (Bundesgrenzschutz) ordered an extensive software and data package for Integrated Logistic Support (ILS) of the new "Bad Bramstedt"-class from Abeking & Rasmussen, designers and builders of the new vessels. The order consists of three on-board versions and one shore version of the new developed Virtual Ship Explorer (VSE). The logistic company Ocean Logistics GmbH, a subsidiary of Abeking & Rasmussen is responsible for the total system. With the on-board version the crew will be able to manage all documentation for on-board systems, including full spare parts logistic, i.e. from choosing relevant parts from the respective spare parts lists, to storage up to ordering parts needed. The system includes compilation of all relevant technical logs as required by law and assists all requirements of the ISM Code.



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## Germanischer Lloyd Classifies New Tankers

Classed by Germanischer Lloyd, the 31,600 dwt Seychelles Pride is a new addition to GL's stable of technological-ly sophisticated double-hull product tankers. Designed for the transport of chemicals (IMO Type 3), oil, and oil products, it represents a further development of the "Lindenau Safety Tanker Class 2004," which has received a number of international awards for innovative design and safety.



Delivered in June 2002, it is the fifth vessel in this successful series to be classed by GL. Built for Seychelles Shipping Lines Ltd. by the Lindenau shipyard at Kiel; the new tanker will be operated by Columbia Shipmanagement Ltd. of Limassol.

Seychelles Pride was joined by a sixth tanker in the series — the 34,200 dwt "Eberhardt Arctic," which was launched on July 20, 2002 for the Carl F. Peters shipping company of Bargteheide, Germany. The vessel was also built by the Lindenau yard at Kiel.

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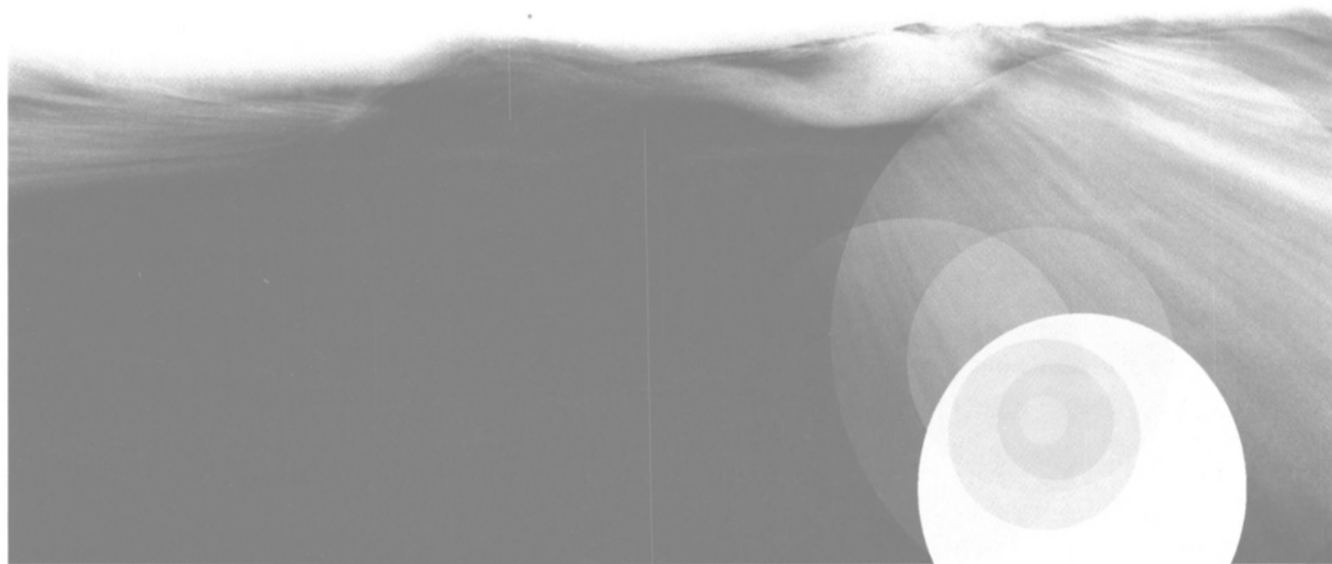
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# Optimal Electric Ship Propulsion Solution

By Stuart C. Karon,  
American Superconductor

Throughout the history of shipbuilding, the key challenge too often has been how to build the right ship around a given propulsion system, rather than creating tailored propulsion system for the ship. That was true when the best propulsion "engines" available were sails, and it is also true for today's diesel, gas turbine and electric hybrid systems as well.

The ideal, of course, is to allocate cargo space, cabin space, the shape of propulsion units, and even the shape of the ship's itineraries around the needs of the marketplace rather than around the limitations imposed by the ship's propul-

sion system. Factors that remain in the path of that ideal include the underlying efficiency across a broad operational range with which chemical energy is turned into mechanical energy, and the ability to allocate space in the most profitable manner. In other words, if you can dramatically improve the power densities of marine propulsion motors and generators as well as their efficiencies; i.e. make these efficiencies much higher and more uniform at varying loads, many of the other issues would be resolved too — and ship design need not be compromised.

In fact, with continuing improvements in power density and efficiency, electric drive propulsion systems are projected to displace mechanical drive systems

across a broader spectrum of applications.

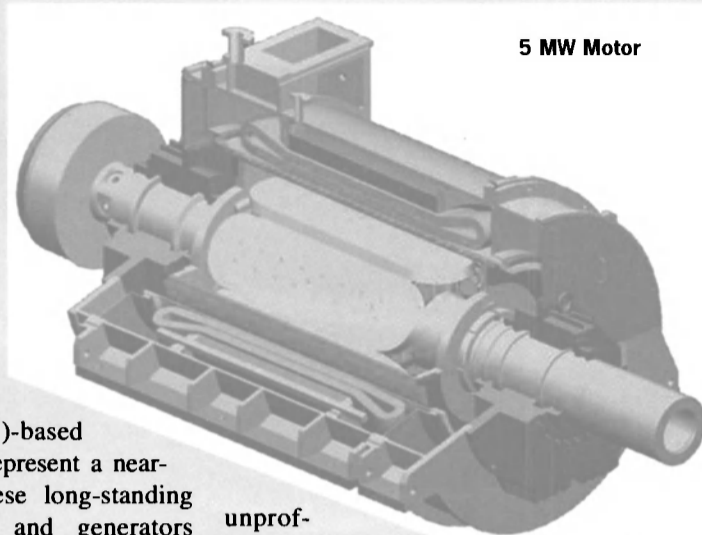
The maturation of HTS rotating machine design coupled with the upcoming U.S. Navy-sponsored 5 MW prototype motor development and testing indicate that high temperature superconducting (HTS)-based propulsion systems represent a near-term solution to these long-standing challenges. Motors and generators employing HTS wire are very compact in size and low in weight. These qualities make them easier to site in the ship, allows more modular ship construction, and reduces undesirable tradeoffs that face many ship designers. Naval architects can now begin to translate these propulsion system improvements into increased profitability for ship owners and operators.

## The Challenge

Even in modern ships, propulsion systems are so large and heavy that in many applications they force the rest of the ship to be constructed around them. Machine sizes and their locations also reduce the space available for cargo and passengers and interfere with efficient loading and unloading. Shafts can extend considerable lengths, further compromising efficient space utilization. Additionally, the propulsion systems, both mechanical and electrical, used in virtually all ships today operate less efficiency at lower speeds — creating excess costs on shorter routes and eliminating the use of some otherwise desirable ports.

All these issues carry associated costs. Installing propulsion systems so early in the ship's construction increases the cost of capital and reduces the builder's ability to use the most efficient shipbuilding practices. Less usable internal volume decreases the revenue generation potential for commercial vessels as well as the war-fighting capability for military ships. Inefficient loading and unloading create longer cycle times, increase port costs, and jeopardize schedules. Prolonged and low speed operation of diesel direct-drive and geared propulsion systems increases maintenance costs. Reduced efficiency at low ship speeds may make certain shipping routes

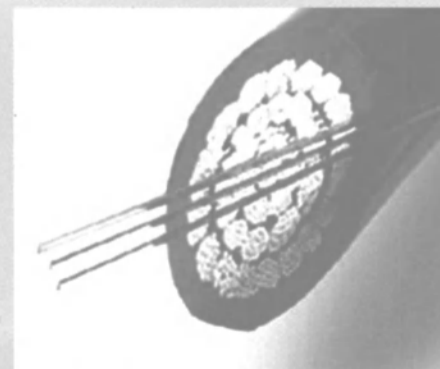
The small strips of HTS wire carry the same current as the much larger and heavier copper cable.



5 MW Motor

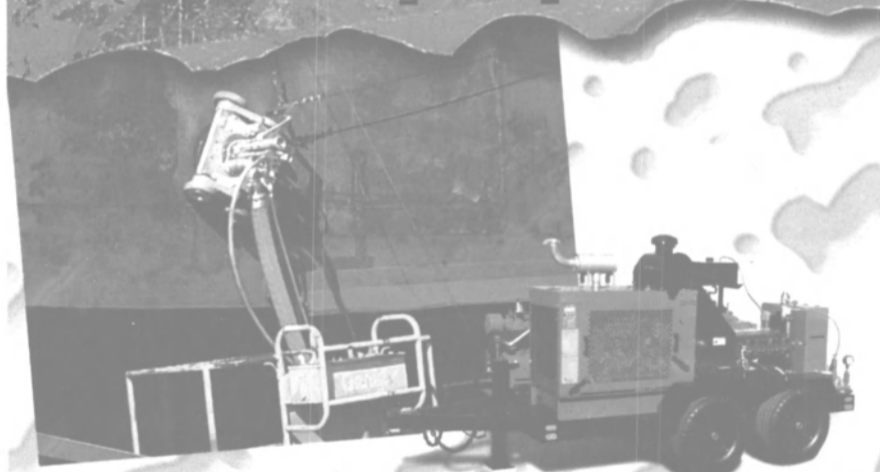
unprofitable compared with other transportation alternatives. The shift to diesel electric propulsion systems addressed some of these issues. Electric motors can be located further aft in a ship, freeing naval architects from the "tyranny of the shaft-line," giving ship designers almost unlimited flexibility in the ship arrangements. The length of the drive train is reduced, as is the requirement to maintain strict alignment requirements over long lengths from the prime mover to the propeller. For ships that incorporate podded propulsors, this length is reduced to zero. These externally mounted motors maximize a ship's hydrodynamic efficiency and its usable internal volume for revenue generation. Podded propulsors also reduce shipbuilding costs through increased modularity during construction. Ships today tend to consume more electricity than did their predecessors. Integrated electric propulsion systems optimize ship operators' flexibility through the ability to only use the minimum amount of electricity generation equipment for a given operational scenario. The generators may therefore be operated closer to their full outputs and unneeded machines shut down, which increases the overall system efficiency and minimizes maintenance requirements.

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tankers, product carriers, ferries, ice-breakers, and offshore oil exploration platforms have made the transition to integrated electric propulsion systems, in both in-hull and podded propulsion variants. In addition, 13 navies of the world have either modern electrically propelled ships, are already designing/constructing electrically propelled ships, or have announced plans to initiate such programs. Prominent among these is the U.S. Navy, which in 2000, announced that its next generation of surface combatant ships will have electric propulsion systems. Although they are an improvement over their predecessors, modern electric drives still have not presented an ideal propulsion solution for shipbuilders across a wide range of applications. Electric propulsion motors at higher power levels can be large and heavy, which limits their flexibility in placement within the ship. In propulsion pod applications, this large size and weight provide an upper bound to the pod's applicability, apparently around 20 MW. In addition, today's electric propulsion motors have significantly reduced efficiencies at lower ship speeds, thereby failing to take best advantage of one of their primary attributes — reduced fuel consumption when compared to low speed diesel engines operated at low power levels.

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ments transmit electricity much better than copper. The difference is that optical systems must plug into special adaptive electronics, while motors and generators using HTS wire plug into the same grid and operate in exactly the same way as their copper-based counterparts.

Electric propulsion motors using coils made with HTS wires are just a lot

lighter and smaller for a specified power output, and more efficient at all loads. This makes them easier to site in the ship, allows more modular ship construction, and reduces undesirable trade-offs that face many ship designers. HTS motors in larger power ratings will fit easily into external pods, for example, and therefore simplify the shipbuilding

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# New Technology Has Promising Maritime Applications

Millennium Cell Inc., which designs and develops systems for the safe use of hydrogen fuel in energy applications, has teamed with Seaworthy Systems in a CCDOTT (Center for Commercial Development of Transportation Tech-

nologies) and California State University, Long Beach Foundation program. This program will demonstrate the benefits of using its fuel to power ships and facilities in ports. The project is designed to meet CCDOTT goals for

zero emissions from fuel cells, and the contract award comes as many operators in U.S. ports are facing potential fines for being well in excess of Environmental Protection Agency air and water quality standards.



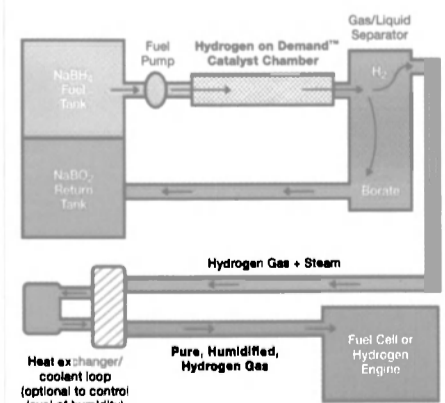
"So there's a movement afoot right now in California to add regulation to reduce emission for all of the maritime fleet," said **Rex E. Luzader**, vice president of Business Development for Transportation and Hydrogen-Fuel Infrastructure at Millennium Cell. "We're going to see more and more potential applications where hydrogen is either used in fuel cells to provide electricity with zero emissions or to burn in internal combustion engines for propulsion power with extremely low emissions."

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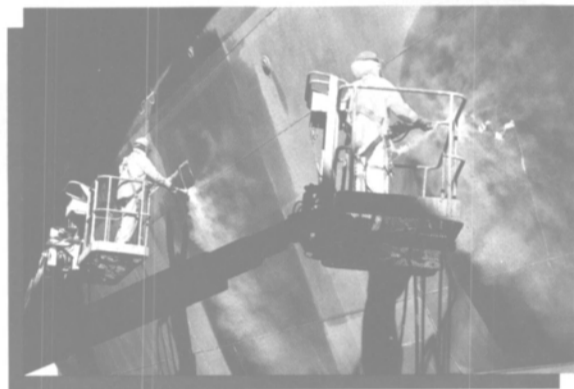
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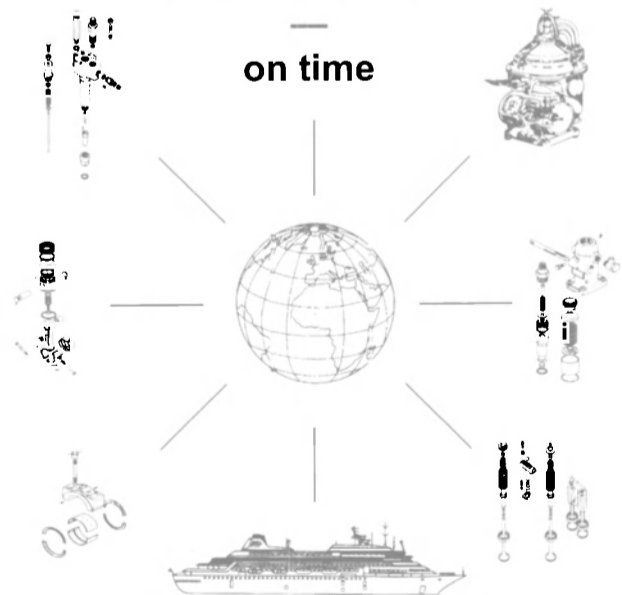
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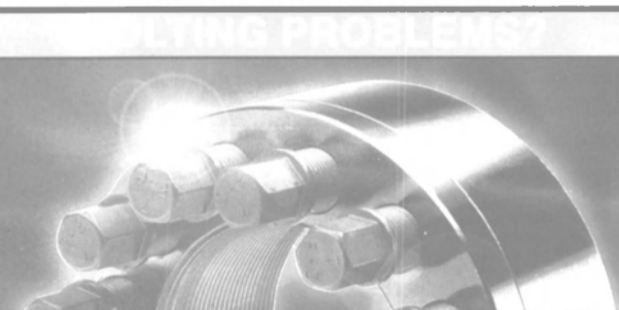


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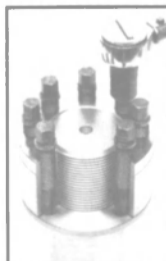
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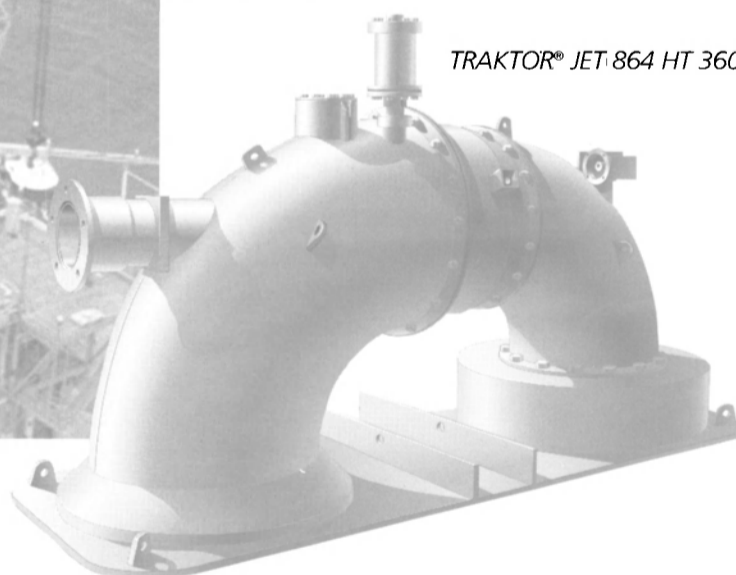
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fuel solutions for transportation, stationary and portable power and we are excited about the opportunity to assess the merits of the Hydrogen on Demand system in maritime applications — including hydrogen-powered fuel cells and internal combustion engines," said **Matthew Winkler**, vice president of Seaworthy Systems.

Luzader said the Hydrogen on Demand system has a variety of maritime uses. "It could be any application from propulsion to onboard electrical generation or anything in between," he said. "It could be backup power or distributed generation where you have multiple units on board serving various sections of the ship. Containerships could be towed into port by a clean-fuel vessel."

Another promising use of Hydrogen on Demand is in military applications, said Luzader. The use of an energy-dense fuel source that is nonflammable and non-explosive would be a tremendous asset to military on land and at sea.

"We've had discussions with the Naval Surface Warfare Center where, if they used fuel cells as the source of energy for propulsion, one possibility is that they could use our fuel as the source of hydrogen for the fuel cell," he said. "We could actually regenerate the fuel or the borate solution at sea and eliminate the supply chain. The ability to regenerate fuel at sea with the fleet is a unique proposition for the Navy that no other technology offers."

"They're operating on one possible premise that, beyond 2050, there may not be diesel fuel available for burning on board ship to generate power for propulsion," Luzader said. "So they're looking at other alternatives to produce propulsion power, and fuel cells would be one. Our technology would be an advantageous source of hydrogen for the fleet. The concept would be one in which you would have a ship within that fleet that would actually make sodium borohydride from the borates made aboard all the ships in that fleet powered by fuel cells using Hydrogen on Demand as the source of hydrogen. That's the program we've got on the table for consideration for the Navy of tomorrow."

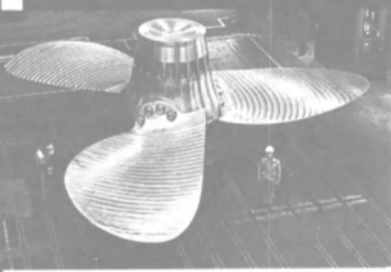
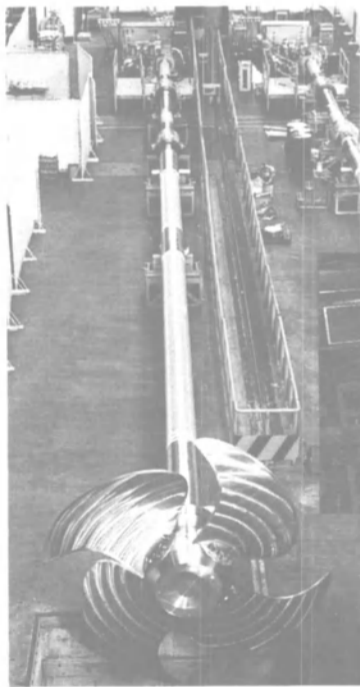
Dr. **Stephen S. Tang**, president and CEO of Millennium Cell, said, "We expect the demonstration of the Hydrogen on Demand system in maritime applications will show how efficiently we can reduce air and water pollution in our seaports and waterways and provide a clean energy solution to help solve complex environmental issues."

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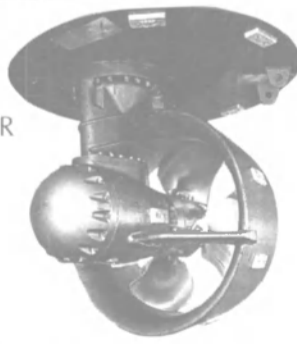
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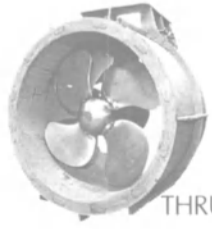


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# Recent Wärtsilä Four-Stroke Engine Developments

Wärtsilä has focused its technological developments in this realm on three main areas: Common-rail fuel injection for heavy-fuel engines; Humidification

methods for reduction of NOx; and Dual-fuel engines with micro pilot. Long-term research on the concepts hot combustion for combined cycles and

steam injected diesel is also going on.

## Common-Rail Fuel Injection

Three engine types, i.e. the Wärtsilä

46, Wärtsilä 38 and Wärtsilä 32 have - so far - been made available for the common-rail injection systems. The pilot engine, which sails onboard the Carnival Spirit, has to date gathered more than 3,500 hours of operational experience, and the Wärtsilä 46 test engine has more than 3,000 hours as well. While there has been a normal amount of teething problems, the experience so far has proven that the basic concepts of the Wärtsilä common-rail system are sound.

The accumulator architecture (Figure 1) has proven very successful in providing excellent pressure stability, meaning that every injection starts from the same rail pressure.

The rail pressure control by linear solenoid valves on the injection pump (Figure 2) provides even better than expected rail pressure accuracy, i.e. the rail pressure is maintained at + 35 bar, while + 100 bar would have been still

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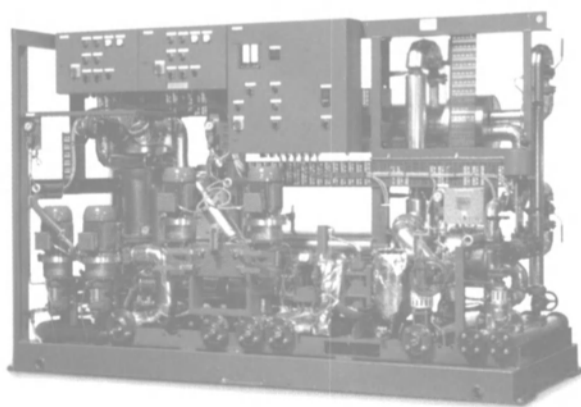
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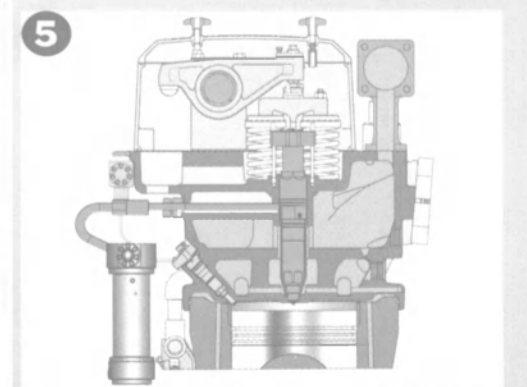
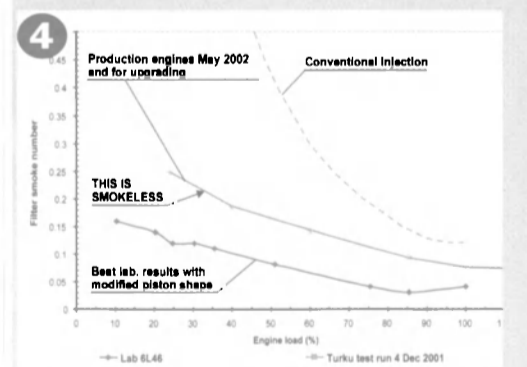
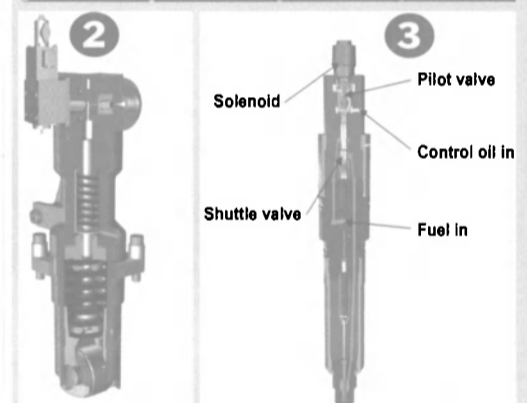
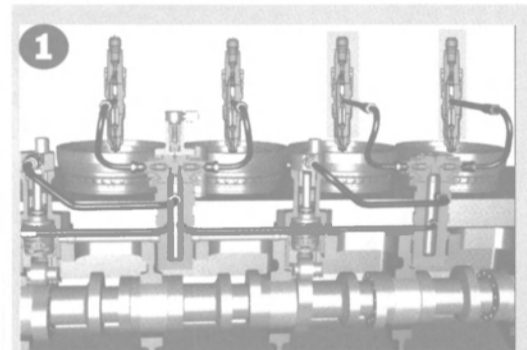
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acceptable.

The injector with the shuttle valve and the press-down piston for the injector needle provides together with the flow fuse total safety against early introduction of fuel into the cylinder. The press-down piston also contributes to excellent smoke behavior. (Figure 3)

The target of smokeless operation at all loads and load pick-up has been reached (Figure 4), and laboratory tests have proven that there is further potential to do even better. Wartsila 46 engines with common-rail injection systems for five cruise vessels have been delivered so far. The first Wartsila 32 common-rail engines are due for delivery shortly, and during the autumn the first Wartsila 38 engines will be retrofitted into common rail.

**Humidification for Reduced Nox**

Direct Water Injection used to be the Wartsila method for combustion air

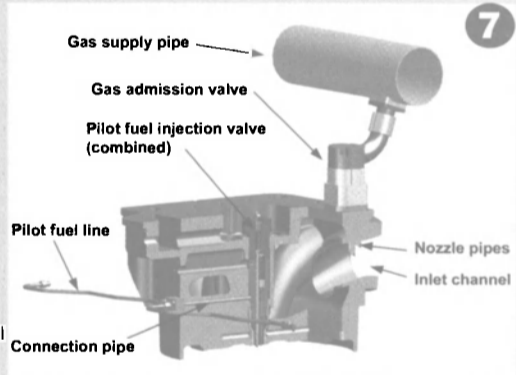
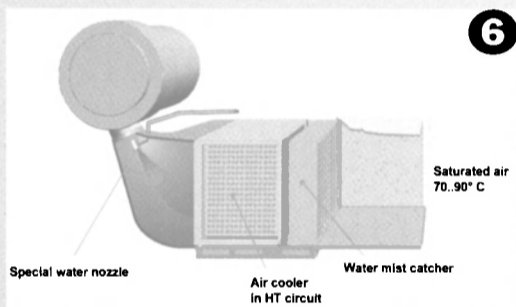
humidification. The system has been developed for common rail engines with side-mounted injector (Figure 5). This configuration is now in field test. The Combustion Air Saturation System (CASS) (Figure 6) has been further tested, and a pilot installation on a Wartsila 32 engine will go into operation this autumn. The system is also being quali-

fied for the Wartsila 46 engine, and further engine types are likely to follow. The first systems are sold for half the NOx value compared to Marpol Annex VI curve.

Fuel-water emulsion is not promoted for engines with conventional injection systems. With common-rail fuel injection most of the disadvantages are elim-

inated. Compared to conventional injection systems the common rail offers the following advantages:

- Full load can be reached without increased camshaft torque. In fact the camshaft torque of a common-rail engine is always much reduced compared to conventional engines.
- There will be no risk of cavitation in



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2 The rail pressure control by linear solenoid valves on the injection pump (Figure 2) provides even better than expected rail pressure accuracy.

3 The press-down piston also contributes to excellent smoke behavior.

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5 Direct Water Injection used to be the Wartsila method for combustion air humidification. The system has been developed for common rail engines with side-mounted injector

6 Wartsila Combustion Air Saturation System CASS.

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the high-pressure pump, because the pressure relief process is not taking place in a common-rail high-pressure pump.

• It is possible to optimize the engine both for fuel-water emulsion and pure fuel as different timings and durations can easily be used in both cases.

The NOx reduction of water-fuel emulsion alone might not be very interesting in the current world, because it is limited to 20-25 percent. The reason for Wartsila's interest is mainly because of the opportunity to reach ultralow NOx emissions by a combination of Combustion Air Saturation and Fuel-Water

Emulsion. A patent application for this combination has been filed.

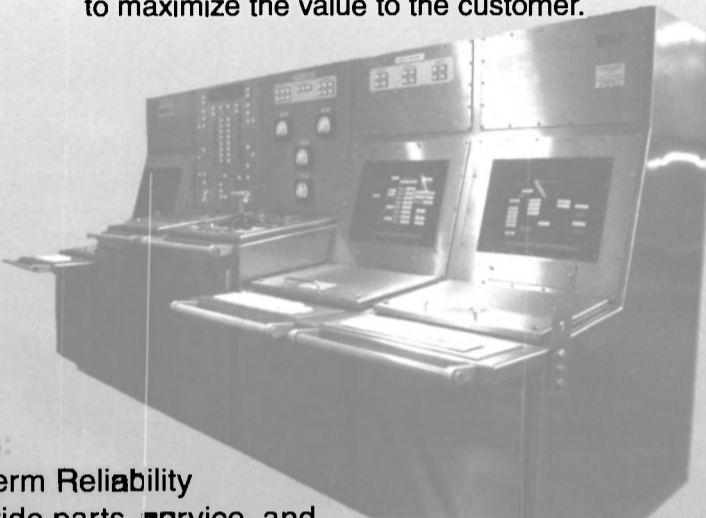
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## Introductions & Updates

### Wartsilä 50DF

While the Wartsila 32DF has been on the market for some time, the first installations are at about 20,000 running hours, the Wartsila 50DF is a new product introduction. This engine is based on the diesel engine Wartsila 46. It offers a cylinder output of 950 kW. The shaft efficiency in gas mode is 47 percent, which is probably a current world record for gas engines. As has been earlier reported, the 50DF has made a breakthrough into the LNG tanker market.

### Wartsila 38B

With more than 60 engines sold, the Wartsila 38B is not exactly a new product introduction, but the fact that this engine is now available also with common-rail fuel injection makes it worth mentioning. The cylinder output of this engine is 725 kW. A test engine is currently being installed in the research center in Trieste. During the autumn the focus will be on endurance testing of the common-rail equipment.

### Wartsila 32 with Increased Output

The Wartsila 32, which is the successor of the Vasa 32, has now been on the market for some time, and with more than 300 engines sold and the first engines passing 25,000 running hours, the engine is now ready for an output increase into 500 kW per cylinder.

### Wartsila 64

An excellent piece of experience can be reported from the Wartsila 64, of which the first engines to go into operation are now approaching 20,000 hours. Thirteen engines are — at the moment — in operation, and up to now in total 12 hours of non-availability have been recorded. Most of those hours were due to a mishap with parts logistics. Mathematically this means that the availability has been more than 99.9 percent and the mean time between failures is calculated to more than 5,000 hours. The step from the Wartsila 46 with 1 MW per cylinder into the Wartsila 64 with 2 MW per cylinder was certainly a big one, and for that reason no effort was spared in terms of numerical calculations and simulations.

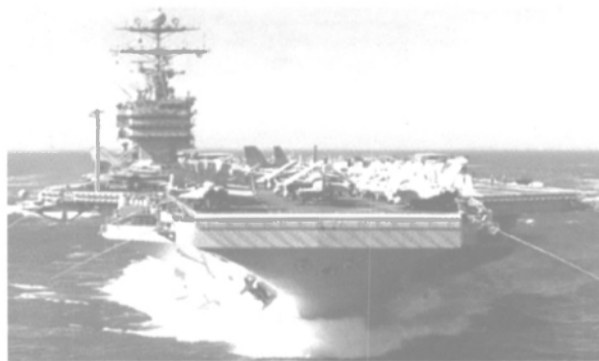
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## CMR: Monitoring is Control

CMR, which offers specialized systems for monitoring industrial and marine engine parameters, introduces the Clarine line to the marine industry, including the Clarine Marine Rack 101, which provides several advantages to shipbuilders. CMR's Clarine Marine Rack 101 is a centralized device designed to eliminate the need for separate monitoring and alarm units.



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standard display formats for a traditional "console look" on a 12-in. (305 mm) LCD screen. It also has an integrated logic functions and can replace PLCs on workboats, OSVs and crew boats and tugs. Additionally, a black box function records all monitored events for remote viewing. Clarine monitoring systems enable acquisition, processing and LCD display of parameters transmitted on a CAN-Open network. This eliminates most of the complicated wiring on the ship and reduces labor during construction and long-term maintenance. Completely self-contained, the Rack 101 system is designed for use in harsh environments and can be integrated into any CAN-Open network. Designed for local and networked monitoring of engines, gen-sets and the complete alarm list, the Clarine system processes up to 200 analog channels and generates an alarm when any of several specified thresholds is exceeded.

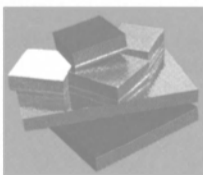
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## GE Gas Turbines on Brilliance of the Seas

GE LM2500+ combined gas turbine and steam turbine integrated electric drive system (COGES) plant powers

## New Fireproof, Sound Absorbing Foam

A British company is introducing a new range of fire-resistant sound absorption foams to the U.S. market. Designed specifically for marine applications, the product



is manufactured by Siderise (Special Products) Ltd. The foams weigh between 22 and 176 lbs./cu. m., and are supplied with 10 types of facing, ranging from reinforced foil through to spray-applied PVC. The product comes with a self-adhesive backing made from a pressure-sensitive high-specification acrylic tape that, once applied, will become a permanent fixture. The foams can be supplied with a built-in acoustic barrier, with either a lead or a mineral-loaded polymeric base. The acoustic barrier system, the company says, can offer up to 28 dBA of sound reduction in the engine room.

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Royal Caribbean International's 90,900-gt, 962-ft. (293.2 m), 2,100 passenger Brilliance of the Seas cruise ship, which recently made its maiden voyage. The 25-knot ship features a COGES arrangement with two GE LM2500+ gas turbine-generators and one steam turbine-generator set for a total output of 59 MW. This electric drive configuration

provides for both main ship propulsion as well as all onboard power generation.

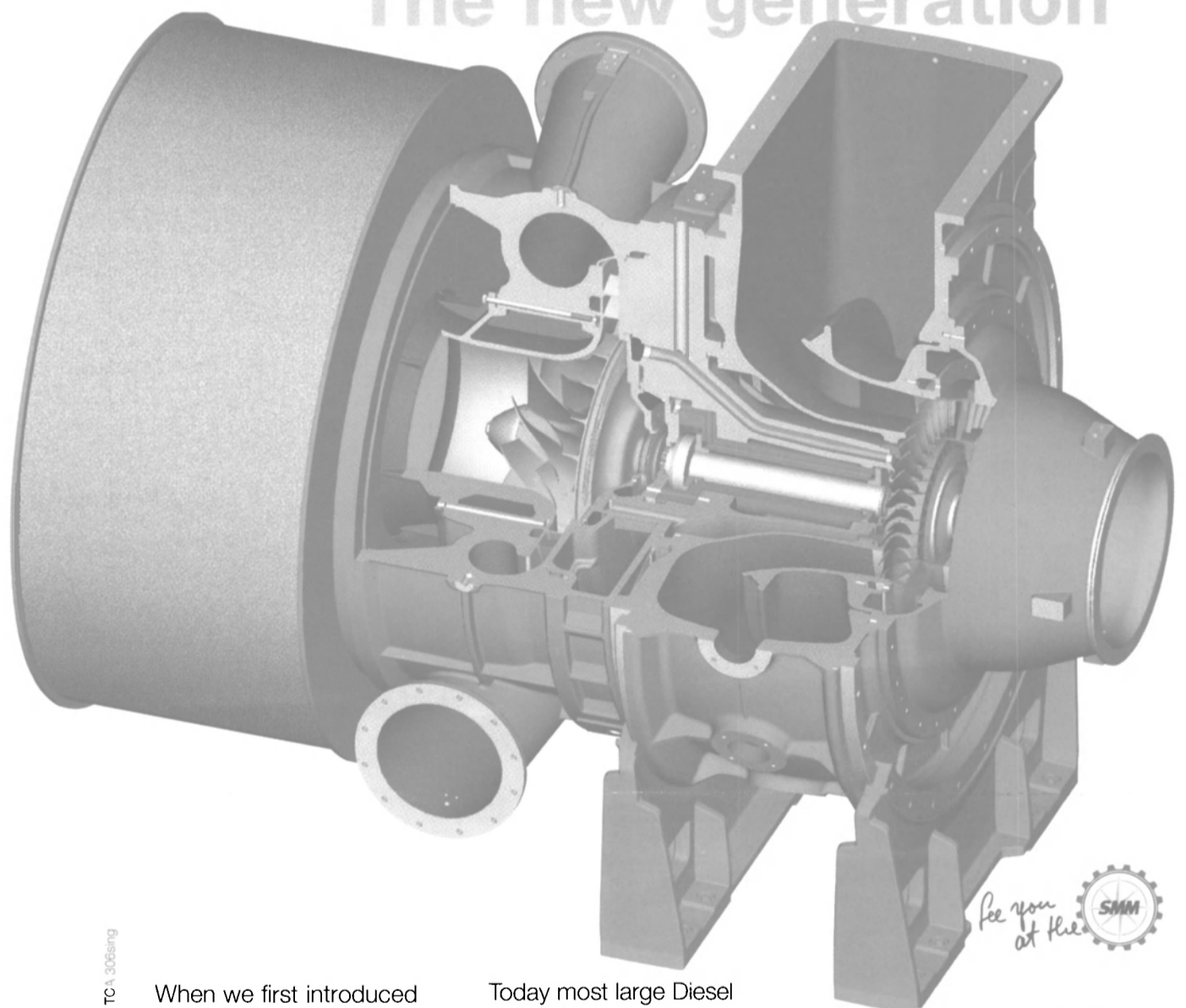
The LM2500+ COGES ships operate on clean distillate fuel to significantly reduce emissions of most airborne pollutants and other particulates, as compared to a diesel electric power system operating on heavy fuel oil, which is customary for most cruise ships.

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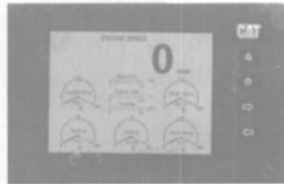
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# Caterpillar Offers New C12 Engine

Caterpillar recently released a full line of ratings for its new C12 marine diesel engine, the electronically controlled, compact, lightweight 12-liter diesel. With the signature Caterpillar four-stroke, in-line six-cylinder design, the engine is rated 345 mhp (340 bhp, 254 kW) at 1,800 rpm to 710 mhp (700 bhp, 522 kW) at 2,300 rpm. The C12 is aimed at small to mid-sized commercial vessel applications, and is available for worldwide distribution. At its 710 mhp rating, the manufacturer claims that the engine offers the best power-to-weight ratio in its class: 3.65 lb/mhp.

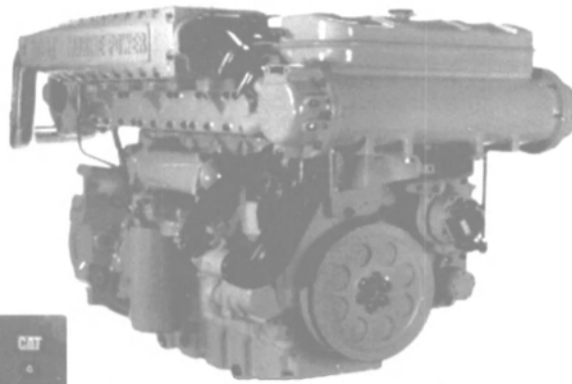
## Something Old ... Something New

The C12 borrows heavily from other engines in the Caterpillar stable, yet features a number of innovations unique to this unit, designed to enhance both performance and durability. For example, a new exhaust manifold design with a special casting at the entrance to the turbocharger reduces backpressure and improves exhaust gas flow, resulting in increased power and lower exhaust temperatures. Piston ring position and cooling oil jet flow to the piston have been fine-tuned to reduce engine temperatures and are designed to improve power output. A new after-cooler core design is to reduce thermal and vibration stress to increase engine durability. In its three highest ratings configurations, the C12 uses the same high-efficiency turbocharger that has proven successful in a twin-turbo



arrangement on the larger Cat 3412E. Electronic control for the engine is provided by Caterpillar's ADEM III electronic control module (ECM). ADEM III has nearly eight times as much memory, nearly twice the input/output capacity and significantly faster processing speed compared to previously available Cat ECMs. The C12s ECM control software is written to maximize power and performance at all commercial ratings, while reducing fuel consumption and meeting all known current and future requirements for NOx emissions. The new engine is also available in keel-cooled configurations to handle the most demanding workboat and fishing boat applications.

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LM2500+ and two by GE LM2500 gas turbines. In addition, GE has a total of eight gas turbine-generators on order for cruise ship applications.

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## Integrated Propulsion Controller Launched

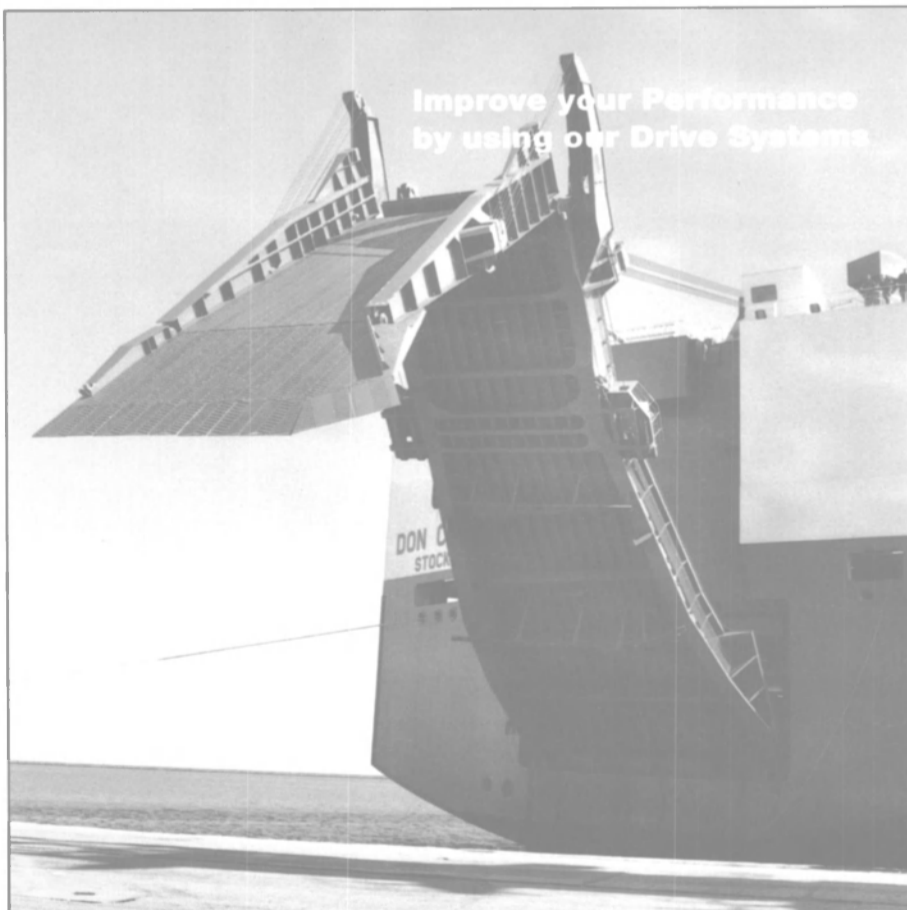
Regulateurs Europa now offers an Integrated Propulsion Controller. Designed for any vessel with a diesel engine and a CP propeller, the IPC is installed with the Viking 25 digital electronic governor and engine control system. It is designed to protect against ambient and engine conditions, by monitoring the air and water temperature to run the engine most effectively according to prevailing conditions.

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## Siemens, Schottel Extend Pod Cooperation

Siemens Marine and Schottel extended their cooperation on the development and marketing of pod propulsion systems. With this, the product line will be expanded to include systems with outputs less than five MW, making the systems available for smaller vessels, including the offshore market.

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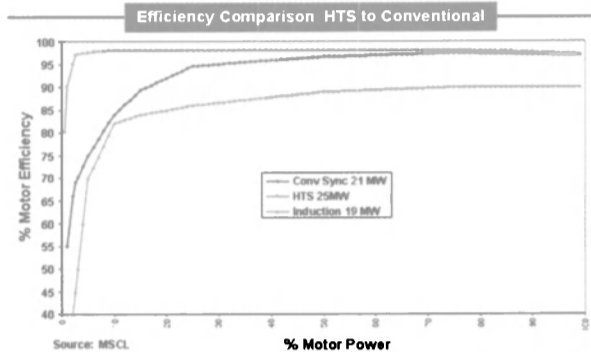
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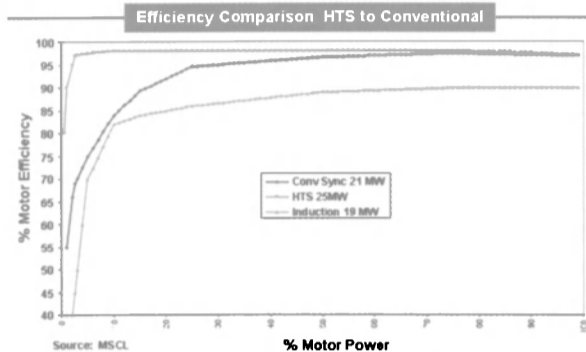
Fig. 2



the output of the generator or motor. The reason HTS motors and generators are so efficient is that HTS wire can carry up to 140 times more current than the copper wire of the same size and weight. More current means greater flux density, more powerful magnetic fields and in the case of motors, more torque per unit mass of the machine. HTS motors and generators can therefore be much lighter and smaller, not only because the wire inside them is smaller and lighter, but also because they produce more powerful magnetic fields.

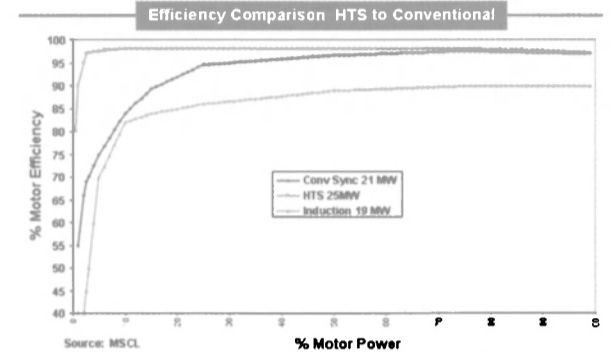
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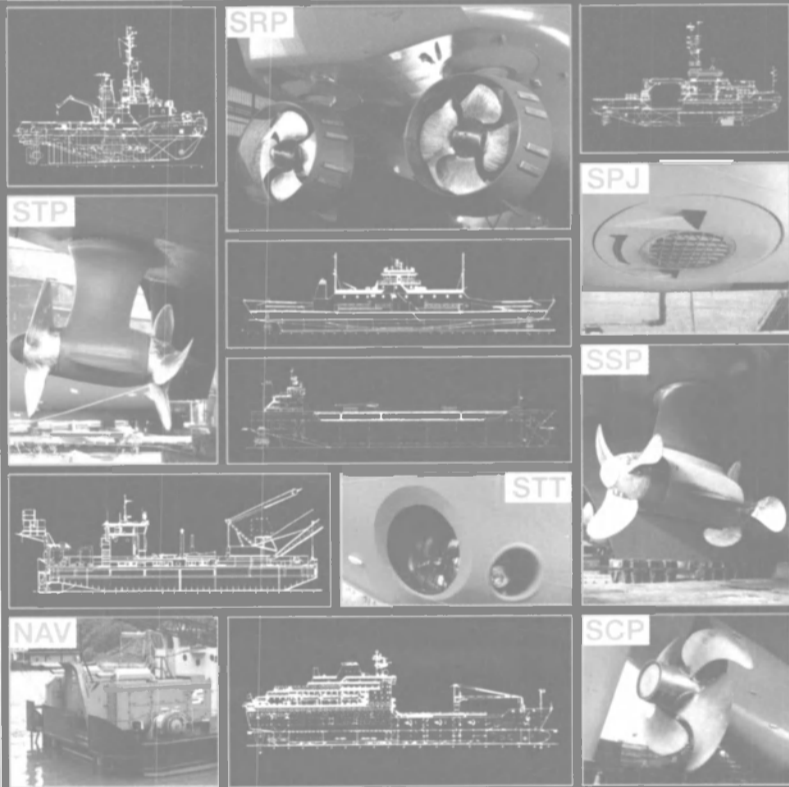


efficiency is a constant across virtually their entire power range. Figure 2 (below, left) compares the calculated efficiency of a typical HTS synchronous marine propulsion motor with equivalent conventional marine propulsion synchronous and induction motors. The calculations also include the losses from the motor cooling system. This means motors and generators can operate at close to maximum efficiency regardless of the ship's speed, creating savings that flow directly to the operators' bottom line. In one study, it was shown that in some scenarios HTS electric propulsion systems

Fig. 4



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**Size/Weight/Power Comparisons**

The implications of these advantages for shipbuilders are far-reaching — especially since they apply to both the generator and the motor. Compare, for example, the weight and size of a variety of HTS and conventional synchronous motors ranging in power ranges from 5 to 90 MW, and at slow speeds as required for marine propulsion. All are 4.2 KV machines. Figure 3 (previous page) shows a weight versus power comparison for the two technologies. Figure 4 shows a size versus power comparison. The size comparisons also include maintenance volume, allowing one meter all around the HTS motor (except the bottom) and two meters all around the much larger conventional motor (again, except the bottom).

The weight savings advantage achieved by HTS motors is particularly valuable in pod applications. It has been estimated that for every 500 tons less light ship weight, about 40 more containers can be carried. Thus, a container ship using HTS podded propulsors will be able to carry about 2.5 to 4 percent more containers.

Complementing their light-weight and compact size, HTS motors can be optimized around specific dimensional requirements. These requirements may include minimizing a propulsion motor's diameter to maximize the hydrodynamic performance of a propulsion pod or to create increased cargo capacities in ships/ lower decks, or maximizing the machine's efficiency. The machines' reduced size creates volume and deck savings that are advantageous in virtually all types of ships, both military and commercial.

Likewise, HTS generators will be much smaller and lighter than their conventional counterparts. In fact, HTS generators enjoy an additional advantage: they operate with greater efficiency than their conventional counterparts even when the refrigeration requirements are considered.

With such small motors and generators, ship machinery space allocations become much less restrictive — making room for more revenue producing volume and allowing for highly innovative designs. Consider for example a 25 MW HTS generator. Coupled with a marine gas turbine engine at about 17 tons, the overall unit could weigh less than 50 tons. This might be light enough in some ships to mount the system in the deckhouse, offering much more revenue space below, better turbine efficiency, and better maintenance access which may, in some instances, offset the drawbacks of environmentally friendly but relative inefficient gas turbines. Such small and light HTS elec-

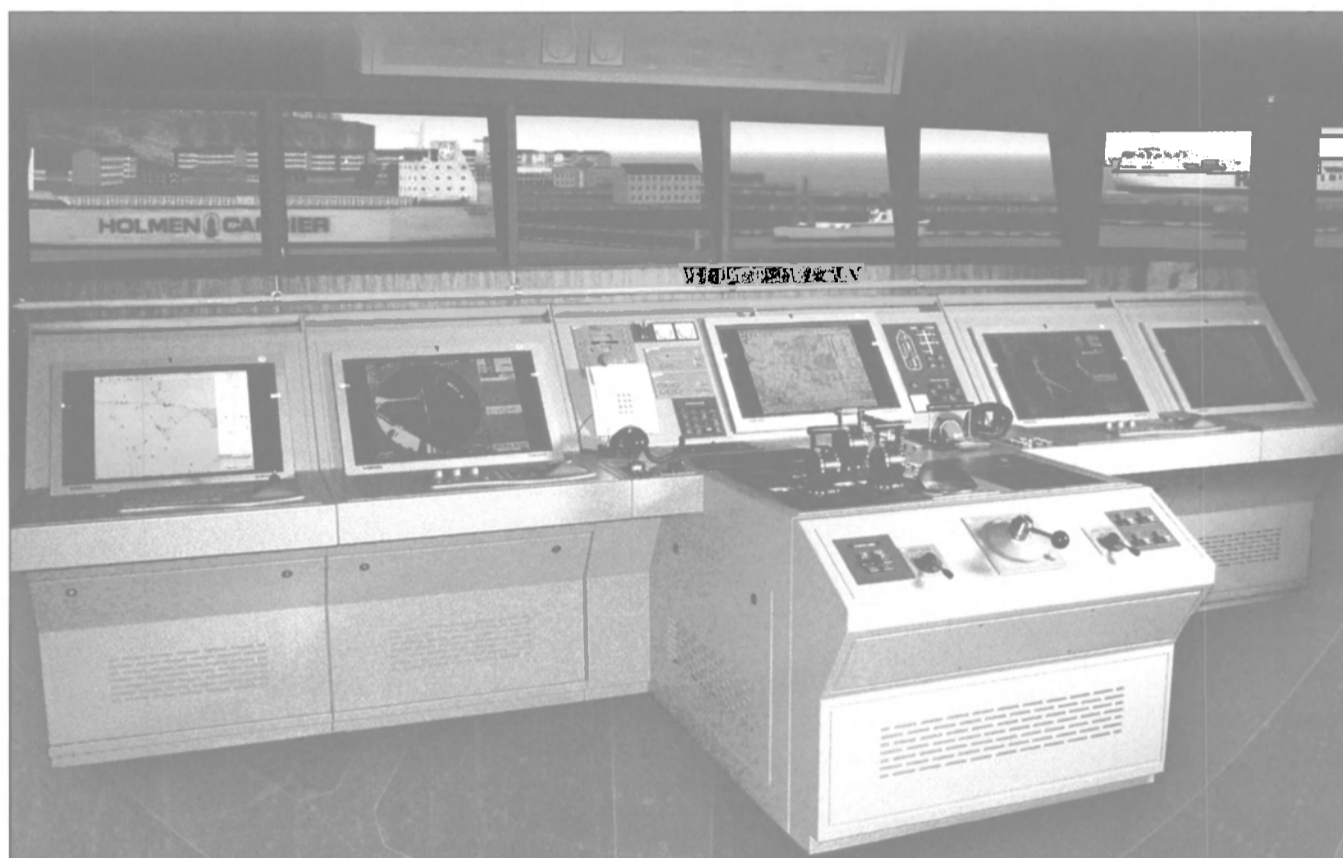
tric motors might, for example, enable more efficient electric drive pump-jet systems and hydrodynamically optimized pod drives that offer better efficiency and higher power than is achievable with conventional motors.

As noted earlier, HTS propulsion systems have the additional advantage of being able to operate just as efficiently down to low speeds, which is especially

important for cruise ships, coastal merchant ships and warships that spend much of their time operating at partial loads. Overall, the fuel savings from efficiency gains of HTS machines depend on the operating scenario but preliminary calculations suggest that fuel savings from \$100,000 to \$500,000 per ship per year can be expected for many ship types.

**Other Advantages**

There are other advantages of HTS machinery as well. Because there is little or no iron in the magnetic path of the motor or generator, there is very little distortion in the power supply and little noise feedback from the motor. This should simplify power-conditioning system requirements and make for extraor-



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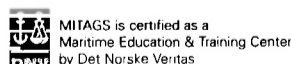
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dinarily quiet machinery (both electrically and acoustically). The lower weight of the generator rotor also reduces noise.

In other respects, HTS machines behave like conventional electric machines. Their magnetic field can be dumped quickly in case of a system casualty, just like in a conventional synchronous motor or generator. They can be operated with existing synchroconverters, cycloconverters or PWM converters, although some simplification of these systems may be possible in order to take advantage of the lower distortion.

The machines' low weight and small size allow them to be shipped and installed intact, rather than having to be built and tested at the factory, disassembled for shipment to the shipbuilder, and then reassembled and tested at the building yard prior to installation.

Preliminary pricing evaluations indicate that HTS motors and generators should be commercially available at

prices equivalent to conventional machines but be easier and less expensive to install — and could be installed later in the ship's construction.

### The View Forward

So what's next for HTS and how soon will it be widely deployed? HTS wire has been extensively tested in Navy and commercial laboratories, and its durability has been proven. HTS motors rated up to 5,000 hp at 1,800 rpm have been built and tested successfully to a continuous rating of 5,900 hp.

A 230-rpm, 5 MW ship propulsion prototype motor, funded by the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research, is now being built at American Superconductor Corporation, and will be rigorously evaluated by the U.S. Navy in the last half of 2003. A 100 MVA HTS commercial generator, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Energy, is under development at General Electric. From this view, it appears that HTS-based propul-

sion systems are the next generational improvement in marine propulsion systems. Naval architects can now begin to translate these propulsion system improvements into increased profitability for ship owners and operators.

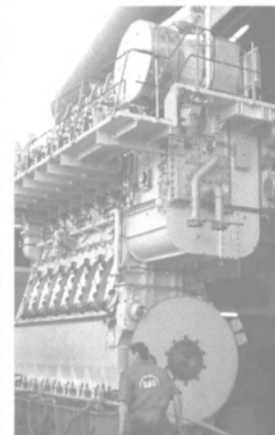
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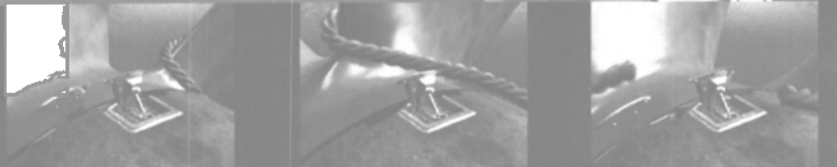
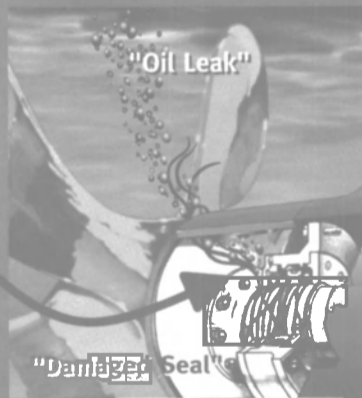
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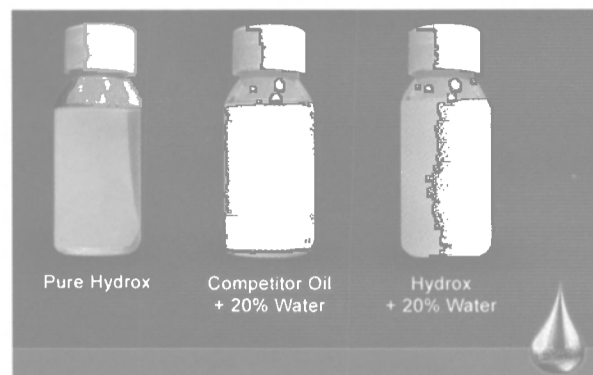
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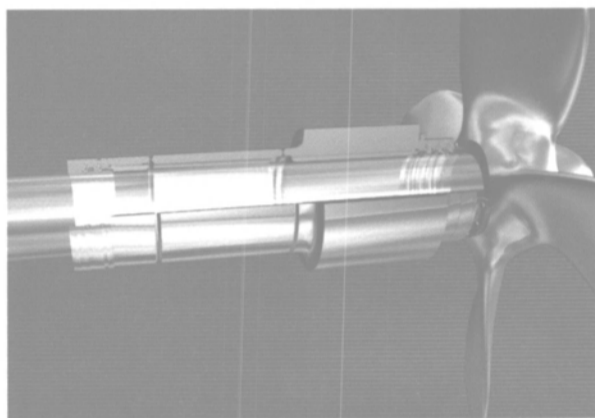
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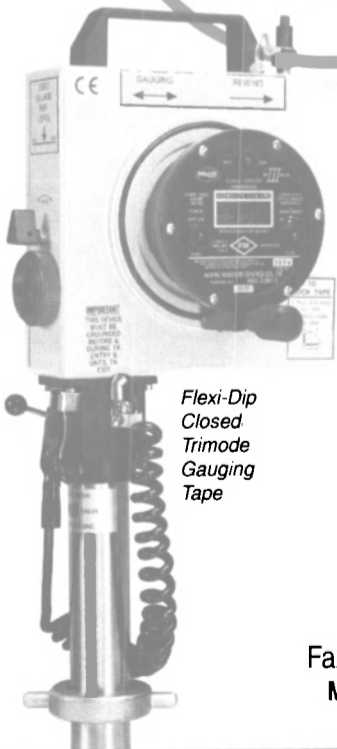
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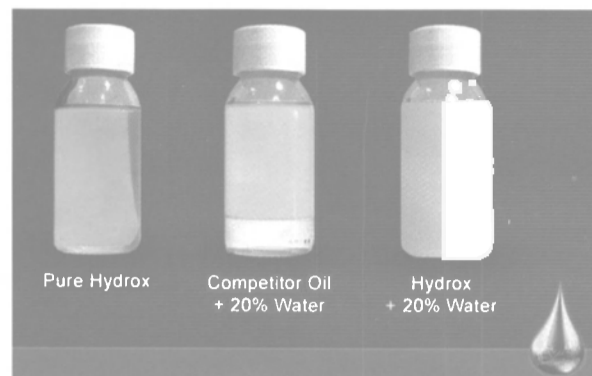


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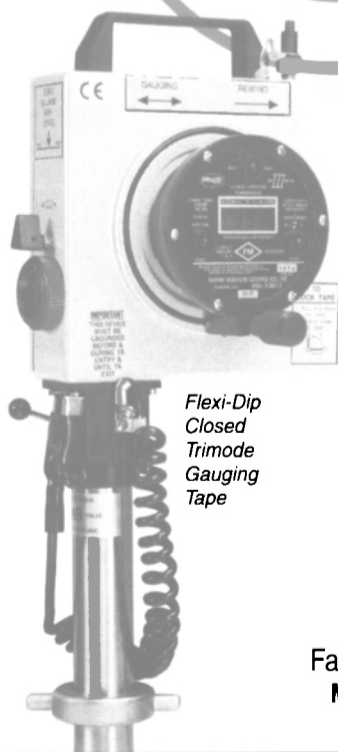
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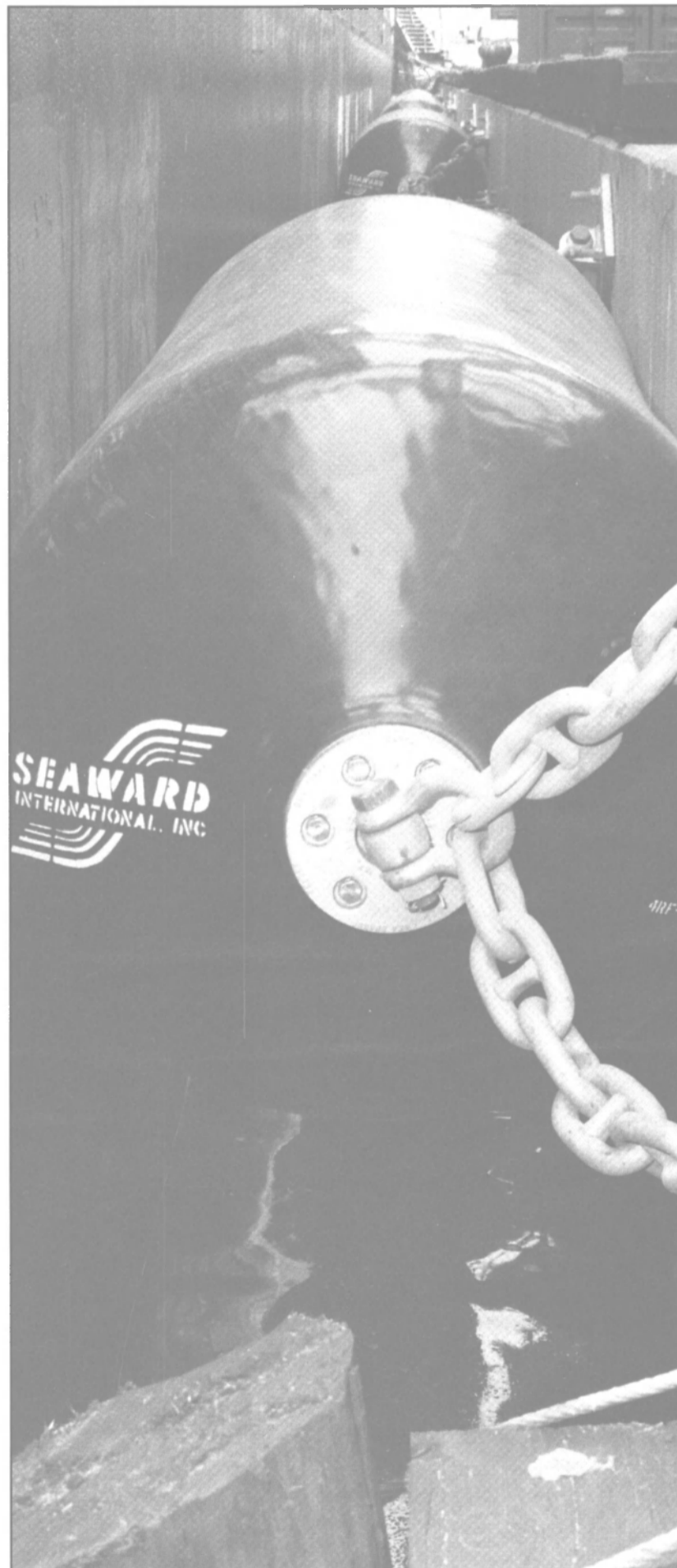
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# The New Hunter/Gatherers

In its search for sea mines, the Remote Minehunting Vehicle (RMV) tows a variable depth sensor (VDS) containing four sonars. The combined sonar coverage enables the VDS to detect bottom, close-tethered and moored mines along its search track. The RMV also features a forward-looking sonar by which to detect and avoid moored mines. The RMV sends back contact data to the host ship via radio link from atop its mast.

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## *U.S. Navy's Unmanned Mine Reconnaissance System Will Provide Organic Mine Countermeasures Capability*

By Frans Jurgens, freelance defense writer

The concept that a naval task force operating in littoral waters can detect underwater mines using remotely controlled unmanned vehicles is on the verge of being realized.

In Syracuse, N.Y., where Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics & Surveillance Systems (NE&SS) division has been developing just such a mine reconnaissance system for the USN, confidence is high that requirements have been met or exceeded.

In Pascagoula, Miss., Ingalls Shipbuilding is constructing USS Pinckney, the first of 11 Arleigh-Burke class guided missile destroyers (DDGs) whose mission will include this mine countermeasures (MCM) capability. By late 2003, the new ship will take delivery of a mine reconnaissance system that will change the way the USN thinks about and conducts what it calls "organic" or "assigned" (i.e. on-board) mine warfare.

The system to be carried by each Flight IIA DDG is designated AN/WLD-1(V)1. Its principal component is a 23-ft. (7m) semi-submersible, semi-autonomous

Remote Minehunting Vehicle (RMV) that tows an advanced variable depth sensor (VDS) whose purpose is to detect, classify, localize and identify moored and bottom mines. The RMV can operate over the horizon from its host ship, sending back mine contact data and obstacle avoidance video imagery via radio link.

But WLD-1 is not an isolated phenomenon. It is one of seven organic MCM (OMCM) programs currently under development for the USN. By 2005, these permanently assigned OMCM capabilities will begin extending the combat systems reach of carrier battle groups — and later, potentially, amphibious ready groups. These systems will integrate with the sensors and weapons of ships, helicopters and submarines to enable minefield reconnaissance, minehunting, minesweeping and, if necessary, clearance of the mine threat to enable a limited breakthrough ability.

The effect of the organic MCM approach is to mainstream mine warfare in the U.S. Navy from a domain for specialists to a basic skill for all naval warfighters.

### **The Case for Organic**

On the morning of February 18, 1991, in the northern Persian Gulf, the amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli struck a Pattern 1908 contact mine. The explosion ripped a 20 x 30-ft. hole in the ship's hull on her starboard bow and injured four sailors.

Hours later, the USS Princeton, a guided missile cruiser, detonated an Italian-made MRP acoustic mine lying on the seabed. The gas bubble from the explosion spread underneath the ship's keel transferring large volumes of energy into the structure. While not holed, 80 percent of the structural strength of the ship was compromised.

Since the beginning of the Cold War, at least 12 other Navy ships also have been casualties of mines, most during the Korean conflict. The worst mine incident occurred in 1988 during the Gulf Tanker War when the frigate Samuel B. Roberts nearly sank after striking an Iranian SADAF-02 contact mine. Although the mine cost just \$1,500, the explosion caused nearly \$96 million in damages.

Since 1950, the Navy has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to repair ship damage caused by mines each costing only a few thousand dollars. Furthermore, most of the affected ships were out of action for months. Countering asymmetric warfare of this kind would require transformational thinking, strategies and assets.

Already by 1991, changes in world geopolitics were shifting the focus of operations of the Navy forward-deployed forces from the open ocean to the littorals where mines are prevalent. Littoral waters, by definition, range from the shoreline out to water depths of

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The 13,000-lb RMV is launched using a davit that extends just beyond the ship's hull and lowers the vehicle into the water. Retrieval is the same procedure in reverse. At pre-programmed GPS coordinates, or on command from the host ship, the RMV can deploy and retrieve its variable depth sonar (shown as the white attachment with red fins under the RMV). The RMV is the principal component of the AN/WLD-1(V)1 Remote Minehunting System - to be deployed on U.S. Navy Arleigh-Burke class destroyers in 2005.

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600 ft. At issue is the need by carrier and amphibious groups to dominate the littoral space, whether to project power or protect maritime shipping. Unrestricted access to, and maneuverability within, a littoral region's narrow and constricted geographic area are crucial if Navy and allied forces are to prevail.

Mines therefore cannot become showstoppers. In addition to executing other missions, ships captains and fleet commanders need to gain quickly the knowledge of the mine threat without having to wait for the arrival of dedicated MCM ships.

From this awareness evolved not only the need for improved MCM forces in the Navy as a whole, but also the more novel solution of battle group ships deploying their own MCM assets. For while forward-deployment of a limited number of dedicated minehunting and minesweeping ships in the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf reduces the time to respond, the thinking is that any delay is unacceptable for many likely contingencies.

The new thinking around organic mine countermeasures was spelled out for the first time in 1995 when the Chief of Naval Operations drew up a concept of operations for organic offboard mine reconnaissance. It coincided with the ever-increasing threat to maritime and naval shipping from mines. The fourth edition (2001) of the U.S. Naval Mine Warfare Plan notes that the "number of countries with mines, mining assets, mine manufacturing capabilities, and the intention to export mines has grown dramatically in the past decade. More than 50 countries currently possess mines and mining capabilities, a 40 percent increase since 1986. Of these, at least 30 countries have demonstrated a mine production capability, and 20 have attempted to export these weapons."

### Evolution of A Remote Minehunter

The evolution of a Remote Minehunting System

(RMS) prior to WLD-1 dates back to the early 1990s when the USN began exploring options for mine reconnaissance from surface combatants.

A vehicle initially developed for hydrographic survey in the 1980s by Rockwell International was used by the Naval Surface Warfare Center to prove initial hydrodynamics, telemetry and the concept of towing a VDS behind a remotely operated vehicle. By 1994, the Navy had developed the first RMS prototype, which demonstrated mine reconnaissance using a VDS winch and pylon welded to the RMV's belly. Though launch and recovery was from shore, command and control was demonstrated from a military van aboard a Spruance class destroyer.

In 1996, the same prototype system vehicle was launched and recovered from another destroyer using a modified gravity davit. Later, in January 1997, during exercises in the Arabian Gulf, the system successfully detected, classified and localized training mines from the destroyer USS Cushing. Extensive at-sea Builder's Trails following in late 1998 showed the RMV could travel with full stability at speeds greater than 10 knots. Stability was a key USN requirement. A smooth riding RMV and VDS under water is crucial to eliminate the

The communications mast is the only feature visible above the water surface of the U.S. Navy's Remote Minehunting Vehicle (RMV), currently in the final stages of testing at Lockheed Martin. The RMV searches for sea mines by deploying and towing a variable depth sensor along a pre-programmed search track.

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equivalent of camera shake, which otherwise would return fuzzy sensor imagery. In 1999, Lockheed Martin was awarded the WLD-1 design and development (Phase I) contract. Critical Item Tests begun in the summer of 2000 validated higher speeds, shipboard launch and recovery in varying sea states, and important RMV design characteristics, including control surfaces, stability/controllability algorithms, propulsor blade attachments and radiated noise measurements. Shore based RMV control and operations also were validated. A final series of tests in the winter of 2001-02 showed the RMV has the speed and endurance to perform with the VDS in both hull mount and towed modes, and can deploy and retrieve the VDS while underway. Company officials say these tests cumulatively paved the way for a successful Critical Design Review in December 2001.

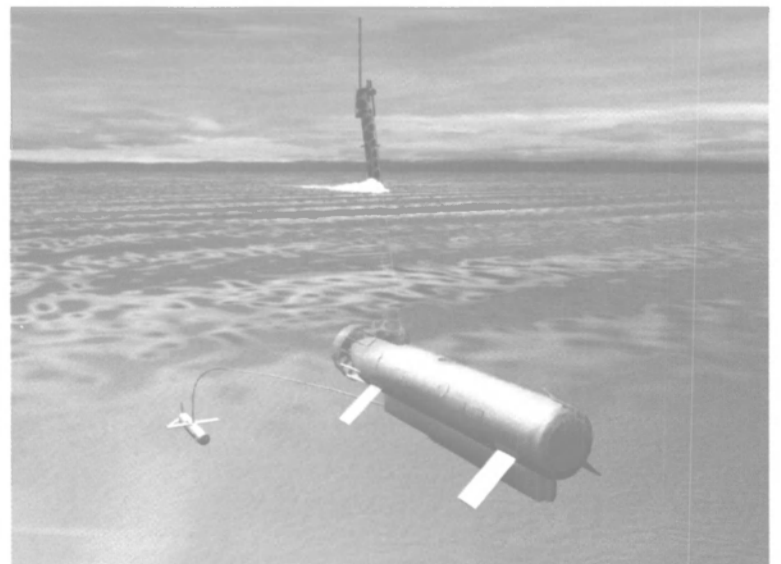
### Concept of Operations

When a WLD-1 equipped destroyer enters a littoral zone where sea mines are suspected, mission planners will divide an area to be searched into sectors, and assign 'waypoints' to define the search track. The search area could be within line-of-site of the host ship or over the horizon. Waypoints (as determined by GPS coordinates) are programmed into the RMV before launch using the Mine Warfare Environment Decision Aids Library (MEDAL) system. Once a waypoint is reached, the RMV autonomously initiates pre-programmed commands, such as speed and course changes or VDS deployment and retrieval.

The 13,000-lb RMV is launched via an overboarding davit that extends just beyond the ship's hull. After the mast is raised and communications established, the davit lowers the RMV into the water. A sailor on the host ship uses a remote operator pack strapped to his waist to pilot the RMV far enough away from the ship's hull until the sonar operator can take control.

With its powerful Cummins diesel marine engine, the RMV transits just beneath the surface at sustained speeds in excess of 16 knots with only a few feet of mast extending above the water line. The RMV may conduct mine reconnaissance with its VDS hull mounted in shallow water, or automatically deploy the VDS at a programmed waypoint. The sonar search is conducted at speeds up to 12 knots.

A common sensor with the Airborne MCM community, Raytheon's AQS-20 VDS employs four different sonars (ahead-look, volume search, side-look and gap filler) to detect, localize and classify bottom, close-tethered and moored mines. Contacts classified by sonar-processing algorithms as 'mine-like' can be positively identified using the VDS' high-resolution elec-



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Sensor data and obstacle avoidance video imagery returned by the RMV via line-of-sight or over the horizon data links are monitored by a sonar operator using the host ship's AN/UYQ-70 sonar console, which links with ship's AN/SQQ-89 undersea warfare system. Image data is also stored in the RMV's on-board recorder for post mission analysis. Until recovered (approximately 24 hours or more later), or when commanded otherwise, the RMV will independently perform mine reconnaissance across the designated search area, allowing the host ship to conduct other operations. If necessary, the operator can use the console to manually adjust the RMV's course and speed while it searches for mines.

If an emergent threat to the host ship (a submarine for instance) requires use of the sonar consoles while the RMV is searching for mines, the ship's CO can command the RMV to continue autonomously, direct it to a new rendezvous point, or power down the system to "station keeping/sleep mode" until reactivated.

### Multi Mission Capabilities

While the USN may be alone in its requirement for

an organic approach to littoral mine reconnaissance, the applications for WLD-1 as a platform for multi-mission tasking are extensive and varied.

First to mind is its supplemental use as an intelligence collection device close in shore where it is more difficult to deploy a submarine. Lockheed Martin is currently evaluating the system's potential for Naval Coastal Warfare, Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism applications. Such shallow water missions would complement maritime coastal defense, as well as protection of ports, harbors and anchorages. Using the RMV with its VDS, regional defense forces could conduct active anti-submarine warfare (ASW) operations. Seabed mapping, Q-route surveying and shallow water battlespace profiling are other obvious applications. As a surface surveillance data collector close to shore, the RMV mast could be outfitted with high-resolution optical sensors, such as low-level light cameras, infrared sensors, and surface search radar.

The RMV could become a low-risk platform to collect communications, signal and electronic intelligence. It could fill in any coverage gaps by other collectors, such as submarines or satellites. The RMV could also serve as a communications relay between surface craft, other UVs and command centers. Future variants of WLD-1 may feature a lighter, smaller RMV with automated launch and recovery, increased sensor area coverage rate, and enhanced obstacle avoidance features. In many cases, the system would be launched from a pier or ship of opportunity, with data fed to a portable command and control van on shore.

### Fleet Introduction and Acceptance

Fleet introduction of WLD-1(V)1 will occur after new tactical doctrine has been approved,

and the system tested at sea by a DDG91 ship's company in 2004-5. Lessons learned from those tests will determine the best ways to incorporate WLD-1 operations and procedures for follow-on ships without adversely impacting their primary mission.

Arguably the biggest near-term challenge is to overcome ships captains' and fleet commanders' concern about having the system on board, particularly given the traditional reliance on dedicated minehunters to perform MCM.

Complementary to that goal is the need to train personnel to become expert in the technical, tactical and operational role of organic mine warfare.

On paper at least, a good indication of the evolving mindset toward mine countermeasures of the future is how the USN uses terminology. Already the term "organic" is giving way to the term "assigned" - the latter term implying greater permanency. So too the term "dedicated" as applied to fixed mine warfare forces, such as minehunting ships, is being replaced by the term "supporting" - as in supporting carrier and amphibious groups that will find and neutralize mines with their own "assigned" MCM assets.

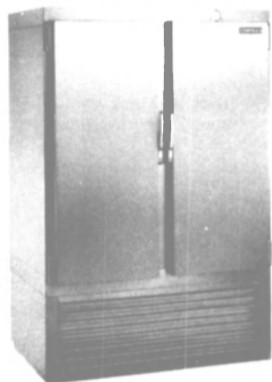
Ultimately, operational success, not terminology, will convince COs of WLD-1's viability in battle conditions. But just as unmanned airborne vehicles have become indispensable battle tools, so too will unmanned semi-submersible vehicles like the RMV. The success of unmanned aerial vehicles in Afghanistan, and calls by President George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld for more "transforming technologies," should ensure WLD-1 gets top-level support.

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## San Diego Shipyard Wins Ship Repair Contract

United Defense Industries, Inc. announced that the U.S. Navy's award to Southwest Marine (SWM) of the advanced planning segment of the contract for dry docking and pier side work on the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57), a Ticonderoga-class Aegis cruiser home-ported in San Diego. Southwest Marine is a member of United States Marine Repair, Inc. (USMR), which was acquired by United Defense last month.

The advanced planning segment of the contract is valued at \$518,484. With funded options, the total contract value is in excess of \$12 million. SWM is the prime contractor and has teamed with National Steel and Shipbuilding Company and Continental Maritime of San Diego to perform the work. The ship is scheduled to arrive at SWM on September

18, 2002, and work is expected to be completed on November 20, 2002.

## Keppel Offshore and Marine Units Win Contracts

Keppel Corporation Limited, through its offshore and marine units in Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd (Keppel O&M), has clinched contracts worth a total of \$41 million from repeat customers.

Three contracts over \$28 million are for the upgrades of jack-up rig Ensco 81 and barge drilling unit Ensco 1 from Ensco Offshore Company (ENSCO), and swamp barge Maera from PT Apexindo Pratama Duta, an Indonesian drilling contractor. Another contract is for a new Anchor Handling Tug/Supply (AHTS) vessel for Pacific Richfield Marine Pte Ltd, owner and operator of OSVs in the Asia and Pacific region.

## U.S. Navy Awards \$2.8M Contract To GD

The U.S. Navy has awarded Electric Boat a \$2.8 million contract to perform planning work for maintenance on the USS Toledo (SSN-769). Electric Boat is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics. Under the terms of the contract, Electric Boat will immediately begin advanced planning for a 60-day maintenance period known as a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). The SRA is scheduled to start at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton in April 2003.

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# Interactive Format for Repair and Conversion's Main Event



Product launches, company presentations and discussion-based conference and workshop formats will underline a "hands on" theme at Shiprepair & Conversion 2002, the 11th anniversary of the industry's leading trade fair which takes place in London's Grand Hall, Olympia, on November 27-28.

Innovations prompted by feedback from last year's show — which attracted more than 2,500 visitors and 300 exhibitors from 45 countries — include a fully-equipped presentation/demonstration area and a debate-led conference program, with delegate fees set at just \$192 to provide value for money and broaden participation.

### An Exhibition For All Seasons

Marine consultancy British Maritime Technology (stand C23) is using the presentation facility to host a briefing on its expanded surveying capability — the company has acquired P De Beer & Co — and the creation of a new business unit handling reliability, risk and safety management.

On stand B27, Furmanite will feature its new Scitech portable spark erosion kit, which enables stud removal on-site despite restricted headroom or very tough materials. The process was used recently when a cylinder head stud broke on P&O Stena's Provence, the job being completed within 24 hours while the ferry was in transit.

Cargo equipment specialist MacGregor Group (F26) is exhibiting conversion and upgrading products including Flexipad hatch cover bearings. Among latest retrofits, some 574 pads were installed on P&O Nedlloyd's 1992-built 4,230 teu containership Jervis Bay in June.

ABB Ltd (F38) is unveiling the TPS-F33 turbocharger series for diesel and gas engines, which is interchangeable with the current TPS-D/E series and offers increased pressure ratios and flow capacity via an aluminium alloy com-

pressor wheel. Meanwhile Simplex-Turbulo (E16) is promoting its new diesel services division, CD92 heavy fuel oil micronising unit and, as UK agents, a Nimonic valve remanufacturing service launched by Markisches Werk Halver.

First-time exhibitor Whessoe Europe/Total Automation (C15) will launch its portable level/temperature oil-water interface instrument and European service facility. Bond Instrumentation (G34) is marketing new alarm, monitoring and control systems while Atlantis Marine (H9) is introducing the VideoRay ROV underwater inspection system and Nauticast X-pack AIS transponder, a new SOLAS solution.

Survival Inspectorate (G25) will present its new DNV approved Safelaunch lifeboat release hook with a working model and video presentation highlighting three key design features which minimise accidental release.

Among shiprepairers promoting new facilities, A&P Group (D3) is featuring its recently acquired Aberdeen, Birkenhead (Mersey) and Hebburn (Tyne) yards, which increase its U.K. drydock total from eight to 14. The new yards will also offer the A&P Shipcare afloat repairs service available at the existing Tyne, Falmouth and Southampton yards and five smaller facilities.

Northwestern Shiprepairers (C5), which started trading at six Merseyside sites in June last year, will focus on a major investment programme providing new workshop facilities, craneage and general infrastructure improvements at Bidston and Canada drydocks.

The 2002-3 Owners Guide to UK Yards will be available from the Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers Association (G5) together with case studies from its R&D and MasterClass yard improvement projects.

### Discussion Forum for Industry's Hot Topics

Like previous events, the Shiprepair & Conversion 2002 conference will feature leading figures from yards, agents, owners, managers, classification societies and suppliers - but in a major change of emphasis, their input will be to set the scene for a series of debates open to full delegate participation.

The opening State of the Industry session will range from market demand to yard survival strategies, followed by debates on repair and conversion issues including yard selection, extras, customer satisfaction, riding crews, safety, on-site supervision, regulatory bodies, skilled manpower shortages and the use of sub-contractors.

Day two starts with maintenance debates covering coatings, corrosion, costings, methods, technologies, spares supply and planned maintenance. The concluding debates will focus on shipyard issues — setting up a new yard, alliances, improving performance, safety and risk, environmental standards and legal liabilities.

### One-Day Workshop Wraps Up Contract Negotiation

In addition to the conference, a pre-conference workshop on negotiating for newbuilding, conversion and repair contracts is being held at the Hilton London Olympia on November 26. This one-day intensive workshop will examine the key issues and differences in all aspects of contract negotiation from both owner and shipyard perspectives.

Full exhibition, conference and workshop, organised by Lloyd's List Events are available on the event website - [www.shiprepair.com](http://www.shiprepair.com) - which includes booking information and on-line registration. Stand space can also be reserved via **Mark Lewis** on Tel +44 (0)20 7553 1732.

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Matson's new 2,600-TEU containership being built at Kvaerner Philadelphia.

In addition, to the traditional display of the newest industry wares in the exhibition hall, SNAME 2002 will also feature a technical program featuring the most innovative developments in shipbuilding and ship design, as well as a new program on the hot topic of the times - maritime security. This new seminar will cover the need, as well as what steps need to be taken by the maritime industry to hinder potential terrorist attacks and/or threats.

The Exposition also includes the 2002 Ship Production Symposium, which is supported through research from a variety of groups, including the National Shipbuilding Research Program Advanced Enterprise (NSRP ASE). Coupled with the exposition and meeting, the Symposium aims to support the progression of U.S. Shipyards - both on the commercial and naval sides.

Regarding the technical program, featured discussions include Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, which will review the principles and development of lines drawing, ship hydrostatics and longitudinal strength. The Maritime Security Forum held on Thursday, September 26, will consist of two panels of experts that will discuss Maritime Security and the Design of Ships, and Maritime Security and the Operation of Ships.

A variety of papers will also be presented on: "A Risk-Based Compliance for Engineering Systems," by **Robb C. Wilcox** and **Bilal M. Ayyub**; "A Marine Forensic Analysis of the HMS Hood and the DKM Bismarck," by **William Jurens**, **William H. Garzke, Jr.**, **Robert O. Dulin, Jr.**, **John Roberts** and **Richard P. Fiske**; and "Joint Seakeeping Response Processes for Determining Structural Loads," by **Bruce L. Hutchison**.

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Marine consultancy British Maritime Technology (stand C23) is using the presentation facility to host a briefing on its expanded surveying capability — the company has acquired P De Beer & Co — and the creation of a new business unit handling reliability, risk and safety management.

On stand B27, Furmanite will feature its new Scitech portable spark erosion kit, which enables stud removal on-site despite restricted headroom or very tough materials. The process was used recently when a cylinder head stud broke on P&O Stena's Provence, the job being completed within 24 hours while the ferry was in transit.

Cargo equipment specialist MacGregor Group (F26) is exhibiting conversion and upgrading products including Flexipad hatch cover bearings. Among latest retrofits, some 574 pads were installed on P&O Nedlloyd's 1992-built 4,230 teu containership Jervis Bay in June.

ABB Ltd (F38) is unveiling the TPS-F33 turbocharger series for diesel and gas engines, which is interchangeable with the current TPS-D/E series and offers increased pressure ratios and flow capacity via an aluminium alloy com-

pressor wheel. Meanwhile Simplex-Turbulo (E16) is promoting its new diesel services division, CD92 heavy fuel oil micronising unit and, as UK agents, a Nimonic valve remanufacturing service launched by Markisches Werk Halver.

First-time exhibitor Whessoe Europe/Total Automation (C15) will launch its portable level/temperature oil-water interface instrument and European service facility. Bond Instrumentation (G34) is marketing new alarm, monitoring and control systems while Atlantas Marine (H9) is introducing the VideoRay ROV underwater inspection system and Nauticast X-pack AIS transponder, a new SOLAS solution.

Survival Inspectorate (G25) will present its new DNV approved Safelaunch lifeboat release hook with a working model and video presentation highlighting three key design features which minimise accidental release.

Among shiprepairers promoting new facilities, A&P Group (D3) is featuring its recently acquired Aberdeen, Birkenhead (Mersey) and Hebburn (Tyne) yards, which increase its U.K. drydock total from eight to 14. The new yards will also offer the A&P Shipcare afloat repairs service available at the existing Tyne, Falmouth and Southampton yards and five smaller facilities.

Northwestern Shiprepairers (C5), which started trading at six Merseyside sites in June last year, will focus on a major investment programme providing new workshop facilities, craneage and general infrastructure improvements at Bidston and Canada drydocks.

The 2002-3 Owners Guide to UK Yards will be available from the Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers Association (G5) together with case studies from its R&D and MasterClass yard improvement projects.

### Discussion Forum for Industry's Hot Topics

Like previous events, the Shiprepair & Conversion 2002 conference will feature leading figures from yards, agents, owners, managers, classification societies and suppliers — but in a major change of emphasis, their input will be to set the scene for a series of debates open to full delegate participation.

The opening State of the Industry session will range from market demand to yard survival strategies, followed by debates on repair and conversion issues including yard selection, extras, customer satisfaction, riding crews, safety, on-site supervision, regulatory bodies, skilled manpower shortages and the use of sub-contractors.

Day two starts with maintenance debates covering coatings, corrosion, costings, methods, technologies, spares supply and planned maintenance. The concluding debates will focus on shipyard issues — setting up a new yard, alliances, improving performance, safety and risk, environmental standards and legal liabilities.

### One-Day Workshop Wraps Up Contract Negotiation

In addition to the conference, a pre-conference workshop on negotiating for newbuilding, conversion and repair contracts is being held at the Hilton London Olympia on November 26. This one-day intensive workshop will examine the key issues and differences in all aspects of contract negotiation from both owner and shipyard perspectives.

Full exhibition, conference and workshop, organised by Lloyd's List Events are available on the event website — [www.shiprepair.com](http://www.shiprepair.com) — which includes booking information and on-line registration. Stand space can also be reserved via Mark Lewis on Tel +44 (0)20 7553 1732.

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## New England's Fall Foliage Is Setting For SNAME 2002

This year's SNAME Annual Meeting and International Maritime Exposition blends the big city atmosphere of Boston's diverse culture and history with New England maritime history. The event will be held at the Westin Copley Place in Boston from Tuesday, September 24 - Friday, September 27. The exhibition, will bring together professionals from all corners of the maritime world, from both the technical and business sides.



Matson's new 2,600-TEU containership being built at Kvaerner Philadelphia.

In addition, to the traditional display of the newest industry wares in the exhibition hall, SNAME 2002 will also feature a technical program featuring the most innovative developments in shipbuilding and ship design, as well as a new program on the hot topic of the times — maritime security. This new seminar will cover the need, as well as what steps need to be taken by the maritime industry to hinder potential terrorist attacks and/or threats.

The Exposition also includes the 2002 Ship Production Symposium, which is supported through research from a variety of groups, including the National Shipbuilding Research Program Advanced Enterprise (NSRP ASE). Coupled with the exposition and meeting, the Symposium aims to support the progression of U.S. Shipyards — both on the commercial and naval sides.

Regarding the technical program, featured discussions include Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, which will review the principles and development of lines drawing, ship hydrostatics and longitudinal strength. The Maritime Security Forum held on Thursday, September 26, will consist of two panels of experts that will discuss Maritime Security and the Design of Ships, and Maritime Security and the Operation of Ships.

A variety of papers will also be presented on: "A Risk-Based Compliance for Engineering Systems," by Robb C. Wilcox and Bilal M. Ayyub; "A Marine Forensic Analysis of the HMS Hood and the DKM Bismarck," by William Jurens, William H. Garzke, Jr., Robert O. Dulin, Jr., John Roberts and Richard P. Fiske; and "Joint Seakeeping Response Processes for Determining Structural Loads," by Bruce L. Hutchison.

For further information, or to exhibit, please contact: Susan Giver, exposition manager, SNAME, 601 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306. tel: (201) 798-4800 or (412) 741-0995; e-mail: [sgiver@sname.org](mailto:sgiver@sname.org).

## Fleet Privatizations Expected Soon For Lithuanian Companies

Following are financial details of a planned fleet privatization in Lithuania. **JSC Klaipeda Transport Fleet (KTF)** ([www.transfleet.lt](http://www.transfleet.lt)) is one of the largest Lithuanian shipping companies, whose principal activities are transportation of refrigerated cargo by sea and lease of sea transport vessels. The authorized capital of the company as of December 31, 2001 amounted to about \$38.4 million. KTF owns and operates 16 small- and medium-sized cargo reefers. The main cargo handled by the company includes frozen fish, meat, chicken, butter, fruits and vegetables. The capacity of KTF's vessels is from 85,000 to 470,000 cu. ft., the average capacity — 189,000 cu. ft. The total capacity of the fleet is 85,664 cu. m. According to this class of vessels, the company's fleet is the fourth largest fleet in the world. The main foreign competitors include Seatrade (U.S.), East Wind (U.S.), GRL (Global Reefer Transport, Great Britain) and other smaller companies. The company is a shareholder in the Germany-based vessel chartering company Alpha Reefer Transport with 20 percent share in this company.

**JSC Lithuanian Shipping Company (LSC)** was established on June 27, 2001, following the reorganization of JSC Lithuanian Shipping Company (LISCO) by splitting it into two business entities: LISCO and LSC. The authorized capital of the company as of December 31, 2001, amounted to \$57.3 million. At the end of 2001, after the reorganization, LSC owned 19 vessels (169.4 thousand DWT). In 2002, the company bought two more vessels (19,300 DWT). The main foreign LSC's competitors are Baltic and Scandinavian shipping companies. *Rutkauskas, Skyrius & Partners, a consulting firm in Vilnius, Lithuania, invites all parties interested in participation in privatisation to submit their Expression of Interest. The privatisation process is planned to start in October-November 2002. Contact person: Rimvydas Skyrius; E-mail: [rspconsult@takas.lt](mailto:rspconsult@takas.lt); tel: +370-5-212 30 15, +370-5-212 28 08; fax: +370-2-62 38 66.*

Table 1 Main features of the vessels of KTF			
Name	Year built	Capacity	Speed
SEDA	1985	470000	15.5
IGNALINA	1983	466000	15.5
SEAFROST	1993	255000	15.5
ARGO	1985	181000	15.5
SATURNAS	1982	156000	13
VEGA	1982	153000	14.5
TUKANAS	1982	149000	14
PEGASAS	1980	137000	12
ORIONAS	1979	130000	13.5
PLUTONAS	1979	120000	13
RAMBYNAS	1985	107000	13
ZALGIRIS	1985	107000	13
LYRA	1991	237000	14.5
KASTYTIS	1978	85000	12.5
JUPITERIS	1978	85000	12.5
MARSAS	1989	189000	14.5

Table 2 Main features of the vessels of LSC			
Ship name	Year built	DWT	Use
Daina	1998	5,423	Dry cargo
Audre	1997	5,423	
Akville	1997	5,423	
Asta	1996	5,423	
Algirdas	1991	4,160	General cargo
Mindaugas	1992	4,160	
Voke	1990	5,985	
Musa	1993	4,480	
Veljuona	1973	4,054	
Medininkai	1974	4,054	
Kreva	1974	4,054	
Kap. Kaminskis	1978	14,632	Bulk cargo
Kap. Stulpinas	1981	14,550	
Kap. Simkus	1976	14,632	
Kap. Serafinas	1980	14,550	
Kap. Andzejauskas	1978	14,550	
Kap. Marcinkus	1977	14,632	
Kap. A. Lucka	1980	14,550	
Kap. Domeika	1979	14,632	
Staris*	1985	9,650	Dry cargo
Svilas*	1985	9,650	

\* - vessels were purchased in 2002

Key data on KTF's performance		
Financial indices (mil.LTL)		
	Dec. 31 '00	Dec. 31 '01
Assets	170,209	169,236
Sales and services	71,035	80,060
Total profit	11,405	9,482
Operational costs	4,999	5,117
Operational profit	6,406	4,365
Net profit	10,899	4,034

Financial indices (mil.LTL)	
	2001.12.31
Assets	305.2
Sales and services	46.87

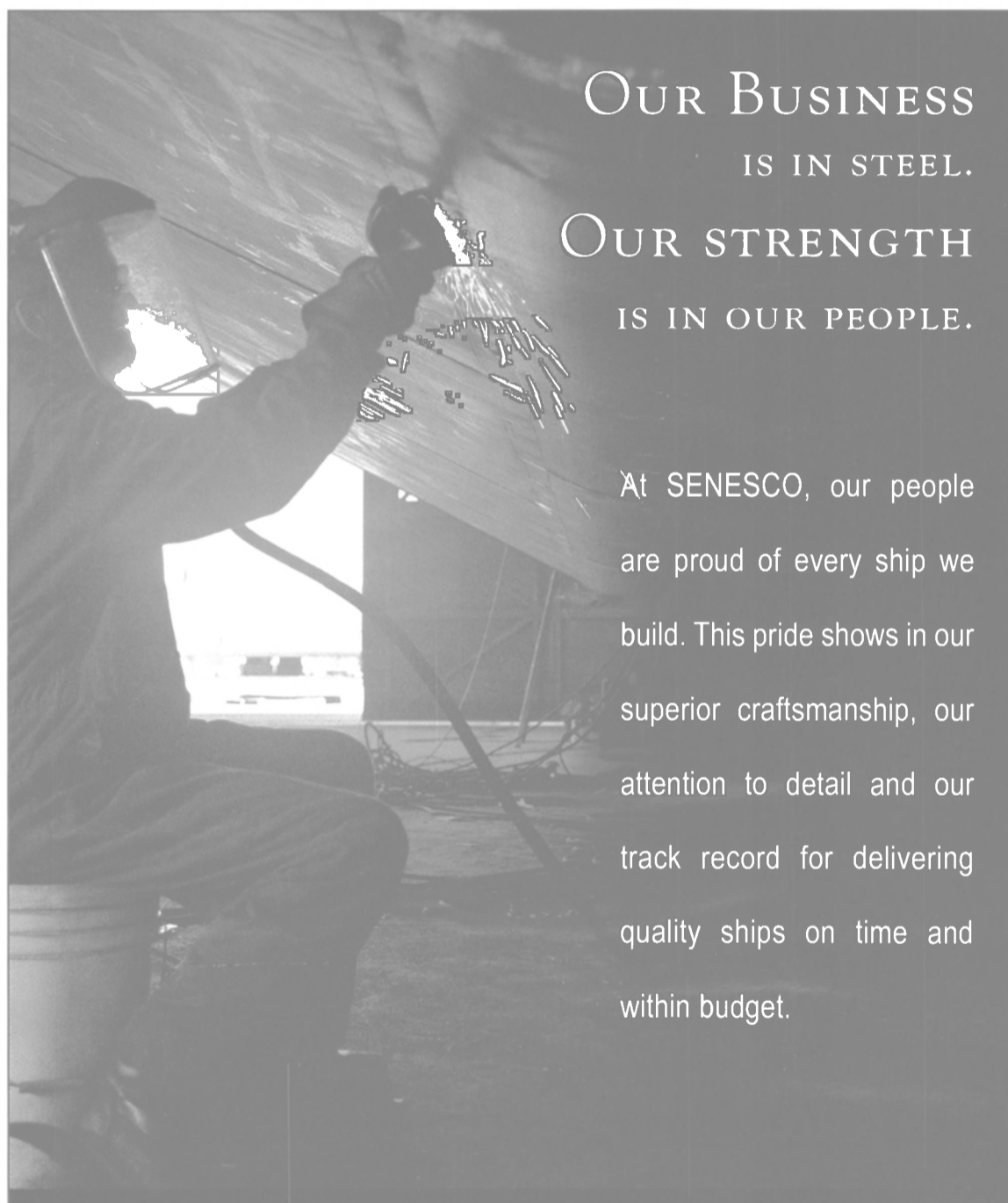


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# Halter is Back

Anil Raj, president and COO of Halter Marine, in many ways embodies the company for which he has worked for the last 15 years. Joining as the Director, Engineering, Production Controls and Procurement in 1987, Raj has relied on a solid technical foundation, first to help establish and continue the compa-

ny's reputation as one of the world's most prolific builders of ships and boats, and second to help the company hang on — to customers as well as key technical and production staff, as the company navigated the tumultuous environs following its Chapter 11 filing of April 2001. Despite well-chronicled skepticism, Halter today sits on the verge of a remarkable rebound that could again make it a ubiquitous presence in both commercial and military marine construction.

— by Greg Trauthwein

"Every adversity has a blessing," Raj said. While he readily admits that the period of Chapter 11 "has not been kind to the company," he revels in the fact that Halter Marine has, since its Chapter 11 filing delivered more than \$250 million worth of vessels and won contracts, which including options are worth more than \$275 million. While this level is a far cry from the amount of business conducted pre-Chapter 11 filing, he believes it a strong indicator of the company's willingness and ability to continue despite the financial problems, problems brought on primarily by drain on cash liquidity due to two bad contracts not associated to Halter, the vessel business unit of Friede Goldman Halter.

"At the time of the filing, the company had barely enough cash to meet two week's payroll and no credit line," Raj said. "The dedicated employees rallied around the need to find a solution. For some time prior to the filing the company's liquidity problem made it difficult to get materials to contracts. This caused the progress on the contracts to slow down. The resultant lack of progress and collection of milestone payments from customers further aggravated the liquidity problem. Immediately after filing, with no line of credit, we had to figure out how to "prime" this cash pump. We made some strategic decisions on how to do this combined with customer and supplier support, helped to put the company in a position where it actually started to accumulate cash."

The massive 40-ft. bowthruster tube for Logistic Support Vessel (LSV) under construction at Halter Moss Point. This contract was one that was instrumental in ensuring a steady workflow at the company during the reorganization.



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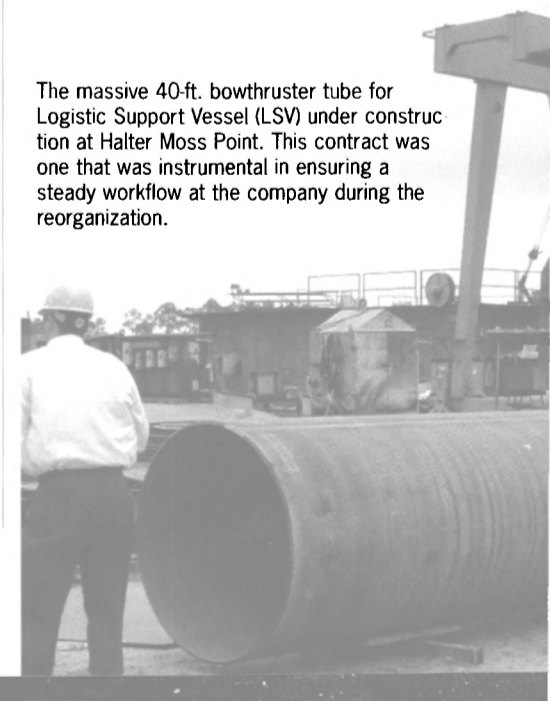
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Anil Raj, Halter Marine's president and COO

Raj points out that the sale was also approved by the Presidential Committee for Foreign Investment in the U.S. VT Systems, spear headed by a retired U.S. Army four-star General. **John Coburn**, it also has aerospace operations in Mobile, Alabama, San Antonio, and Dallas, Texas. ST Engineering is a diversified company with extensions in marine, land, aerospace and electronics.

The Halter Marine acquisition is, in essence, the company's marine business in the U.S. While final plans regarding strategies for the former Halter Marine (to now be known as VT Halter) are yet set, Raj stated that it will be treated as an autonomous business unit from the Singapore unit. VT Halter intends to keep substantially all Halter personnel at the time of closing. This includes the man-

agement, technical personnel and production workers of Halter Marine.

**Pride Restored**

Bankruptcy humbles, to put it simply, and while the company retains a solid technical core and a reference list of more than 2,700 vessels, job one will be to re-instill the confidence and swagger that helped lead Halter to the mount

While the last couple of years have been little reason to celebrate for Halter, the fact that Raj and staff are still in Halter's Gulfport, Miss., offices, which is a veritable museum of vessels built over the last four decades, a testament to the nearly 3,000 built by the company since started by **Harold Halter** in 1951 (see related story on page 70), is accomplishment in itself. At the time of *Maritime Reporter's* visit, the company was close to the close of the deal, which would make Vision Technologies Kinetics, Inc. (VTK), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ST Engineering, the new owner of Halter Marine. VTK's \$66 million winning bid gives it Halter Pascagoula, Halter Moss Point, Moss Point Marine, Halter Port Bienville, Halter Lockport and Halter Gulfport East, including the Corporate HQ and Gulfport Central. VTK is actually a unit within VT Systems. It is a unit that has DoD approval to conduct military work for the U.S. Considering Halter's federal contracts, it was decided to structure the acquisition in this manner. "When you have a foreign company, which owns a U.S. company doing military work, there is a well-defined structure to put up a firewall and maintain security," Raj said.

VT Kinetics has a U.S. DoD approved Special Security Agreement and necessary clearances to do classified work.



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## Company Profile

many years ago. Raj said that a number of owners withheld orders during the past year and a half due to the bankruptcy proceedings and the uncertain future of the company. He said that a good number of customers stayed the course, signing letters of intent, which turn into contracts once the bankruptcy matter was resolved. In addition, news of the pending deal with VTK he notes that "we have received more inquiry calls in the last week than we had in the previous three months combined." In total, he estimates that the company has approximately \$2 billion worth of proposals currently being evaluated by customers.

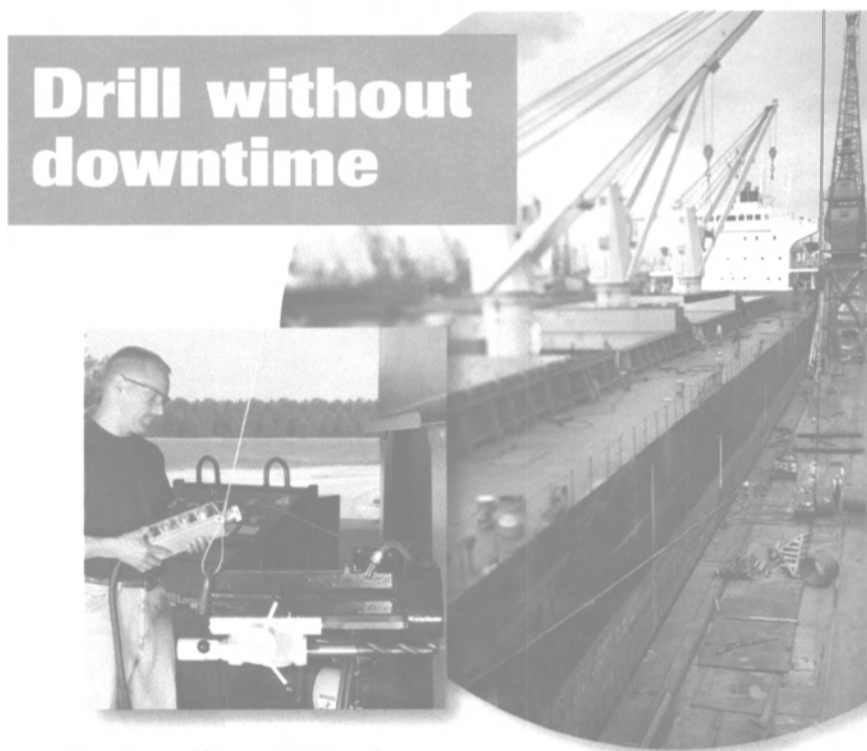
Two customers instrumental in ensuring that there is continued work at the Halter yards to allow a steady, if not spectacular, stream of work to ensure that its key technical and production staff stayed adequately busy: the U.S. Army and NOAA, which awarded the company the contract to build one Logistic Support Vessel with an option for two additional units and up to four Fisheries Reserve Vessels. These two contracts, when options are exercised, are worth approximately \$240 million.

While plans regarding the use of Halter facilities will evolve in the coming months, it is a good bet that the company will rely on diversity of product — both commercial and military — to regain its footing. On the defense side, it will be imperative for Halter to project a very "American" image, keeping an arm's length between it and its Singapore connection. Conversely, on the commercial side, the company will rely on the combined strengths inherent in having two strong units literally a world apart. "ST Engineering has a similar product line, but on the higher end and above," Raj said. Both companies have strong international presence, but ST Engineering also has the capabilities to serve the containership and frigate markets, for example. Doubters will surely persist, as the company seeks to retain its status as a leading builder in the GOM and beyond, but Raj is confident that the pieces are in place. "We are now well-capitalized, and we have been able to retain a most of our technical staff, helping to maintain the franchise value." In addition, the thousands of Halter-designed and -built vessels in operation provided the new owner an invaluable tech-

nical database it felt it could not pass. "We don't sell a boat or a ship to our customer... we sell a solution" Raj said. "We have seldom won a contract on low price; rather we have won contracts on our quality and custom solutions. These are aimed at providing superior value to our customers so they can be more competitive."

### In Memoriam: Harold P. Halter

**Harold P. Halter**, a native of New Orleans, died Sunday, July 28, 2002. In 1956, after he and James Dubuisson built a 26-ft. pleasure boat in his back yard, they founded Halter Marine Services, Inc. on Bayou Sauvage in New Orleans East. Halter Marine was responsible for many innovative designs in the ship building industry. Crew boats, supply boats, and tug boats were designed and fabricated for the offshore oil industry. By 1978, Halter Marine was responsible for 49 percent of the world's production of supply boats. The business had grown to include 10 facilities in four states. In 1983, Mr. Halter sold the company to Trinity Industries. In recent years he continued his research and development of offshore boats and equipment and was granted patents on his designs in this area. Mr. Halter founded and served as president of the Louisiana Shipbuilding and Repair Association. He was a member of the City Club of New Orleans, International Trade Mart, Southern Yacht Club and Plimsoll Club.  
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## Halter Moss Point: This Way is Up

**Bill Skinner ... Sibley Perry ... Eric Richards.**

Respectively the senior vice president of operations, the yard manager, and the NOAA project manager at Halter Moss Point, this trio represents nearly one century of marine industry experience, experience that will be crucial in returning all of Halter Marine to its pre-Chapter 11 form.

"It won't be long and our heads will be held high again, and we will be back to where we were," Richards said. By their own admission, the facility in Moss Point is not particularly large. But it is modern and offers what cannot be bought: a level of ship and boatbuilding experience that earns the highest accolades from the world's most discriminating customers.

### Logistic Support Vessel

One customer who was instrumental in the continuation of operation of Halter Marine — the U.S. Army's Tank and Automotive Command (TACOM) — celebrated the laying of the keel of its new Enhanced Logistic Support Vessel (ELSV) in July. The 314 x 60 x 19 ft. (95.7 x 18.2 x 5.7 m) vessel — when completed in two years — will support TACOM logistical efforts on a worldwide basis. Halter has previously built for the U.S. Army six LSVs, six Large Tugs and 35 LCU-2000 Class Landing Craft Utilities.

"Halter has designed and built all of the U.S. Army's LSVs — this being number seven," said **Anil Raj**, Chief Operating Officer. "Two additional LSV's have been built previously for the Philippine Navy. We value the trust and confidence that the Army has placed in Halter's Team."

The yard also started construction of NOAA's (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) newest vessel the M/V Oscar Dyson. The \$38.3 million vessel is scheduled for delivery in 36 months. The M/V Oscar Dyson is a state-of-the-art Fishing Research Vessel named in honor of **Oscar Dyson**, of Kodiak, Alaska. Mr. Dyson, a well-known fishing activist served as an industry advisor to government officials, including a congressional delegation.

The vessel will be homeported in Kodiak, Alaska as part of the NOAA fleet. The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations will operate the vessel. The vessel will measure 209 x 49 ft. (63.6 x 15 m), and a draft with the centerboard

in an up position of 19 ft. (5.9 m). The vessels will house multiple laboratories and is designed with a 40-day endurance. In addition to this government work, Halter Marine recently launched Capella, an 80,000-barrel tank barge for J&L, Inc. The barge, the first project Halter has undertaken for J&L, was built at Halter's Gulfport, Miss. Yard. Delivery was scheduled for

August 30. The barge is 332 ft. (101.1 m) long, with a beam of 74 ft. (22.5 m) and a depth of 25 ft. (7.6 m), and is built to U.S. Coast Guard standards under Sub-chapter D, as a tank barge certified to carry Grade A or lower bulk petroleum products. The barge also qualifies to be certified by the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) under the +A1 Oil Tank Barge designation.

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In Port Bustamante, Jamaica last year, three divers inspected the hull of vessels as part of the anti-narcotic procedure were killed to prevent them from investigating and discovering contraband. To cut the threat to divers and their families, Security Administrators Limited invested in VideoRay ROVs to begin diver-less inspections. Operated by one person on the dock or deck of a boat, the eight-lb. ROV (remotely operated vehicle) now inspects vessels sailing from Jamaica to the U.S.



The submersible vehicle, which is connected to a 500-ft. tether, is outfitted with a video camera that relays video from underwater to a monitor. VideoRay used in conjunction with scanning sonar and GPS can quickly and precisely locate and identify plumes of divers or targets. A manipulator arm that can be mounted to the submersible can pick up objects up to of 100 lbs./50kgs. **Steve van Meter**, a Hazardous Duty Robotics Specialist from NASA/Kennedy Space Center, has worked on three missions with the U.S. Customs Contraband Enforcement team at Port Canaveral, Fla., to inspect ships for which the U.S. Customs had intelligence of carrying drugs. In the absence of dive teams to perform the searches, the VideoRay was sent into the bilge areas, the ballast tanks, and then on a complete survey of the bottom of the ship. During his survey of the bottom of the vessel, van Meter was looking for unusual spots and new welds on the barnacle-encrusted surface. He checked the prop shaft and bow thruster for places a package or parasitic devise could be stowed, and was also able to check the entire bottom and verify the propeller shaft condition without ever getting in the water. Van Meter has also worked with the Brevard County and Orange County Sheriff's office dive teams to teach them how to use the VideoRay to search docks, piers, and ships.

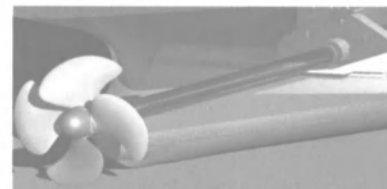
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## Alstom To Equip LNG With Electric Propulsion Technology

ALSTOM will reportedly be the first company in the world to install electric propulsion technology on a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) carrier, which is being built at ALSTOM's Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in France for the Gaz de France. The use of this technology on an LNG ship follows the company's successes on other ship types. The LNG ship, with a capacity of 74,000 cu. m., will be delivered to Gaz de France by the end of 2004. It will be propelled through a variable fre-

quency main propulsion system, via a gearbox. The electric drive principally consists of two 9,550 kW, 1,200 rpm synchronous motors, supplied by two synchroconverters associated with a propulsion control and monitoring system.

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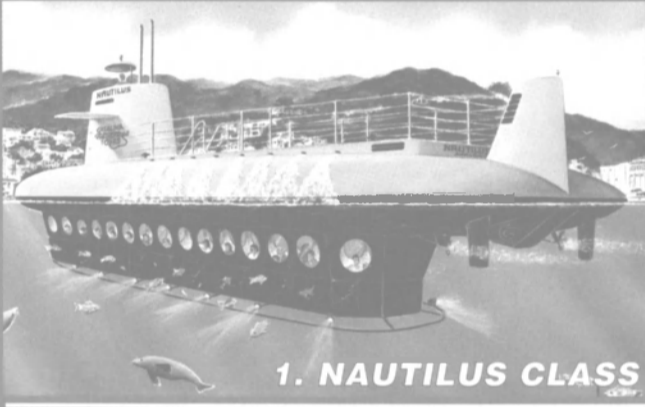
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# New Center for Fire and Evacuation Safety

Ever since the sinking of the Titanic, experts have occupied themselves with the question of how passengers can be evacuated from a ship in the fastest possible way. Passengers and crew rarely have a chance to prepare themselves for the consequences of a disaster. In this context, ongoing efforts are being made to further the tightening-up of the standards and procedures governing evacuation and safety on board ships. With the opening of a new research and training centre for fire and evacuation safety, Beele Engineering of Aalten (the Netherlands) expects to enhance its capability to contribute towards these efforts.

Going back to the Titanic disaster, the time available for crew and passengers to abandon ship has been significantly extended, among other things by the introduction of smoke and fire detectors as well as sprinkler systems. Even so, time and again it later emerges that in emergency situations there was 'just too little time'. The human panic factor plays a role here. Again and again, it becomes clear that both passengers and crew tend to panic when there is an outbreak of fire or a power failure. As a result of the panic, people take wrong evacuation routes and their sense of disorientation is only heightened. In the case of fire, the dense and suffocating smoke is an additional complicating factor.

In such cases, the significance of luminous EXIT signs and pictograms indicating staircases, evacuation routes and deck plans becomes questionable. How many people will take the time to study the deck plan when they arrive on board an unfamiliar cruise ship? And will persons in a panic be in a fit state to recognize the signs and pictograms, which were developed in peace and quiet on the drawing board?

In the research and training center, all possible attempts are made to find the answers to these questions. At the heart of the new centre lies a demonstration mock-up facility covering approximately 500 sq. m. The facility is so constructed that a variety of practical situations can be simulated in a lifelike way. For instance, it can be used to simulate a ship's cabins and corridors, including raised areas and open spaces. Emergency situations can then be imitated by switching off all the lighting and playing sound recordings.

Under these conditions, the people present in the mock-up facility then have to find their way out. While they do so, the behavior of the test persons and the effectiveness of the evacuation route signposting system are recorded by means of infrared cameras and an audio

system.

The mock-up is divided into two parts: one part is fitted with an evacuation route signposting system, while the other part has no signposting. In this way it can be determined to what extent

the existing signs are effective, and in what respects these may require modification or even new product development. The actions of the 'fleeing' persons can be observed on closed-cir-



cuit TV screens from a control room, which is also used as a showroom. Besides the evacuation research effort,



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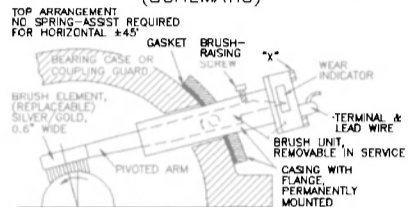
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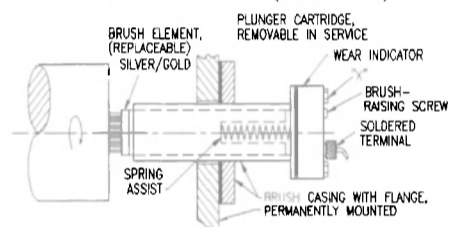
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the center also acts as the headquarters for the general R&D effort of Beele Engineering. For this purpose a total area of 300 sq. m. is reserved for three laboratories in which light emission investigations, large-scale fire tests and mechanical tests are performed. The fire tests are intended to make it possible to examine the behavior during fire of various materials that are used in shipping. In addition, investigations are carried out into how fire is able to spread in a short time, and what measures can and must be taken in order to contain that spread. The light emission laboratory concentrates in particular on research into the effectiveness of luminescent evacuation route signs (pictograms etc.) in a wide range of lighting conditions.

The center is open not only to people who are professionally involved with fire, fire prevention and evacuation safety (firefighting personnel, safety professionals, surveyors, shipping authorities, etc.) but also to other interested people. For that purpose the center also contains a presentation theatre seating up to 45 persons.

Next year, Beele Engineering will have been engaged in the field of passive fire prevention for 30 years. The company's product range include the Yfestos range of products that glow in the dark, which was nominated for the category 'Best safety innovation' of the Cruise & Ferry Award.

In addition, the company supplies a versatile and comprehensive range of fire resistant, water-gas- and smoke-tight sealing systems for cable and pipe conduits. In the event of an outbreak of fire, these systems ensure as far as possible that the fire is contained and prevented from spreading.

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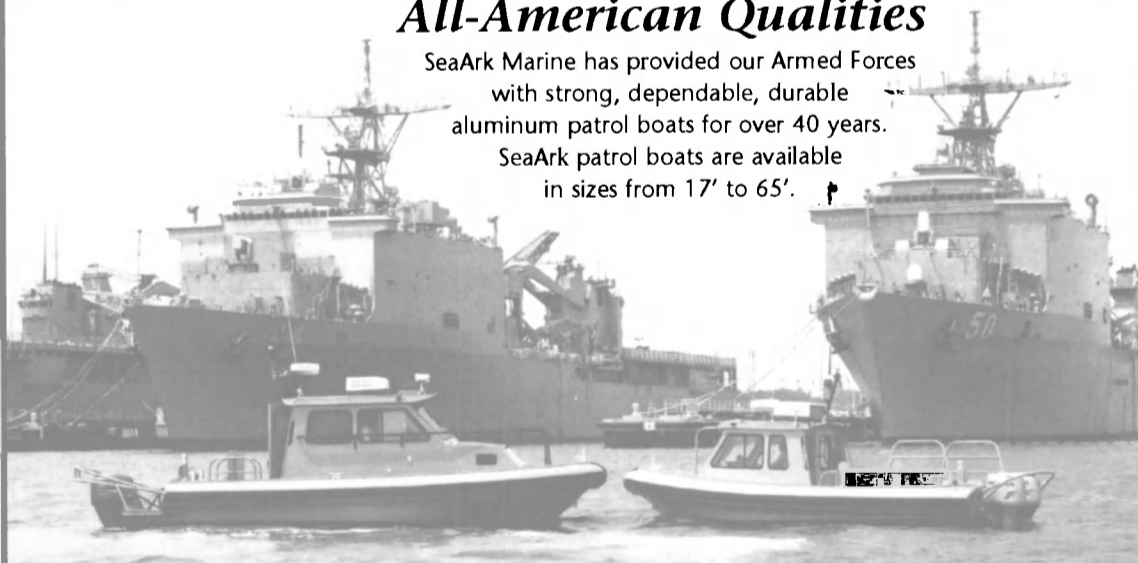
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## KMSS Receive Greek Type Approval For MBB

Kongsberg Maritime Ship Systems (KMSS) has received type approval from the Greek authorities for its Maritime Black Box (MBB) Voyage Data Recorder.

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In addition to the main units, KMSS also offer a Replay and Evaluation Unit (REU) that utilizes the data collected by the PSU and DCU for training purposes. It gives users a hands on view of how real-life situations should be dealt with and can also be used for other applications such as Radar and ECDIS image distribution, voyage reports, engine logs and the back-up of information to CD-Rom.

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## L-3 Communications Acquires Ross

L-3 Communications has acquired substantially all of the assets of Ross Engineering, thus integrating the Ross product lines into the L-3 Communications' Aviation Recorders Division.

With operations headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., L-3 Communications Aviation Recorders will be leveraging Ross Engineering's experience in marine communications, and couple it with L-3's financial, engineering, manufacturing, and marketing resources. This will allow L-3 to become a major supplier of Universal Automatic Identification Systems (UAIS) and Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios to the maritime

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industry. This acquisition will also enable L-3 to extend its product portfolio into other new product areas within the maritime industry.

## Lockheed Martin Renames Maritime Business

Lockheed Martin has re-named its Marine Traffic Management business to better reflect its capabilities in the areas of marine navigation, coastal and harbor surveillance and homeland security. The business, based in Syracuse, N.Y., now will be known as Maritime Safety, Security and Surveillance (MS3).

## Technip-Coflexip Sells McNulty Yard

Technip-Coflexip has signed a Sales and Purchase Agreement related to the sale of its affiliates McNulty Offshore Ltd. and Captain Frank McNulty & Sons Ltd., to the Managing Director of McNulty Offshore Ltd. Technip-Coflexip had a 90 percent stake in both companies following the purchase of Aker Deepwater Company in January 2001.

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According to the terms of this agreement, Technip-Coflexip has sold the Newcastle-based yard, together with all activities and resources dedicated to it, to McNulty's Managing Director. The transaction, the amount of which is undisclosed, is in line with Technip-Coflexip's previously announced program to dispose of non-strategic assets.

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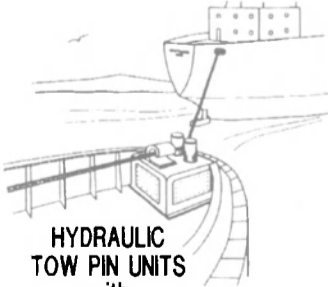
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# U.S. Market: Foundation for the Future

In part two of a two-part series, William G. Schubert, the new U.S. Maritime Administrator (MarAd), speaks with H. Clayton Cook, Jr. about the current standing and future direction of maritime activities in the United States.

**Cook:** I'd like to pick up where we left off last time. You were explaining where matters stood concerning MarAd's monitoring the time chartering of U.S.-flag vessels by foreign nationals.

Let me say a few words for the benefit of our readers. As you and I both understand, the Shipping Act, 1916, requires that MarAd approve all transfers of U.S.-flag vessels, or interests in these vessels, to non-citizens. Time charters are such a transfer of interest, and time charters to foreign nationals require MarAd approval. Over the years since 1916, and until 1992, MarAd required the submission of such time charters for MarAd review prior to MarAd approval. With certain limited exceptions, this submission for review was eliminated in 1992 as a part of the Administration's deregulation efforts. And, MarAd issued a so-called "advance general approval" of all such charters. So, at the present time a foreign national can time charter a U.S.-flag vessel without MarAd's knowledge or any specific approval.

I see that MarAd has published the Federal Register Notice that you mentioned at our last meeting. The Notice reviews the history of the 1992 changes and states that any MarAd change in policy will require a further MarAd rulemaking proceeding. Would you comment?

**Schubert:** As I've said before, the world is a different place today from what it was in 1992. A time charterer determines what cargoes will be loaded and discharged and directs the vessel's schedules and its ports of call. A U.S.-flag vessel chartered to an unknown foreign national could present problems. The vessel is a U.S.-flag vessel, so one might assume that it doesn't pose any risks. But the foreign national could direct that the vessel be loaded in a fashion and directed to a location where there is the possibility of mischief. And, this could occur without the vessel's U.S. citizen master and crew being fully aware of what was going on.

You will forgive me if I don't comment further. As a first step we wish to obtain the industry's advice concerning what might be involved if MarAd returned to a case-by-case review. We will be receiving industry comments in response to our Federal Register Notice. We will review these comments, and discuss these matters with the Coast Guard and other concerned agencies, and go from there.

## OPA '90 TANKERS

**Cook:** When we closed last time you were beginning to speak about your commitment to work with the Navy, our U.S. shipbuilding and repair yards, labor, our U.S. commercial vessel operators, and Congress to develop a unified long-term strategy to maintain our shipyard capacity. Could we pick up on that?

**Schubert:** Yes. MarAd needs to address the issues of U.S. shipyard productivity, modern shipyard infrastructure, R & D investment, and training of a sufficient number of skilled workers. I want to work with our U.S. shipyards in identifying opportunities in our domestic trade, and in then turning these opportunities into successful projects. Everyone agrees that our shipyards need to identify vessel designs that they can build in series in order to achieve adequate economies of scale. The Kvaerner Philadelphia Shipyard may be headed in that direction with its container vessel design. I believe this can be done in meeting our needs for Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) product tankers and with other vessel designs.

**Cook:** There has been a good deal of discussion concerning a "short fall" of tankers sufficient to meet OPA 90 needs. How would you define the "short fall" problem? What can MarAd do to assist in solving the problem?

**Schubert:** The General Accounting Office's Year 2000 report on OPA 90 compliance recommended that MarAd monitor the progress being made to replace single-hull vessels with double-hull vessels, and keep the relevant House and Senate Committees advised of the progress being evidenced in meeting OPA 90 requirements. MarAd issued a report on this subject "U.S. Tank Vessel Markets, Impact of OPA-90 Double Hull Requirements," this past June.

The report is available to interested parties on line at [www.marad.dot.gov/statistics](http://www.marad.dot.gov/statistics), so I won't go into all of the detail here.<sup>1</sup> Briefly, however, in performing the required analyses, it is necessary to break the industry down into four sections: domestic crude carriers, domestic product tankers, coastal tank barges, and foreign flag tankers serving our U.S. product import trades.

The Alaska crude oil trades are the primary source of demand for the U.S. crude carriers. The oil companies involved in Alaska production have undertaken the OPA 90 responsibility here. At the close of 2001 there were eight new double hull crude carriers on order with more than enough capacity to meet OPA 90 year 2005 requirements. So we can rest easy on this aspect of OPA 90 compliance.

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## KMSS Receive Greek Type Approval For MBB

Kongsberg Maritime Ship Systems (KMSS) has received type approval from the Greek authorities for its Maritime Black Box (MBB) Voyage Data Recorder.

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## L-3 Communications Acquires Ross

L-3 Communications has acquired substantially all of the assets of Ross Engineering, thus integrating the Ross product lines into the L-3 Communications' Aviation Recorders Division.

With operations headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., L-3 Communications Aviation Recorders will be leveraging Ross Engineering's experience in marine communications, and couple it with L-3's financial, engineering, manufacturing, and marketing resources. This will allow L-3 to become a major supplier of Universal Automatic Identification Systems (UAIS) and Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios to the maritime

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industry. This acquisition will also enable L-3 to extend its product portfolio into other new product areas within the maritime industry.

## Lockheed Martin Renames Maritime Business

Lockheed Martin has re-named its Marine Traffic Management business to better reflect its capabilities in the areas of marine navigation, coastal and harbor surveillance and homeland security. The business, based in Syracuse, N.Y., now will be known as Maritime Safety, Security and Surveillance (MS3).

## Technip-Coflexip Sells McNulty Yard

Technip-Coflexip has signed a Sales and Purchase Agreement related to the sale of its affiliates McNulty Offshore Ltd. and Captain Frank McNulty & Sons Ltd., to the Managing Director of McNulty Offshore Ltd. Technip-Coflexip had a 90 percent stake in both companies following the purchase of Aker Deepwater Company in January 2001.

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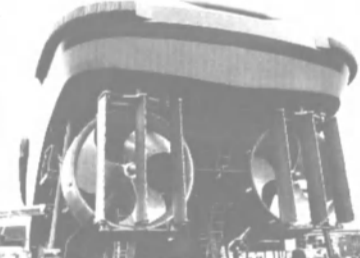
According to the terms of this agreement, Technip-Coflexip has sold the Newcastle-based yard, together with all activities and resources dedicated to it, to McNulty's Managing Director. The transaction, the amount of which is undisclosed, is in line with Technip-Coflexip's previously announced program to dispose of non-strategic assets.

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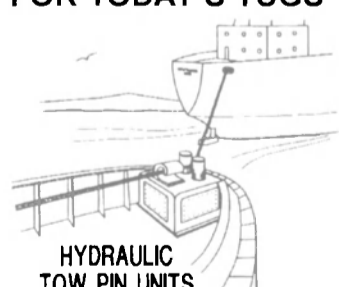
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# U.S. Market: Foundation for the Future

In part two of a two-part series, William G. Schubert, the new U.S. Maritime Administrator (MarAd), speaks with H. Clayton Cook, Jr. about the current standing and future direction of maritime activities in the United States.

**Cook:** I'd like to pick up where we left off last time. You were explaining where matters stood concerning MarAd's monitoring the time chartering of U.S.-flag vessels by foreign nationals.

Let me say a few words for the benefit of our readers. As you and I both understand, the Shipping Act, 1916, requires that MarAd approve all transfers of U.S.-flag vessels, or interests in these vessels, to non-citizens. Time charters are such a transfer of interest, and time charters to foreign nationals require MarAd approval. Over the years since 1916, and until 1992, MarAd required the submission of such time charters for MarAd review prior to MarAd approval. With certain limited exceptions, this submission for review was eliminated in 1992 as a part of the Administration's deregulation efforts. And, MarAd issued a so-called "advance general approval" of all such charters. So, at the present time a foreign national can time charter a U.S.-flag vessel without MarAd's knowledge or any specific approval.

I see that MarAd has published the Federal Register Notice that you mentioned at our last meeting. The Notice reviews the history of the 1992 changes and states that any MarAd change in policy will require a further MarAd rulemaking proceeding. Would you comment?

**Schubert:** As I've said before, the world is a different place today from what it was in 1992. A time charterer determines what cargoes will be loaded and discharged and directs the vessel's schedules and its ports of call. A U.S.-flag vessel chartered to an unknown foreign national could present problems. The vessel is a U.S.-flag vessel, so one might assume that it doesn't pose any risks. But the foreign national could direct that the vessel be loaded in a fashion and directed to a location where there is the possibility of mischief. And, this could occur without the vessel's U.S. citizen master and crew being fully aware of what was going on.

You will forgive me if I don't comment further. As a first step we wish to obtain the industry's advice concerning what might be involved if MarAd returned to a case-by-case review. We will be receiving industry comments in response to our Federal Register Notice. We will review these comments, and discuss these matters with the Coast Guard and other concerned agencies, and go from there.

## OPA '90 TANKERS

**Cook:** When we closed last time you were beginning to speak about your commitment to work with the Navy, our U.S. shipbuilding and repair yards, labor, our U.S. commercial vessel operators, and Congress to develop a unified long-term strategy to maintain our shipyard capacity. Could we pick up on that?

**Schubert:** Yes. MarAd needs to address the issues of U.S. shipyard productivity, modern shipyard infrastructure, R & D investment, and training of a sufficient number of skilled workers. I want to work with our U.S. shipyards in identifying opportunities in our domestic trade, and in then turning these opportunities into successful projects. Everyone agrees that our shipyards need to identify vessel designs that they can build in series in order to achieve adequate economies of scale. The Kvaerner Philadelphia Shipyard may be headed in that direction with its container vessel design. I believe this can be done in meeting our needs for Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) product tankers and with other vessel designs.

**Cook:** There has been a good deal of discussion concerning a "short fall" of tankers sufficient to meet OPA 90 needs. How would you define the "short fall" problem? What can MarAd do to assist in solving the problem?

**Schubert:** The General Accounting Office's Year 2000 report on OPA 90 compliance recommended that MarAd monitor the progress being made to replace single-hull vessels with double-hull vessels, and keep the relevant House and Senate Committees advised of the progress being evidenced in meeting OPA 90 requirements.<sup>1</sup> MarAd issued a report on this subject "U.S. Tank Vessel Markets, Impact of OPA-90 Double Hull Requirements," this past June.

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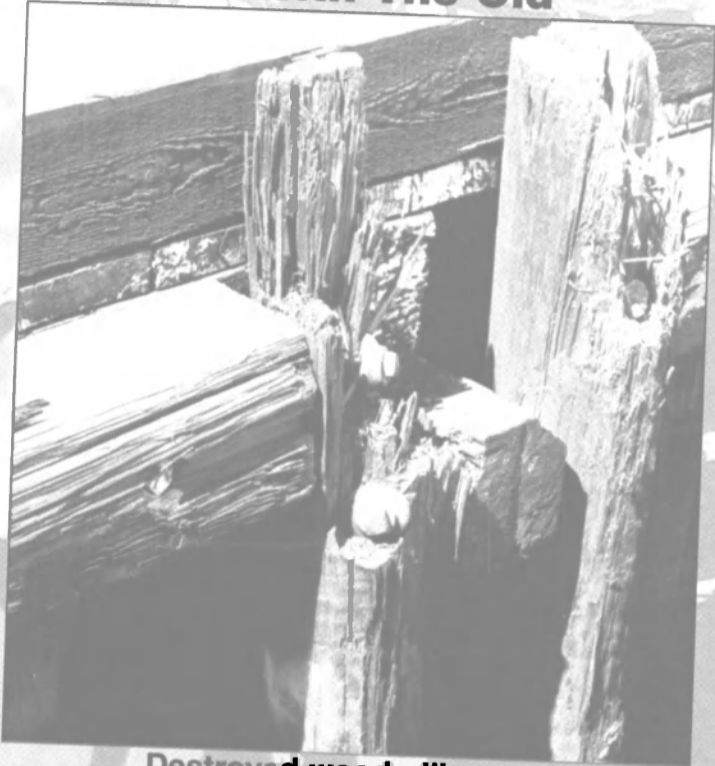


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**Cook:** That is a fairly large daily hire cost burden to overcome. What role can MarAd play in assisting the U.S.-flag operators as they seek to solve this problem?

**Schubert:** Perhaps MarAd can be a useful intermediary. We need to see what can be done to reduce the U.S. operator's costs to a level where they generate daily rates that the market will sustain. You can look at the daily rate as composed of vessel operating cost and vessel capital cost components. There is not much that we can achieve in reductions in operating costs.

So, we must focus on the capital cost component. This can be broken into two parts, the cost of the vessel and the cost of financing the vessel.

We need to address shipyard prices and financing costs. The starting point for the first issue might be a standard product tanker design that could be built in series by one or more U.S. shipyards. I am planning meetings on this subject, first with U.S.-flag operators to gage their sense of the market and their thoughts about a standard design, next with potentially interested shipbuilders, and finally with petroleum company users, and with the U.S. Navy which may itself be in need of this size tanker.

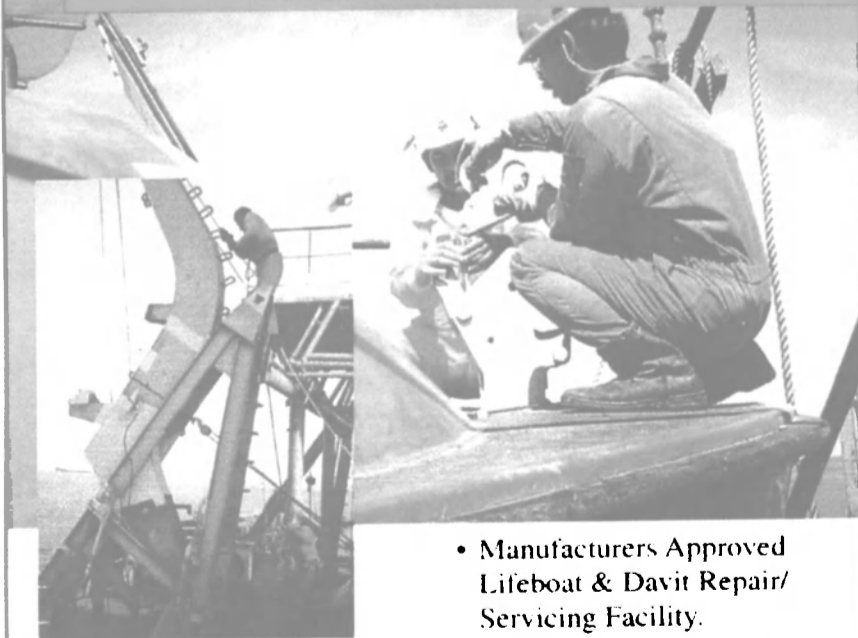
Next we need to focus on sources for equity and debt to facilitate lower cost financing. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has advised MarAd that it will have no objection to our renewing our capital construction fund (CCF) proposals this fall as we go into the 2004 budget cycle. There is almost \$1.4 billion of U.S. citizen shipowner money on deposit there. The owners have already set this money aside for shipbuilding. Much of this money might be available for use as equity for product tanker construction.

This could be used in combination with borrowings from whatever financing sources will be available at that time. The important point to understand is that these financing costs may be almost as important as the shipyard price in the daily rate computation.

**Cook:** That is an ambitious program for action. I might like to deal a bit further with the subject of the

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sources for vessel debt financing, but let's move on. What is your time table?

**Schubert:** I expect to have completed the first of these meetings, with the U.S.-flag operators, this month. These meetings will have been accomplished before your subscribers will read

about them in this interview. We will follow on from there and establish an appropriate schedule and time lines.

**Coastwise Trailer Movements**

**Cook:** In your March 14th FY 2003 authorization testimony you spoke about the traffic congestion problems that the

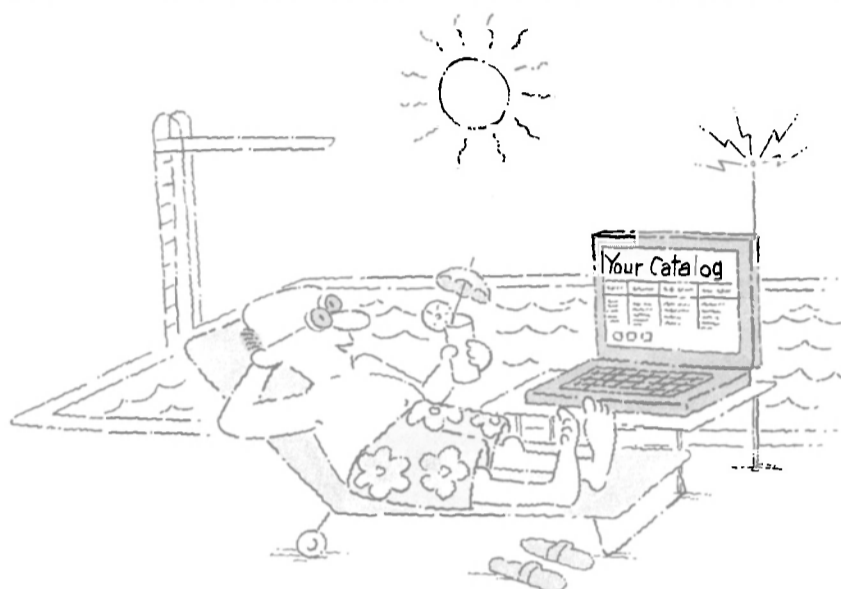
U.S. is facing, and about Coastwise shipping as one means of dealing with the problem. Would you explain the problem as you see it?

**Schubert:** The most highway traffic congested section of the United States is our Northeast Corridor. These

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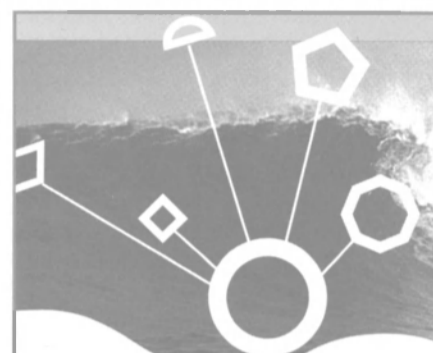
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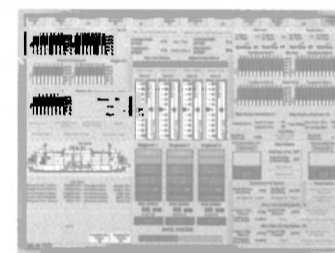
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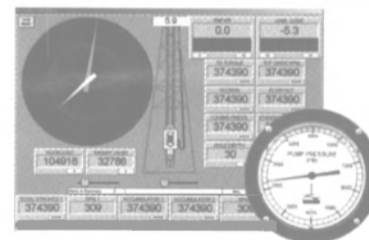


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state 95 are aware of the problem today. But, matters are going to get much worse. Current studies predict a doubling of freight traffic by 2010 and a tripling by 2030. Looking at 2010, these studies indicate that, after taking into account rail freight service expansions, we are going to be adding 10,000 more trucks to I-95 per day — which is the equivalent of adding one more truck every 270 yards from Maine to Florida. Let me add that similar problems exist in the I-5 and I-10 corridors.

Do you know that it typically costs about \$32 million to add a single mile of four lane interstate highway, and about \$100 million per interchange? This does not include the cost of land acquisition. So, it's clear that we can't build out of the problem with additional highway construction.

**Cook:** What can be done?

**Schubert:** For the I-95 corridor the obvious answer is water transportation. These water routes are existing "highways" that are almost entirely unused. These water highways, I believe that you have called them "W-95s," can be placed in service with only the modest costs of roadstead and terminal construction, and of the vessels involved. These W-95 highways do not

require regular maintenance and periodic resurfacing. Further, FHWA advises us that if we can reroute a substantial portion of the heavy trailers in this fashion we will reduce the costs of highway and bridge maintenance.

**Cook:** A moment ago you mentioned the European Union. You have recently come back from a trip to the EU where you were looking at their use of water transport. Can you say a word about that?

**Schubert:** Yes, in contrast to our situation, in Europe today 40 percent of the freight moved within the EU is moved by water. Further, the EU has an ambitious "motorways of the sea" initiative designed to increase the share of water borne carriage between EU members. The Europeans have focused on the lower environmental and social costs of waterborne transportation of freight as important elements in EU strategic planning. I believe that these benefits are fairly obvious, and that the Europeans are on the right track.

Much of the attention on this subject has been focused on the transport of sea containers coming into the U.S. at a port like Port Newark and then being transferred up or down the Coast. Actually, the more important problem on I-95 is

with the purely domestic moves in the large 53 foot trailers. Taking these 53 footers off of I-95, and off the metropolitan bypasses like I-495, would do a great deal to alleviate congestion and the reduce the potential for accidents. Air quality would be a major benefactor. Trailers with hazardous materials transported in this fashion would be removed from bridge and tunnel transit as well as bypassing major metropolitan centers.

**Cook:** How do you get this started?

**Schubert:** First, we need to work within DOT with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy (OST Policy), and then work with the Administration, to make Coastwise shipping a part of our national transportation system planning. For example, we are exploring opportunities for the inclusion of the water mode in Tea 21, and its inclusion in the six year surface transportation authorization bill that is now being considered by Congress. We are working with FHWA and OST Policy, and with the Administration, on these issues.

MarAd and FHWA are working developing critical cargo data statistics in freight movements within the United States which will illustrate the viability of

Coastal shipping markets. This information will be provided to the National Ports and Waterways Institute (NPWI) for use in the fourth and final phase of their study of the East, Gulf and West Coasts. This study will identify location pairs and cargo volumes where water transportation can be most easily introduced. We expect the results of this NPWI study to be available in late 2002 or early 2003.

MarAd and FHWA are planning a conference on Coastal "short sea" shipping in New York City for this November. We expect conference participation from across the spectrum of those concerned. The conference will explore the dynamics of a robust U.S. Coastal shipping system, the job and entrepreneurial opportunities that such a system would offer participants, and the benefits that would accrue to everyone in the reduction of highway congestion and improvements in air quality.

We expect this conference to bring the most interested stakeholders together. The objective will be to identify Coastwise shipping opportunities, and terminal, roadstead and vessel designs, and to discuss problems and solutions; the "how" of developing successful Coastwise systems.

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**In re** : Chapter 11 Case Nos.  
**BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION, et al.** : 01-15288 (BRL) through 01-15302, 01-15308 through 01-15315 (BRL)  
**Debtors.** : (Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF BAR DATE REQUIRING FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM  
ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AT 5:00 P.M. (EASTERN TIME)**

TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTOR ENTITIES LISTED IN THE ANNEXED SCHEDULE A:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on July 31, 2002, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") having jurisdiction over the chapter 11 cases of the debtor entities listed in the annexed schedule A (collectively, the "Debtors") entered an order (the "Bar Date Order") establishing **September 30, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** (the "Bar Date"), as the last date and time for each person or entity (including, without limitation, each individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, estate, trust, and governmental unit) to file a proof of claim against any of the Debtors. The Bar Date Order and the Bar Date, as well as the procedures set forth below for the filing of proofs of claim, apply to the claims described below against the Debtors that arose prior to October 15, 2001, the date on which each of the Debtors commenced a case under chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**1. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM**

You **MUST** file a proof of claim to share in the estate if you have a claim that arose prior to October 15, 2001, and it is not one of the types of claims described in section 2 below. Acts or omissions of the Debtors that arose before October 15, 2001, may give rise to claims against the Debtors notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated prior to such date.

Under section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used herein, the word "claim" means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

**2. WHO NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM**

You need not file a proof of claim if:

- You have **already** properly filed, with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, a proof of claim against the applicable Debtor or Debtors utilizing a claim form which substantially conforms to the Proof of Claim form tailored for these cases or Official Form No. 10;
- Your claim is listed on the Debtors' Schedules (as defined below) and is **not** described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," **and** your claim is asserted against a specific Debtor, and you do **not** dispute the specific Debtor against which your claim is asserted, and you do **not** dispute the amount or nature of your claim in each case as identified in the upper right-hand corner of the enclosed Proof of Claim. Creditors holding claims which are listed in the Schedules without reference to a particular Debtor shall be required to file a Proof of Claim. Annexed hereto as Schedule B is a list of the names under which the Debtors conduct or previously conducted business within the previous six years, the names of associated Debtors, and their respective case numbers;
- Your only claim is under sections 503(b) or 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code as an administrative expense of any of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases;
- Your claim has already been paid or otherwise satisfied in full by any of the Debtors;
- You are a Debtor and you have a claim against another Debtor;
- You hold a claim that has been allowed by an order of the Court entered on or before the Bar Date;
- You are a present or former employee of one of the Debtors or, with respect to benefits claims, any spouse or beneficiary thereof (**Note:** a separate Bar Date will be established at a later date for the assertion of claims by present and former employees and, with respect to benefits claims, their spouses and beneficiaries); or
- Your claim is limited exclusively to the repayment of principal, interest, and/or other applicable fees and charges (a "Debt Claim") on or under any bond or note issued by the Debtors pursuant to an indenture qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Debt Instruments"); *provided, however,* that (i) the foregoing exclusion in this subparagraph shall not apply to the Indenture Trustee under the applicable indenture (the "Indenture Trustee"), (ii) each Indenture Trustee shall be required to file one proof of claim, on account of all of the Debt Claims on or under the applicable Debt Instruments on or before the Bar Date, and (iii) any holder of a Debt Claim wishing to assert a claim, other than a Debt Claim, arising out of or relating to a Debt Instrument shall be required to file a proof of claim on or before the Bar Date, unless another exception in this paragraph applies.

**YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS, OR IF THE CLAIM YOU HELD AGAINST THE DEBTORS HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL, RELEASED OR WAIVED.**

**THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM OR THAT THE DEBTORS OR THE COURT BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM.**

**3. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES**

Any person or entity that has or may have a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease as to which the order authorizing such rejection is dated on or before July 31, 2002, the date of the Bar Date Order, must file a proof of claim based on such rejection on or before the Bar Date to share in the estate. Any person or entity that has or may have a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease as to which the order authorizing such rejection is dated after the date of the Bar Date Order must file a proof of claim on or before such date as the Court may fix in the applicable order authorizing rejection of such contract or lease.

**4. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE**

Except as provided for herein, all proofs of claim must be filed so as to be received on or before September 30, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), at the following address:

<b>IF SENT BY MAIL</b>	<b>IF SENT BY MESSENGER OR OVERNIGHT COURIER</b>
United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York Bethlehem Steel Claims Processing P.O. Box 5043 Bowling Green Station New York, New York 10274-5043	United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York Bethlehem Steel Claims Processing One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004-1408

(together, the "Bethlehem Steel Docketing Center").

Proofs of claim will be deemed timely filed only if **actually received** by the Bethlehem Steel Docketing Center on or before the Bar Date. Proofs of claim may **not** be delivered by facsimile, teletype transmission, or electronic mail transmission.

**5. WHAT TO FILE**

If you file a proof of claim, your filed proof of claim must (i) be written in English, (ii) be denominated in lawful currency of the United States, (iii) conform substantially with the enclosed proof of claim

or Official Form No. 10, (iv) indicate the Debtor against which you are asserting a claim, and (v) be signed by the claimant, or if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant. **YOU SHOULD ATTACH TO YOUR COMPLETED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM COPIES OF ANY WRITINGS UPON WHICH SUCH CLAIM IS BASED, IF VOLUMINOUS, ATTACH A SUMMARY.**

**EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS OF THE TYPE SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 AND THE SECOND SENTENCE OF SECTION 3 ABOVE, ANY CREDITOR WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE BAR DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, FOR ANY CLAIM SUCH CREDITOR HAS OR MAY HAVE OR WISHES TO ASSERT AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTORS WILL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM (OR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM) AGAINST SUCH DEBTOR, AND SUCH DEBTOR, ITS ESTATE, AND ITS PROPERTY WILL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM, AND SUCH HOLDER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN SUCH DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM, OR TO RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CLAIM.**

**6. THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO**

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against one or more of the Debtors in the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities (collectively, the "Schedules"). To determine if and how you are listed on the Schedules, please refer to the descriptions set forth in the upper right hand corner of the enclosed proof of claim form(s) regarding the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s). If you received postpetition payments from the Debtors on account of your claim(s), the enclosed proof of claim form(s) will reflect the net amount of your claim(s) (i.e., reduced by the postpetition payments), as and to the extent such net amount is listed in the Schedules. If the Debtors believe that you hold claims against more than one Debtor, you will receive multiple proofs of claim forms, each of which will reflect the nature and amount of your claim against each such Debtor, as listed in the Schedules. **As noted above, if you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s) as described in the enclosed proof of claim form(s), and you do not dispute the Debtor identified on the Proof of Claim against which your claim is asserted, you do not need to file a proof of claim. However, if you intend to file one or more proofs of claim, you must do so before the Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.**

Copies of the Schedules may be examined by interested parties on the Court's electronic docket for the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, which is posted on the Internet at [www.nysb.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov) (a PACER login and password are required). Copies of the Schedules may also be examined by interested parties between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District, One Bowling Green, Room 511, New York, New York 10004-1408.

**The Bethlehem Steel Docketing Center may be contacted at 1-888-498-7764 if there are questions concerning the filing, amount, nature, or processing of a proof of claim.**

**A CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY OTHER INQUIRIES, SUCH AS WHETHER THE CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

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**SCHEDULE A  
LIST OF DEBTOR ENTITIES**

<b>Name of Debtor</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
Bethlehem Steel Corporation	01-15288 (BRL)
Alliance Coatings Company, LLC	01-15289 (BRL)
BethEnergy Mines Inc.	01-15290 (BRL)
Bethlehem Cold Rolled Corporation	01-15291 (BRL)
Bethlehem Development Corporation	01-15292 (BRL)
Bethlehem Rail Corporation	01-15293 (BRL)
Bethlehem Steel de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	01-15294 (BRL)
Bethlehem Steel Export Company of Canada, Limited	01-15295 (BRL)
Bethlehem Steel Export Corporation	01-15296 (BRL)
BethPlan Corporation	01-15297 (BRL)
Chicago Cold Rolling, L.L.C.	01-15298 (BRL)
Eagle Nest Inc.	01-15299 (BRL)
Encoat-North Arlington, Inc.	01-15300 (BRL)
Energy Coatings Company	01-15301 (BRL)
Greenwood Mining Corporation	01-15302 (BRL)
HPM Corporation	01-15308 (BRL)
Kenacre Land Corporation	01-15309 (BRL)
LI Service Company	01-15310 (BRL)
Marmoraton Mining Company, Ltd.	01-15311 (BRL)
Mississippi Coatings Limited Corporation	01-15312 (BRL)
Mississippi Coatings Line Corporation	01-15313 (BRL)
Ohio Steel Services Company, LLC	01-15314 (BRL)
Primeacre Land Corporation	01-15315 (BRL)

**SCHEDULE B**

**All Other Names Used By the Debtor and its Debtor Affiliates in the Last 6 Years**

Bethcon	L-S II Electro-Galvanizing Company
BethForge Division	LGI
Bethlehem Plant Coke Oven Division	Lukens, Inc.
Bethlehem-Lukens Plate Division	Lukens Steel Company
Bethlehem Works	PST
Brandywine Security Company	Pennsylvania Steel Technologies Division
Burns Harbor Division	Sparrows Point Division
Burns Harbor Galvanized Products Division	Structural Products Division
CENTEC	Washington Plant/Stainless Steel Division
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The maximum time for selection of a proposal is 120 days after the deadline for submission of proposals.

The Official shall not open the proposal publicly, but shall open the Non-Price Proposals in the presence of one or more witnesses within 24 hours of the above deadline for submission of proposals. The Official may open the Price Proposals at a later time and in any case shall open the Price Proposals so as to avoid disclosure to the individuals evaluating the Non-Price Proposals.

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sary for a coordinated program to develop commercially viable Coastal shipping routes to serve the East, Gulf and West Coasts.

**Cook:** What sorts of financing are available to get these Coastal short sea systems underway? Will the conference address the financing aspects of these systems?

**Schubert:** Yes, conference speakers will address the financing aspects. One of the most important financing sources for terminal and roadstead construction in non-attainment areas is Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) money. Most East Coast locations will qualify for CMAQ help, as will some locations on the Gulf and West Coasts. However, these projects will have to "get in line" behind existing highway projects, and the timing may be a problem. There are other sources as well.

**Cook:** What about financing for the vessels?

**Schubert:** We are exploring various alternatives. As I mentioned earlier, OMB has advised us that it will have no objection to our renewing our CCF program requests this fall. There is almost \$1.4 billion of U.S. citizen shipowner CCF money on deposit already set aside for shipbuilding. Some of this money might be available as equity. This could be used in combination with borrowings from whatever financing sources are available at that time.

**Cook:** I'm pleased with your advice on these CCF program requests. But I'm not necessarily encouraged by what you are saying about sources for debt. In transactions in which I have been involved, the debt portion of the financing has often been the most difficult problem. But let's move on to our next topic.

A consulting firm advising a Connecticut port city in planning a Coastal waterborne barge service has told me that they do not believe these Coastal services can be successful so long as the Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) is applied to the moves. This group's study concludes that a container movement from Port Newark to the Connecticut port city could be done by sea without any deterioration in delivery time, and at a lower cost than by truck. But, it then concludes, that the estimated cost of the HMT makes the movement by barge more expensive than the movement by truck. They use as an example a 40 foot sea container containing manufactured products with a value of \$176,000. They say that the tax on this single container would amount to \$220.

**Schubert:** I can't speak to your specific example. However, MarAd has studied the HMT issue. It is a serious issue. Of course, movements to and from Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico are exempted. But movements between other states are not. The HMT issue is one that MarAd and FHWA will have to examine more closely as we develop our models for commercially viable Coastal shipping routes.

#### Passenger Ferry Projects

**Cook:** Let's turn to the subject of ferries. In your March 14th FY 2003 authorization testimony you spoke about the congestion problems faced by commuters and the availability of CCF monies for the financing of ferries. Would you outline your thinking on this subject?

**Schubert:** Ferries are becoming increasingly important as a means for commuter transportation. Selected urban locations like New York and Boston have seen new ferry services introduced after a 30 or more

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year hiatus. In New York City prior to the events of September 11th non-subsidized ferry operators were providing 30,000 passenger trips per day between multiple locations in northern New Jersey and Manhattan. Today, these passenger figures have more than doubled. The City has announced its intention to lead in the development of a regional passenger ferry transportation plan with the construction of what The New York Times has described as a "flotilla" of new ferry terminals.

In San Francisco commuter ferry services were never entirely discontinued in the Post World War II period. We are seeing the expanding re-institution of various cross Bay services to provide commuting alternatives to the bridges and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system. A Blue Ribbon Committee of business and political leaders has developed a plan for "the world's best" high speed Bay Area water transit system with a fleet of 70 boats. In late August, the state chartered Water Transit Authority announced a scaled back 44 boat version of that Blue Ribbon plan calling for the expansion of capacity by existing ferry services, and the addition of seven new routes.

The reasons for these developments are the same as those, which we have already discussed, crowded highways and gridlock in tunnel and bridge crossings. We are unlikely to see a newly constructed Lincoln Tunnel or Golden Gate Bridge during our lifetimes.

MarAd's Title XI Program has had a significant impact in New York. There, through the use of Title XI, the principal operator has been able to reduce its annual debt service payments by roughly one half. And, they have been able to maintain a competitive rate structure in a service that is privately owned and operated without any operating subsidy from New York City or New York State. MarAd is proud of this. We are currently working on new ferry projects with several other groups.

We believe that changes in the CCF regime of the sort that I presented in my March authorization testimony would probably be beneficial here. The extension of

CCF along those lines could provide money for immediate ferry construction from existing CCF deposits. It would also enable ferry operators to accumulate the money needed for fleet expansion on a more rapid, before tax, basis. We are looking at this and other options, and also working with FHWA to identify alternative means to access the capital that will be needed for ferry construction.

**Cook:** I understand that MarAd is a participant in an Administration initiative called the Marine Transportation System. Would you tell us about that?

**Schubert:** The Marine Transportation System (MTS) is a U.S. Department of Transportation effort to identify and study our waterways as an integrated national system. The objective is to develop a national plan for waterborne transportation to meet 21st century needs. The MTS project was initiated in 1998. MarAd and the U.S. Coast Guard have played leading roles in the MTS Task Force work to improve coordination of waterborne transportation efforts at the national, regional and local levels. There are now public and private sector committees, and an MTS National Advisory Council, a chartered non-federal body, whose purpose is to advise the Secretary of Transportation on MTS issues.

MarAd continues as an active participant and chairs the public sector subcommittee on ferries. We are working to bring together at MarAd the expertise of the 6 or 7 federal agencies that have an impact on ferry operations. In this way the private sector parties interested in a project will be able to come to MarAd and obtain all the information necessary for ferry project development.

MarAd is also working with FHWA, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA), the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority and several metropolitan planning authorities, to develop the agenda for a ferry conference to be held in conjunction with the PVA annual meeting in San Diego in

early 2003. Representatives from all of our existing ferry vessel operators, and from most projects that are in progress, will be in attendance. It should provide a useful venue for a MarAd report of its MTS and other ferry related action to the private sector.

**Schubert:** I'm afraid our time is up. I appreciate your coming in. I've enjoyed our two meetings and the opportunity that they will provide to make contact with *Maritime Reporter* readers.

**Cook:** Before I leave, I see that you have a picture on your desk of what look like two Labrador retrievers. Could you tell our readers a little bit about them?

**Schubert:** They are Labrador retrievers. One is a Golden and the other a Chocolate. Their names are Cody and Samson. Now that Gail and I are settled in a house in Annapolis we are able to have them with us.

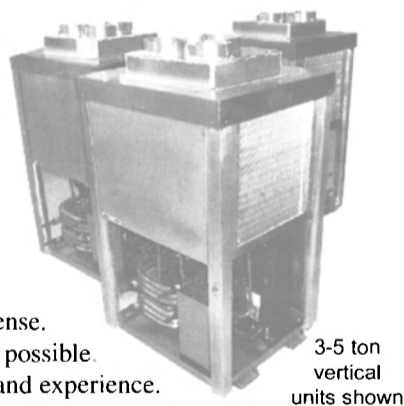
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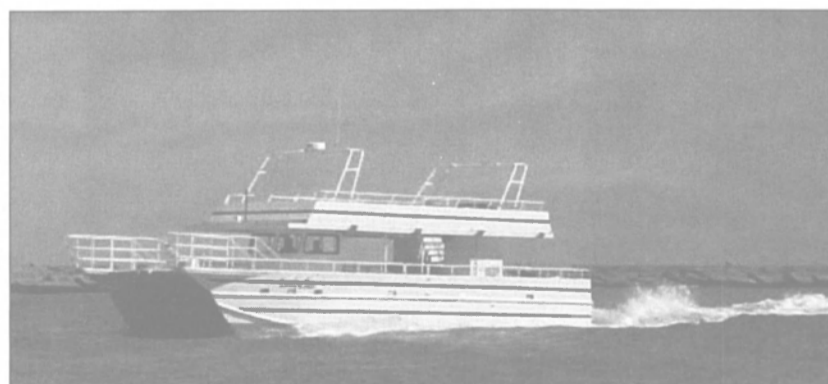
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## People

### Pacific Fisherman Shipyard Elects Myrseth President

The board of directors of Pacific Fishermen, Inc. has elected new officers, including:

**Robert Myrseth** as president; **Warren Aakervik, Jr.** as vice president; **Ann Salvesen** as secretary/treasurer; and **Doug Dixon** as general manager.

The election of officers followed the election at the Annual Shareholders Meeting of the following three new members of the board of directors for three-year terms: **Gunnar Ildhuso, Sr.**, Crab and trawl fishing pioneer and owner of the F/V Margun and F/V Gunmar; **Jack Knutsen**, longline fisherman and owner of the halibut and blackcod schooner F/V Grant; and **Jerry Horn**, past board member and office manager of Pacific Fishermen, Inc.

### Richardson Joins Waller Marine

Waller Marine has appointed **Wayne Richardson** as Sales and Marketing manager, bringing to the organization, more than 25 years of experience in the offshore and marine industry.

He will oversee all marketing and sales communication for Waller Marine, Inc., one of the leaders in the design technology of barge-mounted power plants, GTL Plantships and offshore marine vessels.

*In the August 2002 edition of Maritime Reporter & Engineering News, the article, "Get Ready for the New OPA 90," the e-mail address for contact person Rick Fernandes was listed incorrectly. The correct address is rick@jmsnet.com.*

## Correction

The information published in the July 2002 edition "Marine Diesel Directory" for Caterpillar Motoren GmbH & Co. KG was incorrect. The correct details are as follows.

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MaK M 25	4	6,8,9 L	255	400	9.6/10.0	720/750	290 - 308	1800 - 2700	24.5 - 23.5	182 - 183
MaK M 32 C	4	6,8,9 L	320	480	9.6	600	480	2880 - 4320	24.9	178
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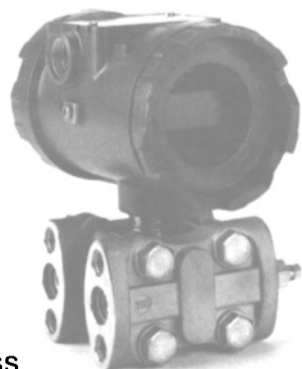


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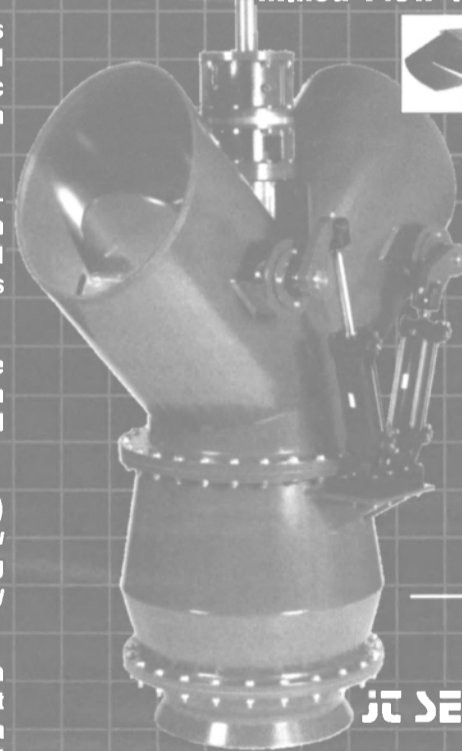
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### Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Promotes Pinkham

Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co. Inc. and Tampa Bay Shipbuilding & Repair Company have promoted **Michael Pinkham** to Ship Repair Sales Manager for both the Mobile and Tampa yards.

The Sales and Marketing Departments of both companies have been combined to more efficiently and economically service customer accounts. Pinkham brings his many years of ship repair sales, production and estimating experience to this position. He will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of Sales currently working for both yards in the domestic market, as well as coordinating opportunities from the international markets.

### Port Authority Receives Approval

The Port Authority has received approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to deepen a section of the Kill van Kull to 50 ft., launching the agency's ambitious \$1.8 billion project to dredge the region's harbor channels to 50 feet and maintain its ranking as the leading East Coast destination for shippers from around the world.

Under eight separate dredging contracts, the Corps and the Port Authority are working together to deepen the Kill Van Kull from 40 to 45 ft. In the near term, the Corps' new action will allow the Port Authority to augment one of those contracts to deepen a section of the Kill van Kull around Bergen Point to 50 ft.

The work, being done between Bayonne and Staten Island, will save time and money by allowing the deepening work to be completed during the scope of a single project, rather than in two separate projects.

In the long-term, the decision by the Corps makes similar project consolidations possible to achieve 50-ft. depths faster throughout the Port.

The 45-ft. Kill Van Kull deepening project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2004. The Port Authority is working with the Army Corps and other federal and state regulatory agencies toward the goal of completing the 50-foot project by 2009.

### MOL Promotes Two

MOL (America) Inc. has promoted **Diana Jackson** and **JoAnn Yourcheck** to Director level positions.

Jackson, who was promoted to the position of Director, Equipment Control for North America, Caribbean, and Central America is currently based in Seattle, Wash., and will soon relocate to the company's office located in the Chicago suburb of Elmhurst, Ill.

Yourcheck has been promoted to a newly created position, Director of

Business Processes for North America, Caribbean, Central and South America.

### New York Firm Building in Louisiana

September 11 set things back all over the world and especially in New York. But now a maritime firm in that city has a new tug building at Thoma-Sea Boat

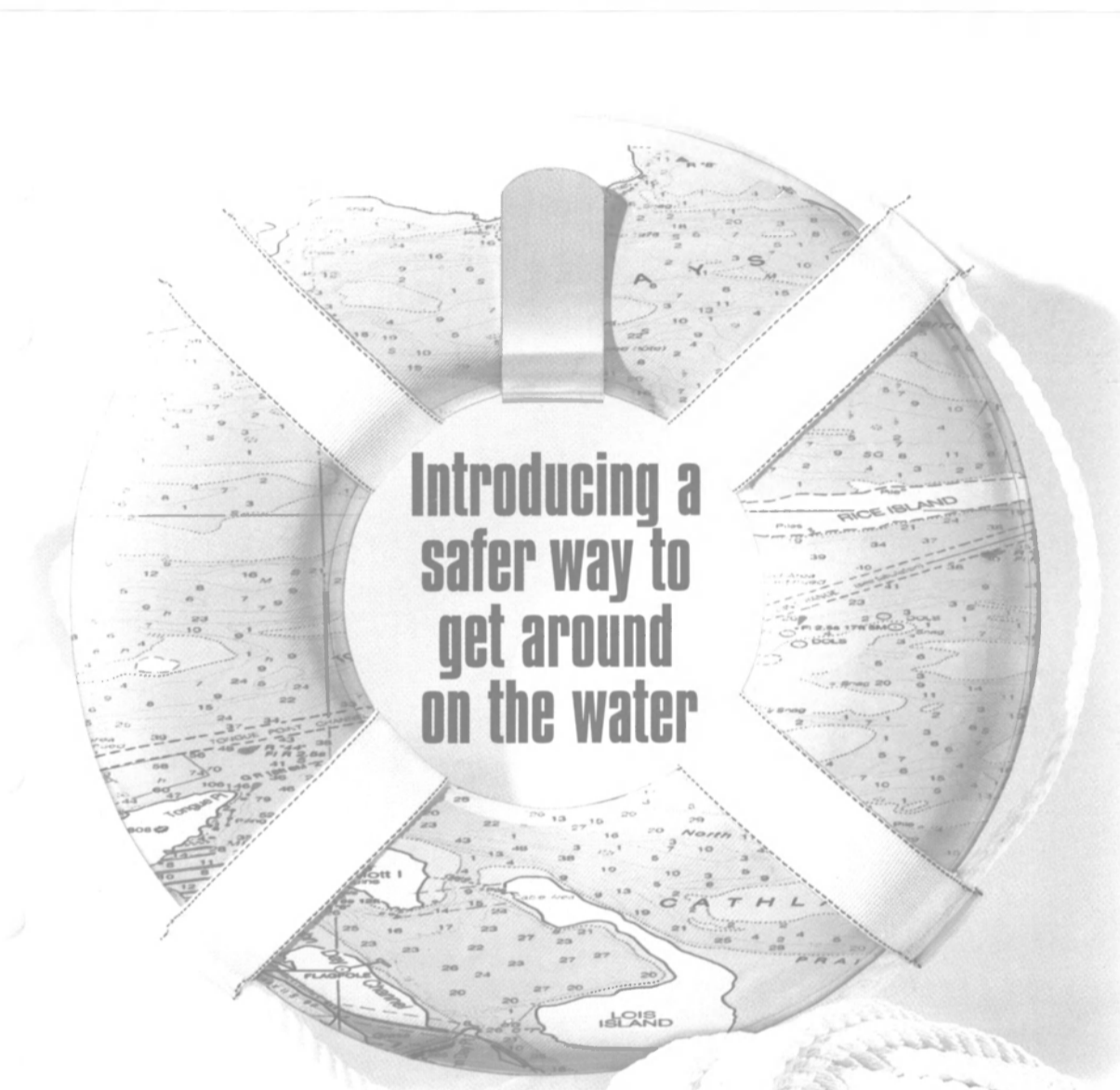
Builders in Houma Louisiana. The model bow tug, essentially a sister ship to one delivered last January, is a 3,400-hp ocean-going tug, 100 x 32 ft. (30.4 x 9.7 m) with a molded depth of 14 ft. (4.2 m). Delivery is scheduled for approximately January 2003.

Designed by Frank Basil's Entech and Associates of Houma La. the boat will

be powered by a pair of 16-cylinder Cummins KTA50 main engines rated for 1700 HP at 1,800 rpm.

The engines will turn into Rentjes WAF-772 gears with ratios of 7.087:1 and turning 87-in. Sound propellers in 88-inch Rice nozzles.

The boat is designed for a bollard pull of 60 tons.



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## People

### Palmer Johnson Mourns Loss

The people of Palmer Johnson Yachts, as well as the international maritime community are mourning the loss of Chairman Emeritus **Mike Kelsey, Sr.**, who passed away on July 21, 2002.

Kelsey was largely responsible for building the company into one of the world's leading custom yacht brands, as

a yacht builder and also a provider of yacht refit/repair services, brokerage, chandlery and related support services.

Kelsey moved to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., from Texas in 1962, when he became vice president of service and repair for Palmer Johnson. He quickly rose to president and then chairman of the company.

### Ryan Assumes SUNY Maritime Presidency

Vice Admiral **John R. Ryan** assumed the presidency of the State University of New York Maritime College during a ceremony held aboard Empire State VI while it was docked in Dublin, Ireland. Formerly the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy, Vice Admiral Ryan is



the College's 32nd president since its founding in 1874. Prior to serving as the 56th Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, Vice Admiral Ryan was the Commander of the Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Sixth Fleet/Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean/Commander, Maritime Air Forces located in Naples, Italy.

### KMSS Appoints New President

Subsequent to the completion of Per Branstad's two-year assignment to organize and integrate the three companies, which together now comprise an important part of Kongsberg's Marine and Offshore Operations, Branstad will now return to his specialist field within Kongsberg in the development of the Maritime Training Business.



**Lars Gørvell-Dahll** has assumed the role as president of KMSS, setting his sights firmly on developing the company worldwide and especially within the Asian market, which is already the center of the world ship building industry. Gørvell-Dahll is highly experienced in international shipbuilding having worked for many years based in Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong. After graduating from the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy he spent five years in the Navy reaching Lt. Commander and Chief Engineer.

### Celebrity Names Hancock As Marketing Head

Celebrity Cruises appointed senior marketer **Steven Hancock** to lead intensified marketing efforts for the premium brand. In his new role, Hancock will assume broad-reaching responsibilities for consolidating Celebrity's brand messaging and widening its customer base.

Hancock has a unique background and specialty qualifying him for his new job. He has spent the last two decades at financial services leader Citigroup, where he rotated among fast-moving, start-up business groups, with the sole focus of accelerating growth.

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**Jonathan S. Cutone**

**TT Club Appoints Lewin COO**

TT Club, has appointed **Colin Lewin** as COO, effective October 1, 2002. Lewin, currently Asia Pacific regional manager for TT Club, will take over the operational management of underwriting and claims in order to leave



**Colin Lewin**

CEO **Paul Neagle** free to manage the strategic development of the business following its planning initiative last year with Ernst & Young.

**SOCP to Meet in Castine**

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) is scheduled to hold a meeting on October 16-17, 2002, in Castine, Maine.

Agenda highlights include a U.S. Coast Guard Advisory Workshop on the Reengineering of the Marine Licensing and Documentation Program and an SOCP Mariner Administrative Smart Card Project Demonstration.

**Metro Stevedore Appoints Two**

Metropolitan Stevedore Co., a West Coast general and bulk cargo contract stevedore and terminal operating company, has elected **John R. Hampton** as vice president and CFO; and **Philip Poggi** as controller.



**John Hampton**

Hampton, who holds an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, began his career with Metropolitan in 1993 as its maintenance manager. In 1997, he was promoted to marketing representative

and relocated to the corporate office in Wilmington, Calif.



**Philip Poggi**

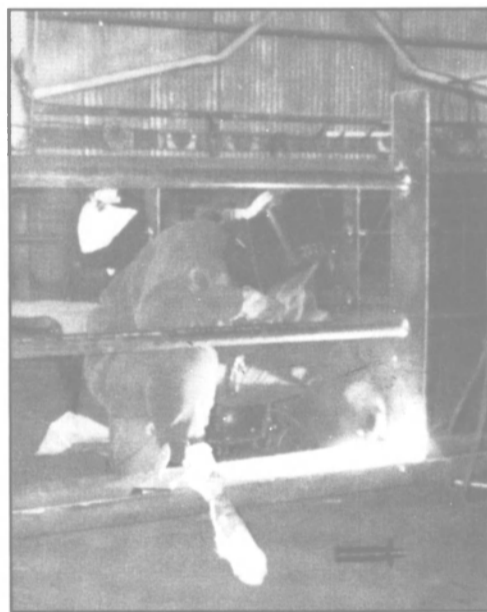
Poggi joined Metropolitan Stevedore Co. in July 1994 as its senior accountant, supervising the general accounting department. When the cost accounting and general accounting departments were consolidated in 1999, he was promoted to financial reporting manager. Prior to joining with Metro, Poggi handled various accounting and finance functions at First Interstate Bank.

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**TT Club Appoints Lewin COO**

TT Club, has appointed **Colin Lewin** as COO, effective October 1, 2002. Lewin, currently Asia Pacific regional manager for TT Club, will take over the operational management of underwriting and claims in order to leave CEO **Paul Neagle** free to manage the strategic development of the business following its planning initiative last year with Ernst & Young.



**Colin Lewin**

**SOCF to Meet in Castine**

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCF) is scheduled to hold a meeting on October 16-17, 2002, in Castine, Maine.

Agenda highlights include a U.S. Coast Guard Advisory Workshop on the Reengineering of the Marine Licensing and Documentation Program and an SOCF Mariner Administrative Smart Card Project Demonstration.

**Metro Stevedore Appoints Two**

Metropolitan Stevedore Co., a West Coast general and bulk cargo contract stevedore and terminal operating company, has elected **John R. Hampton** as vice president and CFO; and **Philip Poggi** as controller.



**John Hampton**

Hampton, who holds an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, began his career with Metropolitan in 1993 as its maintenance manager. In 1997, he was promoted to marketing representative and relocated to the corporate office in Wilmington, Calif.



**Philip Poggi**

Poggi joined Metropolitan Stevedore Co. in July 1994 as its senior accountant, supervising the general accounting department. When the cost accounting and general accounting departments were consolidated in 1999, he was promoted to financial reporting manager. Prior to joining with Metro, Poggi handled various accounting and finance functions at First Interstate Bank.

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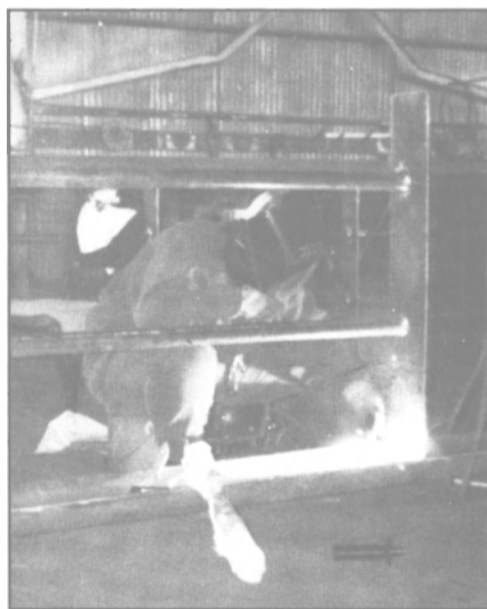
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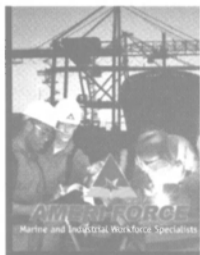


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**Jotron**

Jotron Electronics has introduced a new multi-purpose strobe light to be used as a personal safety equipment. The new handy pocket-sized rugged strobe light incorporates the very latest technology. and AQ-5 has two light sources: a high intensity xenon strobe light plus a low power torch. It has 36,000 Pk lumen with a range of up to 6nm and still an endurance of 12 hours of continuous strobe operation. It runs on twin standard AA batteries for easy replacement.



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**King Engineering**

KING-GAGE LiquiSeal transmitters monitor ballast, fuel and service tanks. Mounts external to tank or compartment with a simple air purge connection to measure hydrostatic pressure created by liquid depth. Compatible with integrated monitoring and control systems, the 4-20 mA output signal can be transmitted several thousand feet using twisted pair cabling.



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**Leslie Controls**

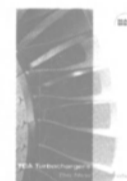
Leslie Controls' Class DOT three-way control valve is now available. It is suitable for both converging and diverging liquid flow service. The one-piece body eliminates the tailpiece and extra gasket joint associated with conventional 3-way control valves. Spring-loaded Teflon chevron stem packing eliminates the need for periodic adjustment. Cage-guided trim reduces stem load, increases valve stability and is easily removed from the top of the valve. Since there is no need to remove the DOT from the line to replace the trim, lower maintenance cost and less down time is achieved.



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The MAN B&W Diesel Group presents two new engine developments as well as the next turbocharger generation at SMM trade fair (Vessel Marine Ocean Engineering) held in Hamburg, Hall 6, Stand 6001. The international business group proves its right to technology leadership with the title "Prime Movers." The central exhibits at the stand are a huge piston of the K98MC two-stroke engine — the largest engine worldwide, and a product of the completely new developed TCA exhaust gas turbocharger series.



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The Moving Vessel Profiler (MVP) is a system designed by Brooke Ocean Technology and Bedford Institute of Oceanography to collect water column data while a vessel is underway. The system is now being used around the world to calibrate multibeam mapping systems and for scientific applications. Brooke Ocean Technology Limited is an internationally recognized leader in the field of Ocean profiling, Launch and Recovery Systems and seafloor Data Collection Systems.



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This past January, Shoes For Crews increased its exclusive \$3,000 Slip & Fall Warranty to \$5,000 per accident. All Shoes For Crews footwear feature a patented slip-resistant sole that grips wet, greasy, and oily floors to reduce (or eliminate) slips & falls. Shoes For Crews introduces the new Steel Toe Voyager for men and women which are engineered for traction and safety with hi-tech SFC HFTM Slip-Resistant Soles. The Voyager features a steel toe cap meeting ANSI Z41.1991 standards bearing a class 75 rating, rugged 360 degree stitched down construction and reinforced rubber toe and heel covers.



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### SMIT

In cooperation with its Norwegian partner, pump specialist Frank Mohn, SMIT has completed a number of highly successful operations involving the recovery of oil and chemicals from vessels located on the seabed at 'greater depths.' The completion of this operation earned SMIT and Frank Mohn the internationally acclaimed Seatrade Award in the Countering Marine Pollution category.



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### Spence

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### Superbolt

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### GM Instrumentation

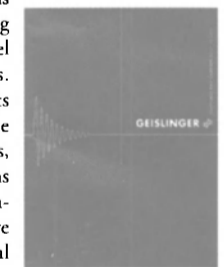
GM Instrumentation now offers the 0600 Dry Block Calibrator that features accuracy control, quick heat up and cool down, easy to operate and is fully portable. It is offered at the price of \$1,495. GM Instrumentation also offers a full range of pressure and temperature instrumentation to suit all marine applications.



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### Geislinger

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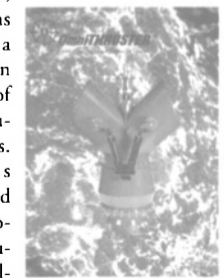
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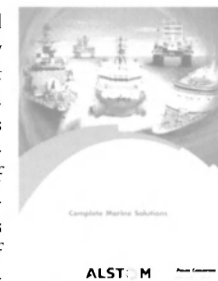
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USFilter has released a four-page, brochure describing the company's CAPAC corrosion protection systems for fixed structures. The brochure provides a general overview of the CAPAC system, describing its history, benefits and uses. The brochure contains a description of different fixed-structure application where CAPAC systems can be beneficial: vessels; offshore production and drilling platforms; jet-ties and piles; and power plants.



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Clampco Products, Inc., a Wadsworth-based manufacturing company, offers its heavy duty T-bolt clamps to marine equipment designers. The clamps connect or seal hose lines and are suitable for exhaust systems, engine applications, and more. The clamps are available in marine grade 316 stainless steel. Along with the band, users may specify 316 stainless steel components such as bolts, nuts, and trunnions. For applications that don't require marine grade stainless.



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Servomex Co., Inc., announced a contract with Lyondell Chemie Nederland B.V. for 48 of its new Servomex 2200 paramagnetic oxygen transmitters. The 2200 paramagnetic oxygen transmitters will be used on Lyondell's new POSM (Propylene Oxide Styrene Monomer) plant, due to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2003. Each Servomex 2200 paramagnetic oxygen transmitter consists of a measurement transmitter and a separate microprocessor-based control unit capable of accepting inputs from on to six transmitters.



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**Eagle**

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**Inmarsat**

Inmarsat Ltd., has approved Fleet F77, its new maritime Mobile ISDN and Mobile Packet Data service, for commercial service. Type-approved hardware is now available for use from manufacturer Thrane & Thrane, and Telenor and Xantic Land Earth Stations have been authorized in all four ocean regions. Fleet F77 combines the high quality and speed of a 64kbit/s Mobile ISDN service with the world's first global, high-speed, maritime Mobile Packet Data service via satellite.



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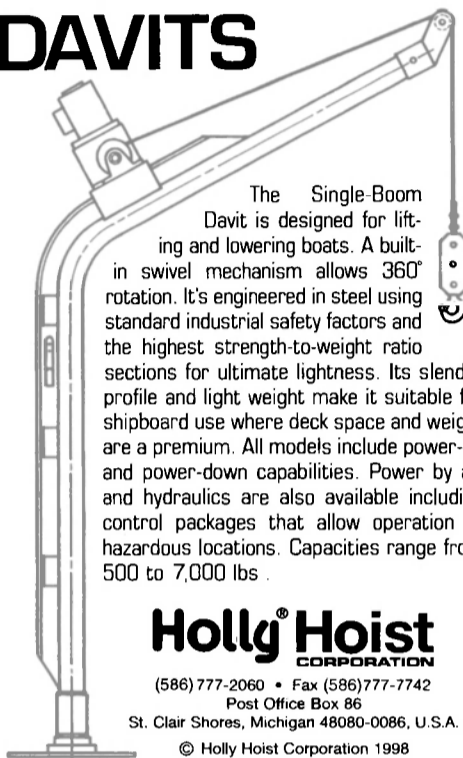
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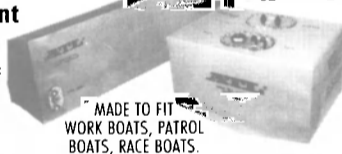
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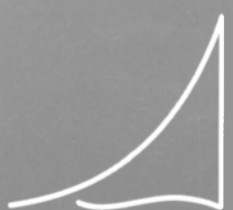
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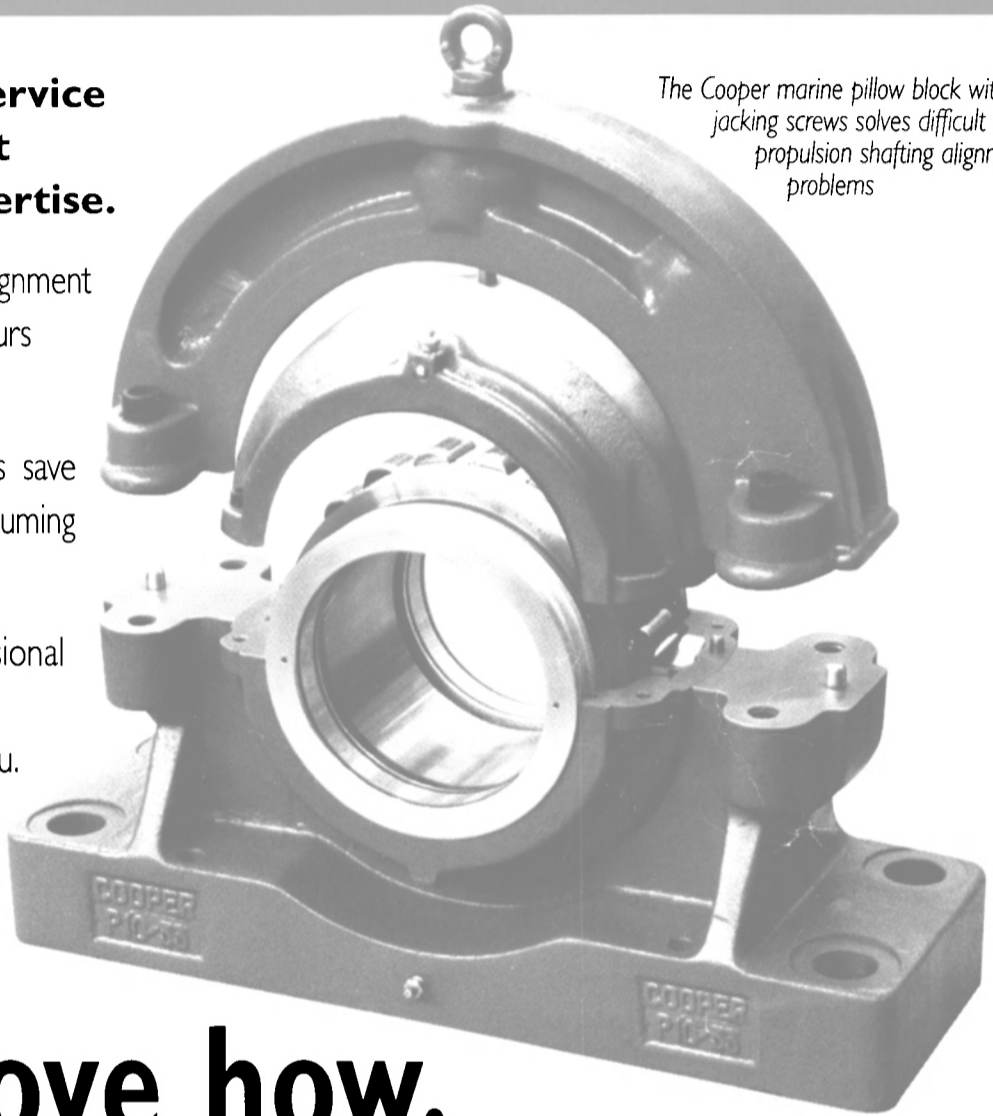
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