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Blood Money

Originally money paid to an agent, such as the keeper of an inn or boardinghouse, for the procurement of men to fill vacancies in a ship's crew. The expression has gained a number of wider meanings in colloquial speech: a fee paid to a hired murderer; compensation paid to the relative of a slain man; and small remuneration earned by great effort, as in the old days of sweated labor in factories. The expression is also said to derive from the bounty paid by the British Admiralty for the capture of smugglers and their boats in the nineteenth century. The payment was 20 pounds for each smuggler captured and convicted.

Source: *An Ocean of Words: A Dictionary of Nautical Words and Phrases*, by Peter D. Jeans; Birch Lane Press, 1998

5 Ships, One Weekend = \$12 Million

The maritime industry was a key factor in Jacksonville, Fla.'s bid to host the 2005 Superbowl. As the city was 20% short of the 17,500 "quality hotel rooms" required by the National Football League to host the event, the city chartered five cruise ships for \$12 million to fill the requirement.

Source: The Wall Street Journal, Monday, January 31, 2005, pg. B1

Correction

In the story "W&O: An Engineered Ascension" (January 2005, page 18) The number of W&O supplied valves on certain projects were mistated. For the TOTE project there were 107 actuated valves; 67 on BP; and 281 on TAKE, that are tied into the digital control network.

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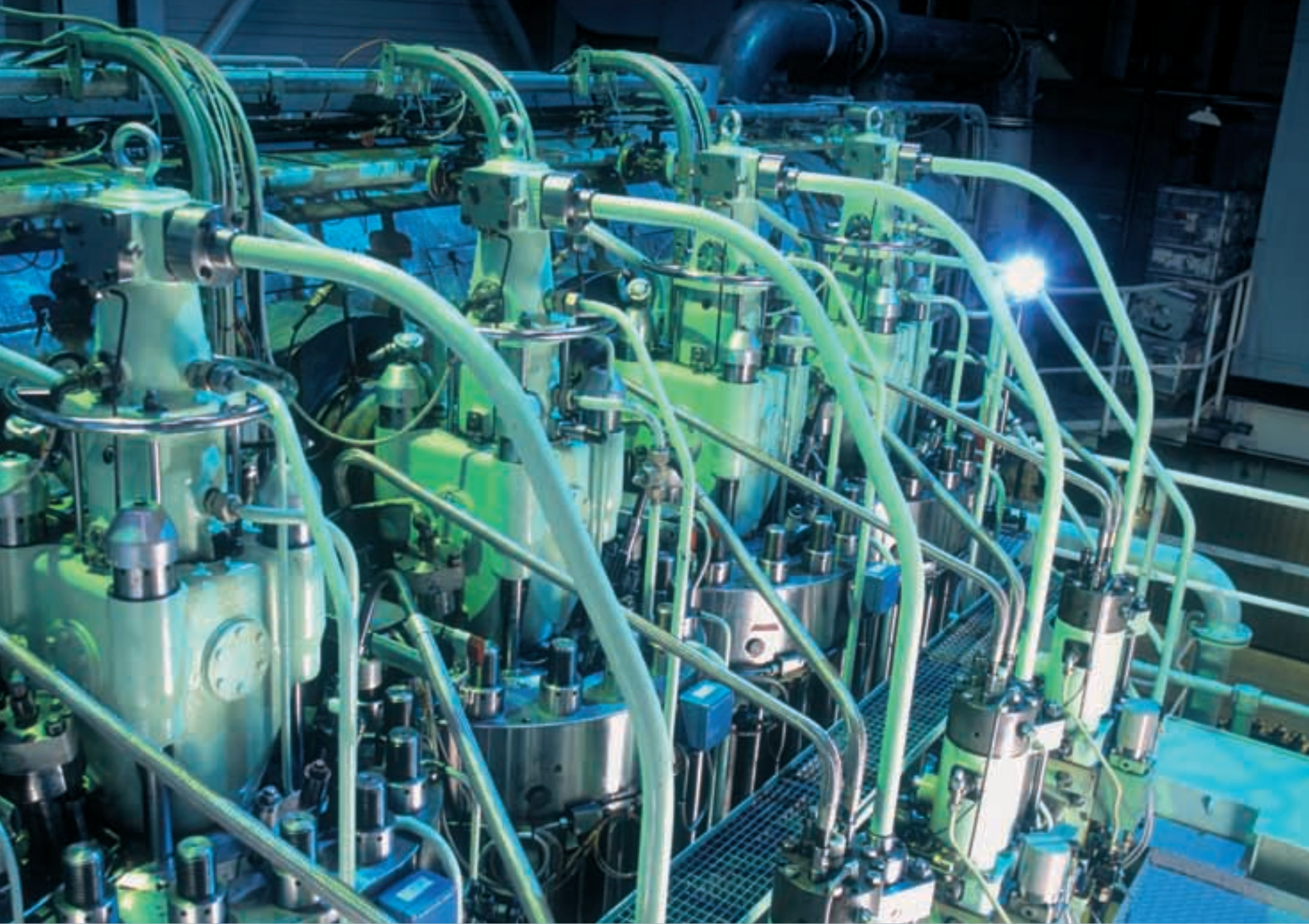
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Editor's Note

Innovation is the hallmark of any industry, none more so than the marine industry, which is often erroneously tagged with the label "conservative" in such matters.

Simply stated, today's emerging fleet of ships and boats on both the commercial and military side are truly modern marvels, housing systems and technologies that are required to operate — without fail — in an ever-changing, always challenging and sometimes volatile environment.

This is painstakingly apparent in this edition, which offers three feature articles highlighting the tremendous strides in building increasingly larger, more fuel-efficient and safe vessels. As many of you know, the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carrier market is embarked upon a historic growth curve. Depending upon which statistics you receive and believe, ordering activity for LNG ships is expected to grow 9% annually through 2010. Much attention has been paid to making these high-value ships larger and more efficient, and much work has been invested in new propulsion and cargo containment solutions. **David Tinsley's** article starting on page 18, "Dawn of a New Era," and much of this month's "Tanker Technology" coverage is dedicated to these advances.

In a profile of ABS' new Chief Technology Officer **Chris Wiernicki**, we found a concise explanation of many matters you face every day: the design, construction and operation of safe vessels as they grow larger and more complex — often growing beyond established scientific and technical parameters — with less design time. Mr. Wiernicki addresses "Applying Advanced Technology to Redefine Safety" starting on page 24.

Finally, Royal Caribbean International's implementation of identical bridge layout and bridge operating procedures — i.e. the "marine cockpit" — fleet-wide is impressive, as it melds a progressive shipowner determined to operate a safe and efficient fleet, with modern marine electronics and training and education. **Captain William Wright**, RCI's senior vice president of marine operations, helps explain the process.



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Pictured on this month's cover is an inspection of a ship's ballast tanks. Coatings and Corrosion Control starts on page 28

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Systems represents a sales volume of around €2.2 billion and employs a workforce of 9,300. Dr. **Klaus Borgschulte** chairs the new company as CEO. **Ulrich Ziolkowski** is its CFO, while **Reinhard Kuhlmann** heads Human Resources. Other Executive Board members are **Walter Freitag**, chairman of the Submarines division, and **Gerhard Kempf**, chairman of the Surface Vessels division. The new shipyard enterprise focuses on the four product groups of Submarines, Naval Ships, Nonnaval Ships, and Repair and maintains all previous production locations.

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MTU Detroit Diesel Formed

MTU Friedrichshafen (Germany) and Detroit Diesel Corporation (USA) announced the formation of a new division for Off-Highway engine activities, MTU Detroit Diesel. The group will continue to be headquartered in Detroit, Mich., and it will be a separate division of Detroit Diesel Corporation, an integral part of DaimlerChrysler Off-Highway. MTU Detroit Diesel will have responsibility for the application engineering, manufacturing, sale and service for off-highway engine products in marine, construction, industrial, power generation, petroleum and defense markets in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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LPD-19 — Mesa Verde — Christened



The amphibious transport dock ship LPD 19 was christened Mesa Verde. LPD 19 is the third San Antonio (LPD 17)-class ship being built by Northrop Grumman Corporation for the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps team.

The name Mesa Verde honors Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado. The park was established in 1906 to preserve sites built by Native Americans on mesa tops and in canyon alcoves. **Peter Pino**, Zia Pueblo tribal administrator, offered a traditional Pueblo prayer and blessed the ship with sacred waters carried from Mesa Verde. Ship's sponsor **Linda Campbell**, wife of U.S. Sen. **Ben Nighthorse Campbell** (Ret.) of Colorado, followed the blessing by officially christening the ship Mesa Verde, exclaiming, "Bless this ship and all who sail in her."

Displacing nearly 25,000 tons, the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships will be the second-largest ships in the Navy's 21st-Century Expeditionary Strike Groups. Mesa Verde will have a crew of 360 sailors

and three Marines and can carry up to 699 troops with a surge capability of up to 800. The ships are 684 ft. (208.5 m) long and 105 ft. (31.9 m) wide and will replace the functions of four classes of older amphibious ships. This new class of ship affords the Navy's Expeditionary Strike Group with the technology and

flexibility to launch and recover amphibious landing craft such as the Landing Craft, Air Cushion, operate an array of rotary-wing aircraft, as well as the ability to carry and launch the Marine Corp's Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle.

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Historic Side-wheeler to Operate on Yukon River

Elliott Bay Design Group of Seattle recently completed stability tests and calculations for the Klondike Spirit, an all-steel side-wheeler recently built on the Yukon River in Alaska. The vessel, which can carry up to 120 passengers, will be used to take tourists on daytrips through the scenic Yukon canyons downriver of Dawson (Yukon, Canada) when it begins operation in June 2005.



Built in Eagle City, Alaska, by **Nick Turner** and **Charlie House**, the vessel offers three passenger decks, a food service galley and two staterooms for crews.

The Klondike Spirit is the first side-wheeler to be built on the Yukon in decades. Historically, side-wheelers were used to navigate rivers because their configuration made them extremely maneuverable. However, the location of the paddles along both sides of the boats made them vulnerable to damage, and their popularity faded. The Klondike Spirit brings back a piece of nostalgia that complements Dawson's "Gold Rush" tourist theme.

The side-wheeler is 88 ft. long with an 18 ft. beam and a 4 ft. hull depth. Maximum draft is 30 in. The hull was fabricated by Eagle Boat Company and the Northern Lights 20 kW generator was furnished by Alaska Diesel Electric. The main engine is a 400 hp Cat 3406 that drives Denison hydraulic pumps. Hydraulic motors power each side wheel through a separate Brevini gearbox and 3:1 chain reduction drive. The paddle wheel speed is 40 rpm.

Elliott Bay Design Group's contributions included structural calculations and scantling determinations for U.S. Coast Guard approval. The firm also performed tonnage analysis, designed the tonnage plan, and performed the admeasurement survey on behalf of Germanischer Lloyd. Currents in the Yukon River and the absence of a dock made performing stability tests a challenge. Typically, such tests are executed in protected water with the vessel tethered to a dock with no outside forces affecting the boat. Because that wasn't an option, Elliott Bay Design Group engineers tied the Klondike Spirit to trees on the river's shore, and then floated the boat onto an eddy. Currents flowing down one side of the boat at four knots and up the other side at two knots kept the side-wheeler steady and the mooring lines slack for the duration of the test.

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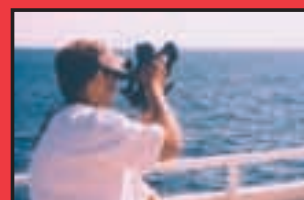
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Rodriquez Cantieri Delivers Brazilian Cat

Rodriquez Cantieri Navali do Brasil SpA, the Brazilian yard of the Rodriquez Group, delivered the all-aluminum Zeus 1°, the first of 10 catamarans under construction for Barcas SA

Shipping Company in Rio De Janeiro. Zeus 1° is the first of three 89 ft. (29 m) CityCats under construction, and it will operate on the Rio de Janeiro-Charitas route. Zeus 1° has a maximum capacity of 230 passengers and is powered by 2 MTU 16V 2000 M70 (1,050 kW each). During the sea trials it reached a cruising

speed and maximum speed respectively of about 25 and 27.4 knots.

The other seven vessels (named CityCat 52DE) 170.6 ft. (52 m), 18 knots and 900 seats and 300 standing passengers.

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Zeus 1° Main Particulars

Hull & Superstructure	Aluminium
Length, o.a.	89 ft. (29.2 m)
Length, b.p.	84 ft. (25.6 m)
Beam	31.5 ft. (9.6 m)
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Passengers	200
DWT	25
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Engines	2 x MTU 16V 2000 M70
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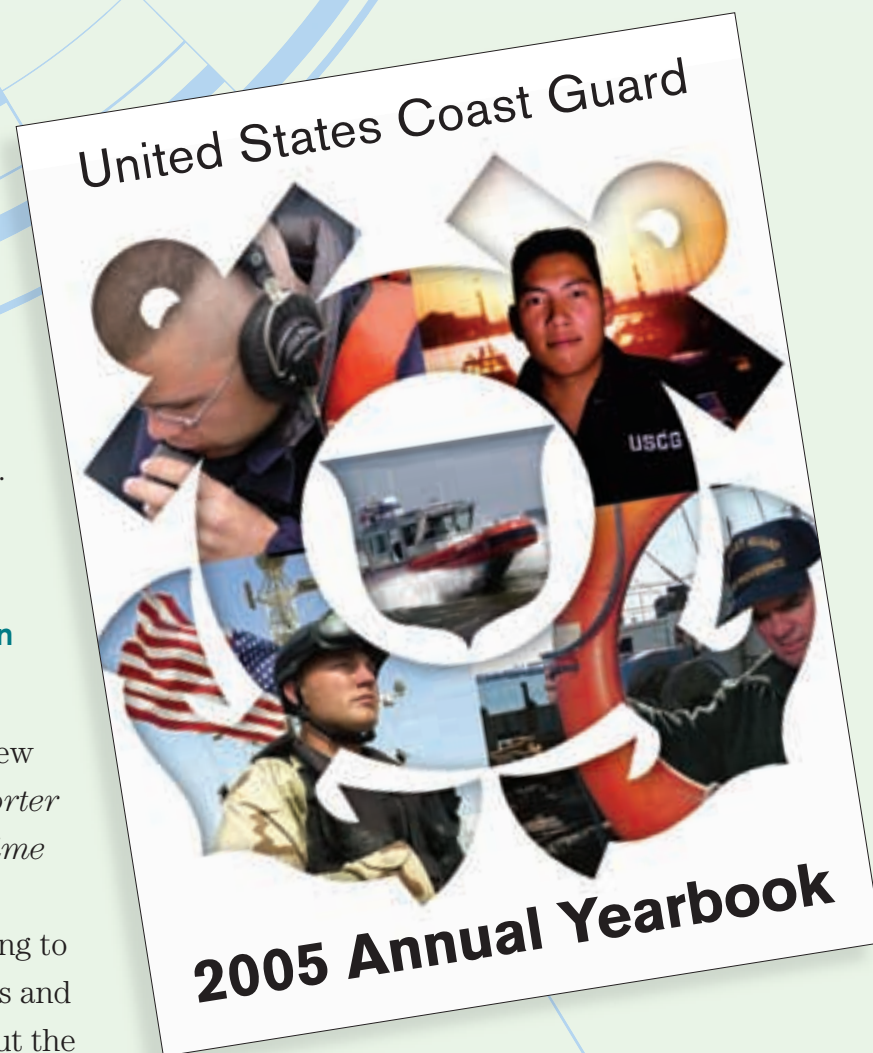
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Pride Onboard New Seahorse Supply Boat



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Nothing speaks to the quality of a boat more strongly than her skipper's pride of command. That pride is clearly evident when Capt. **Philip Gaudet** shows a guest through the M/V Capt. Rudy an immaculate new boat from Bollinger Shipyards' Lockport Louisiana facility. At 165 x 36-ft. with an 12-ft. molded depth, this is an expanded version of Bollinger's successful 145-ft. mini supply boat with the greater part of its length aft of the three story deck house. However entering the galley from the 110 x 30-ft. cargo deck one finds oneself in an ample but cozy galley and mess area.

Down from there takes one to the engine room where the boat's main engines, a pair of 1,000 hp Cummins KTA38 M0 delivering a combined 2,000 hp at 1,800 rpm hold the central place in an equally immaculate and well laid out engine room. Forward of the main engines a Cummins N14 drives a 270 bhp Schottel bow thruster. Electrical power is provided by a pair of Cummins 6CTA-powered 99 kW generators. A walkway leads aft between the liquid mud tanks with combined capacity of 1,250 barrels. Tankage is built in for 57,200 gallons of fuel, 64,200 gallons of potable water and 44,000 gallons of methanol or jet fuel. The deck can accommodate 506 long tons of cargo.

Taking his guest up to the spacious wheelhouse, further reason for Capt. Gaudet's pride is apparent in the spacious pilot house with well laid out DP-linked fore and aft controls. From the aft controls the visibility aft to the stern is clear and unobstructed. Designated a mega-mini supply boat, the craft is named for Capt. Rudy Lefort who captained the first Bollinger 145-foot mini supply boats.

Capt. Rudy Main Particulars

Builder	Bollinger Shipyard
Length	165 ft. ()
Breadth	36 ft. ()
Depth	12 ft. ()
Main engines	2 x Cummins KTA38 M0
Power	2,000 hp
Speed	1,800 rpm
Bowthruster	Schottel

ECO Wins \$241.5M Navy Contract

Edison Chouest Offshore (ECO), Galliano, La., is being awarded a \$26,616,165 firm fixed price contract with additional reimbursables for the time charter of one Offshore Petroleum Discharge System (OPDS). The OPDS system provides rapid, mobile transfer

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the cumulative value of this contract to a total of \$241,457,294. Work will be performed in the Guam/Saipan area, but are deployable worldwide, and is expected to be October 2006. Contract funds will not expire at the end of the current fiscal year. The U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command, Washington, D.C., is the contracting authority.



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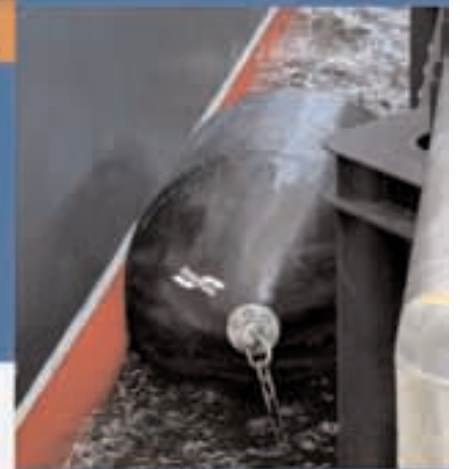


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Tuns, Tons, and Tonnage



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Some say that we owe our modern system of measuring ships, at least in part, to Julius Caesar and the natural thirst of the British peoples. Through efforts initiated by Julius Caesar in 54 B.C., portions of the British Isles were integrated with the European mainland. Regular trade developed. One of the products produced on the European mainland that was in short supply in Britain was wine. The British peoples gradually developed a prodigious thirst for wine and it came to be imported in large quantity. The usual means for shipping wine was in wooden casks called "tuns". A tun was basically a barrel, but was much smaller in circumference than is common nowadays. The tun was relatively easy for one person to handle and was easy to stow in the hold of ships of the day. Gradually, ships began to be graded by how many tuns they could carry. Somewhere in this evolution, the spelling - as applied to the capacity of ships - changed to "tons". Also, as transport became more sophisticated and mechanized and as ships became larger, the old-fashioned wine cask or tun fell out of use. As a matter of interest, the original barrels used to transport oil were built to hold 42 U.S. gallons (they were actually constructed to hold whiskey). They, too, have fallen into disuse, replaced by the 55-gallon drum, but the measurement unit survives. Now, "ton" is used by the maritime community to measure both cubic capacity and weight. The ton as a unit of weight developed independently of the ton as a unit of capacity and originated ashore. As a unit of cubic capacity, a ton is equivalent to 100 cubic feet. The two most common tonnage measurements for ships with regard to capacity are gross tonnage and net tonnage. Gross tonnage (GT) is the carrying capacity of the ship's hull (generally below the upper deck). Net tonnage (NT) is the

gross tonnage with subtractions made for non-cargo spaces, such as crew's quarters, ships' stores, engine rooms, bunkers, etc. The net tonnage is a measurement of the earning capacity of the ship. The terms "gross register tonnage" and "net register tonnage" refer to the

respective tonnages as shown on the ship's official government certificate of registry. As a unit of weight, a ton is usually denominated as a long ton (2,240 pounds) or a metric ton (1,000 kilograms or 2,204.6 pounds). The short ton (2,000 pounds) is less frequently used in

the maritime industry. The most common tonnage measurement utilized for ships with regard to weight is deadweight tonnage (DWT). Deadweight tonnage is the weight of water displaced by the hull of the ship. Governments soon latched on to tonnage as a means of

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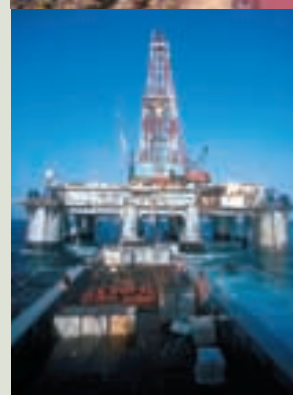
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calculating the tax or duty to be assessed against ships calling in their ports. When the United States Government was established, the Constitution specifically provided that Congress had the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises. Further, the Constitution

specifically prohibited the various states (without the consent of Congress) from laying "any Duty of Tonnage". The Customs Service (now called Customs and Border Protection) is charged with assessment and collection of tonnage taxes and light duties. Both the tonnage

tax and light duty (or light money) are assessed based on the ship's net tonnage, as well as its registration and the location from which it arrives. Exemptions are provided for ships registered in nations that grant reciprocal exemptions for U.S. ships. Nations and at least two

international waterways (the Suez and Panama Canals) developed over time different methods for computing tonnage as a measurement of capacity. After all, you could hardly go through the exercise of stuffing tons into every newly-built ship to determine its tonnage. The methods became very complex (sometimes called fantastical) and were only understood by specialists called admeasurers. In an effort toward uniformity, the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 was developed under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Tonnage Convention established uniform principles and rules with respect to determination of tonnage on ships engaged on international voyages. The Convention is generally forward-looking. Thus, ships predating adoption of the Convention are allowed to retain their old tonnage measurements for twelve years in the absence of a major rebuild. Even after twelve years, pre-existing ships may retain their old tonnage measurements for the purpose of application to them of relevant requirements under other existing international conventions. The U.S. legislation and regulations adopting the Tonnage Convention for ships of the United States provide details on whether the new convention tonnage measurement or the old regulatory tonnage measurement is to be utilized by pre-existing U.S. ships to determine application of various international conventions and U.S. laws. The matter can quickly get very complicated, particularly with regard to such things as the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and the Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS). Technically, both are part of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, but they are treated as new requirements for purposes of application of the Tonnage Convention. The United States now has four systems for measuring tonnage of ships. In addition to convention tonnage, a ship of the United States may be eligible for measurement under the regulatory system, the dual tonnage system, or the simplified measurement system. The dual tonnage system is basically a grandfather clause for U.S. ships built before September 29, 1965, when the regulatory system became controlling for most domestic purposes. The simplified measurement system is available to vessels that are either not self-propelled, under 79 feet in length, or operated for pleasure only. The drinking habits of the British peoples have thus laid the basis for an extremely complex system or systems of maritime regulation that no one person (clearly not this writer) fully understands.

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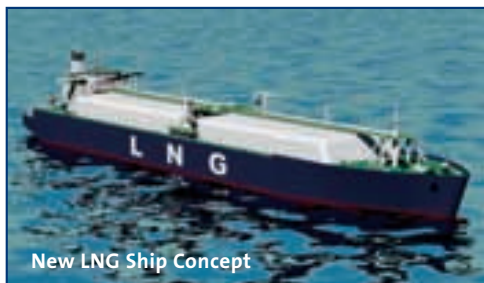
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Dawn of a New Era

By David Tinsley, Technical Editor

As the final bastion of steam turbine propulsion in mercantile shipping, the boom in the LNG carrier sector has not only given a fillip to the Japanese producers of such specialist plant, but has also sparked the uptake of alternative powering solutions. The recent entry into service of the first LNG tanker installed with a dual-fuel electric propulsion system, and the nomination of the concept for a clutch of subsequently-contracted, larger gas carriers, are likely to have forever altered the established order in deepsea LNG carrier powering.

Furthermore, the planned adoption of electronically-controlled, two-stroke diesel engines and onboard reliquefaction plant for a series of newbuilds in the 210,000/215,000-cu. m. range, the largest LNG tankers booked to date, has given added dimension to the industry's shift from traditional powering arrangements.

Whether or not the gas turbine will find favor in future LNGC projects, either in gas turbo-electric or mechanical drive layouts, or in a combined system akin to that used on a number of cruise ships, remains to be seen. The present climate of change and opportunity, and a new willingness to embrace innovative technology that can yield long-run efficiency and operational ben-

efits, must have increased the chances of a market breakthrough.

Steam turbine systems have monopolized large, single-screw LNG carrier propulsion over the past four decades due to factors of reliability, familiarity and the ease with which the boilers in such installations can use the gas boil-off which continuously emanates from the LNG cargo. Mitsubishi and Kawasaki have both augmented their offering with steam turbines suited to a new generation of higher capacity LNGCs. However, technological advances in main engines and innovation in propulsion systems, coupled with growing ship size and evolving trade requirements, draught limitation implications for hull and propeller design, and heightened expectations as to unit cost efficiency and operating flexibility, have prompted shipowners to consider new options.

The 74,000-cu. m. *Gaz de France energy*, which was recently completed by Chantiers de l'Atlantique and phased into service carrying Algerian gas to France, has opened a new technical chapter in LNG marine transportation. She is the first LNGC to incorporate dual-fuel reciprocating engine, electric-drive system, and has also given form to GTT's CS1 membrane cargo containment technique, offering improved qualities and operating advantages and

reduced costs compared with earlier systems.

Both the propulsion concept and CSI cargo system have also been specified for two vessels of 153,500-cu. m. ordered from Chantiers de l'Atlantique. *Gaz de France energy* is equipped with four six-cylinder Wärtsilä 50DF dual-fuel engines, giving a total power output of 22.8-MW, and driving gensets delivering electrical energy to a pair of Alstom propulsion motors and all other shipboard consumers. The follow-on, larger newbuilds, *Provalys* and *Gaselys*, will each have three 12-cylinder 50DF dual-fuel engines plus one six-cylinder model, giving a power concentration of 39.9-MW.

Expansion-minded BP Shipping of the U.K. has also endorsed the dual-fuel electric drive approach in its latest stage of LNGC fleet development, entailing four 155,000-cu. m. ships from Hyundai, with options on four further vessels of the class. Two 12-cylinder and two nine-cylinder Wärtsilä 50DF engines will provide a primary power base of 39.9-MW in each vessel. The configuration will enable various operating modes to be matched in the most efficient way, catering to fully-laden powering needs, in-harbor loads, and in-ballast voyaging. The machinery maker's recent adaptation of its dual fuel technology to allow heavy fuel oil to be

used in the engine's diesel mode has further enhanced fuel flexibility, and improved operators' control over running costs in the face of fluctuating gas and liquid fuel prices.

The chosen design and powering arrangements promise the requisite economy and effectiveness in handling various deployments within the Atlantic basin trading sphere at service speeds up to 20-knots, and including Trinidad and Tobago's Atlantic LNG project, and the U.S., U.K. and Spanish traffic.

A program of eight ships of unprecedented size to serve planned long-term shipments of gas from Qatar to the U.K. will bring direct-drive, low-speed diesel machinery, in combination with onboard reliquefaction plant technology, to bear on the LNGC market. Construction contracts for a quartet of 215,000-cu. m. carriers have been split between Hyundai and Samsung, while four 210,000-cu. m. vessels are slated from Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering. The fleet will be owned by two international consortia, both involving Qatar Gas Transport Co, and the investment in new capacity arises from the Qatargas II LNG project of Qatar Petroleum and ExxonMobil.

MAN B&W has confirmed that each of the Daewoo vessels will be equipped with two 6S70ME-C electronically-controlled engines, driving a pair of fixed

pitch propellers. UK-based engineering group Hamworthy, meanwhile, has reported that all eight envisioned new-builds will be provided with reliquefaction systems. The patented process reliquefies cargo boil-off gas during the voyage, and returns LNG back into the cargo tanks.

The arrangements will enable the vessels to be operated wholly on marine bunker fuel, and ensure that the loaded cargo volume will arrive in its entirety at the destination point, rather than an amount being lost in boil-off subsequently ingested by the ship's main machinery. Although steam turbine plant can utilize boil-off gas very easily, efficiency losses in the boilers, high-speed reduction gear, shafting, and the steam turbine itself bring overall efficiency of the installation to a level of approximately 30 percent at full load. A substantial amount of heavy fuel oil is needed to complement the available boil-off gas in laden condition, and more so when the ship is in a ballast state. By comparison, the latest low-speed diesel machinery offers thermal efficiency factors up to around 50-percent, resulting in lower energy consumption and operating costs.

Norway Fosters Gas-fueled Fleet

A Norwegian government-inspired project for five gas-powered, double-ended ferries to serve fjord routes connecting the coastal highway network had reached the letter of intent stage at the time of writing. The agreement

between Aker Yards and Fjord1, a transport group owned by the western Norwegian counties of Sogn og Fjordane and More og Romsdal, foresees deliveries in the second half of 2006 of a new LNG-fuelled generation of vessels. The hulls will be built at the Aker Tulcea yard in Romania, and fitted out at Aker Brattvaag's premises on the Norwegian west coast.

Measuring 129.5-metres length by 19.2-metres width, and designed by

LMG Marin of Bergen to carry passengers, cars and commercial vehicles on services in Hordaland and Rogaland, the ferries promise enhanced environmental compatibility along with improved route productivity. Using LNG, for which Norway is rapidly developing a supply infrastructure in support of marine users and riparian industry, instead of diesel oil promises a major cut in oxide of nitrogen(NOx) emissions relative to existing ferries. The scheme has been

prompted by shipping's proportionally considerable contribution to Norwegian air pollution, whereby some 40% of total Nox emissions are attributable to domestic sea transport and fishing vessels, and by the country's undertakings as regards the Kyoto Agreement regarding CO2(carbon dioxide) and other emissions. The Aker group put down a marker for the industry in 2000 when its Langsten yard completed the 95-m, gas-electric fjord ferry Glutra.

Optimised electric propulsion for LNG ships



LNG: Fleet Could Expand 80% by 2010

According to R.S. Platou Shipbrokers of Norway, some 60 new LNG carriers will have been ordered during this year and, by the end of November, the orderbook consisted of 104 vessels equivalent to about 80 percent of the existing fleet. "By taking some scrapping into account, the world LNG fleet is therefore set to grow by 9 percent annually in the period to 2010," the broker estimates. However, still more LNG carriers are likely to be ordered in the months ahead, and the pace of fleet expansion could become even faster, perhaps hitting 12 percent by the end of 2010. Platou believes that LNG builders could be turning out as many as 40 new ships per year by 2010 and questions whether the number of new projects will be sufficient to absorb that scale of extra tonnage. Over the last decade, Platou said, the annual increase in LNG shipping demand has averaged 9 percent but is likely to rise significantly in the future. "Long term contracts already signed between suppliers and buyers indicate that trade volumes will grow by 8.5 percent per annum and are currently set to peak in 2007," the broker said.



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The Birth of the Large LNG Carrier

LNG carriers have leapt in size to break the 200,000 cu. m. barrier - what are the primary technical factors involved in making this jump?

Qatargas' recently contracted 209,000 cu. m. and 216,000 cu. m. LNG carriers from three Korean yards have seen gas ships take a major step forward in size. The increasing demand for LNG, especially in the U.S. and Europe, and the need to reduce long haul transport costs from the Middle East to the U.S. is driving the increase in ship size, although whether we will see a trend of ever larger ships for general trades is questionable, as LNG carriers are restricted to an upper limit of around 155,000 cu. m. by existing port facilities. The bigger sizes are therefore limited to specific projects which involve either the construction of new terminals specially designed to handle these carriers, or the construction of cargo tanks for LNG offshore floating units.

Tank Size and Configuration

There are several technical factors to be considered during the design, construction and operation of large LNG carriers, primarily impacting tank size and configuration and propulsion.

Tank size becomes important in light of the increased beam for larger ships and overall tank length needs to be considered from the point of view of pressure loads due to fluid motion in a laden tank. There are two options for a larger ship - five tanks of conventional size, or four larger tanks. The five-tank configuration is inherently less 'risky', as knowledge of the ability of a containment membrane to withstand sloshing loads is based on tanks of conventional size.

Further, model testing demonstrates that the highest fluid pressures are associated with diagonal tank motion - lengthening the tank and hence the diagonal could result in more pressure on the tank membrane. However, shipyards have been looking into the issue of tank configuration for a number of years in anticipation of the ordering of large LNG carriers. Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME), for instance, has carried out a number of studies to validate bigger tanks, including:

- LNG tank sloshing studies at MARINTEK in Norway as part of a joint development project with Lloyd's Register
- cargo containment system capability testing by dry-drop tests carried out at the Korea Institute of Metals and Machinery
- dynamic hydro-elasticity properties of cargo containment systems by both numerical analysis and experiments at the University of Illinois in the U.S.

New Propulsion Options

For the larger ship sizes, propulsion has become a major issue. The sheer size of the vessels has led to the development of a twin-skeg, twin-screw arrangement as a means of maintaining normal trading speeds. Further, the draft limitation imposed on the new generation of LNG tankers makes it difficult to design an efficient propeller or hull form for a single-screw vessel.

This in turn has prompted the industry to turn away from the traditional steam turbine propulsion utilised by the vast majority of the world's LNG fleet. The overall complexity and cost of a twin-screw steam turbine arrangement would

involve a multi-input gearbox and very large steam-raising plants, making twin-screw steam turbine propulsion cumbersome and expensive.

The industry has therefore turned towards a number of new propulsion options. These are:

- dual-fuel diesel electric
- twin slow speed diesel with reliquefaction
- gas turbine.

The recently ordered Qatargas ships, for instance, will use slow speed diesel propulsion with reliquefaction. These advances in propulsion have implications for conventional size ships as well, as all of the new options provide the main advantage of a shorter engine room and therefore more cargo carrying capacity. The 155,000 cu. m. LNG carriers recently ordered by BP Shipping, for instance, achieved this capacity increase by opting for dual-fuel diesel electric propulsion.

Validating the Technology

As with any new technology, the risks need to be assessed. Lloyd's Register, in its work with DSME during the process of the yard's development of a workable large LNG carrier design, carried out a number of assessments using a typical 'safety case' methodology. This method involves two key elements: a hazard identification study (HAZID), which identifies critical issues and looks at engine room arrangements and layout, and a hazard operability study (HAZOP), which looks at detailed piping and instrumentation diagrams from a safety and operability point of view. Lloyd's Register Asia's Busan Office facilitated a number of safety cases for

DSME, with input from other Lloyd's Register Group offices around the world. "Both types of studies were carried out using a prescribed format of capturing data in a workshop environment with the designers, engine manufacturers, component suppliers, classification and the intended operator," says **Thanos Koliopulos**, Special Projects Manager for Lloyds Register's Oil and Gas Division. "The key benefits of this approach are that it gives the necessary confidence to all parties involved and deals with all the technical issues on the table." One of the first HAZIDs Lloyd's Register Asia carried out for DSME assessed the safety, operability and maintainability of dual-fuel propulsion. A key output of this first HAZID, says Koliopulos, was the adoption of double-wall gas supply pipework instead of the conventional single-wall arrangement. This finding made dual-fuel a more viable arrangement from the safety and operability point of view and enormously improved the engine room layout.

"Using the safety case methodology, we were able to arrive at a workable technical solution which addressed all the identified risks," says Koliopulos. "This method of validating new technology has proved to be invaluable, both for Lloyd's Register and for DSME, which has now decided to apply this approach to qualify other propulsion options."

Source: Lloyd's Register, Horizons, Issue 10, December 2004. For more information contact Thanos Koliopulos, Special Projects Manager, Lloyd's Register Oil and Gas at thanos.koliopulos@lr.org

Tanker Market Snapshot • Suezmax

Newbuilding & Secondhand Sales

The Suezmax newbuilding market has seen an impressive jump in prices this year. The average newbuilding price for 2003 was \$48M, this year the average price was \$63M, the highest average price over the last 10 years. Top Tankers lead the buyers market for Suezmaxes this quarter, purchasing five tankers from Essar Shipping for \$256.5M. All the vessels are early 1990's built and scheduled to be delivered to Top Tankers during the first quarter of 2005. Thenamaris sold the 1988 built Seavoyager (148,349 Dwt)

to Mercator for \$37.5M. Thenamaris also sold the 1989 built Matilda (147,500 Dwt) to Berlian Laju Tankers for \$31M. Nordic American Tanker Shipping purchased the 1996 built Wilma Yangtze (149,000 Dwt) from Wilhelmsen Marine for \$66M. Wah Kwong purchased a Geden Lines newbuilding (159,000 Dwt) scheduled to deliver in 2007 for \$70.5M. There were no new confirmed orders for Suezmaxes during the fourth quarter.

Fleet Additions & Deletions

The demolition market was quiet this

quarter for Suezmaxes, owners were taking advantage of the spot market instead of selling their vessels for scrap. Scrappings for 2004 stayed consistent with the number of vessels scrapped in 2003 with 14 vessels deleted from the trading fleet. According to the new EU phase-out schedule, over the next three years the numbers of vessels set to exit the fleet gradually decreases with very little activity expected in the demolition market. Suezmaxes ended the year with the second highest number of deliveries in 10 years, second only to last year. The next four years show little change

with about 30 vessels expected each year. Only five vessels were delivered during the fourth quarter bringing the total number of Suezmaxes delivered to 25. BP took delivery of the second ship scheduled to deliver in 2004, the Alaskan Explorer (185,000 Dwt). The Aegean Dignity (159,200 Dwt) was delivered to Arcadia, the second of two sisterships scheduled to deliver from Hyundai Shipyard. Naviara Tapias took delivery of the Teide Spirit (159,000 Dwt), the first of three expected over the next year. The trading inventory ended the year with 320 vessels.

Tanker Market Snapshot • VLCC



Spot Market

Summer came to a close and rates were expected to drop before winter blew in with full force. Rates instead began to increase quickly, slowing for a bit in October then gaining momentum in November. Rates hit a yearly high when the Sunlight Jewel (1993 built 280,000 DWT) was reportedly fixed by Marathon in November for WS 240 (\$177,000/day). The average earnings per day in November for an AG/USG Route was \$153,000/day, tripling November's average from 2003. But what goes up must eventually come down, rates began dropping in December, as cargoes thinned out and hesitation for what 2005 may bring began to stir. Marathon fixed the Safwa (2002 built 303,000 DWT) for WS 130 (89,000/day). Vessels going East also saw a dramatic jump in rates the fourth quarter. Rates peaked in the low WS300's, ExxonMobil fixed the Arosa (1993 built 291,000 Dwt) for WS 315 (\$226,000/day). As each week passed in December rates dropped lower and lower, averaging for the month at about WS 150. West Africa rates also spiked in November with rates over WS300, but rates dropped off quickly in December to WS 160. Koch fixed the Astipalia (2001 built 306,000 Dwt) for WS 165 (\$107,000/day).

Newbuilding & Secondhand Sales

In 2004 the newbuilding market prices continued their upward climb, hurdling over the \$100M mark in the third quarter and closing at an average \$110M for the fourth quarter. Since the close of 2003 the newbuilding sales price has increased over 40%. Two of the record second-hand sales included Metrostar's purchase of the 2002 built Oriental Topaz (319,430 Dwt) for \$116 million and the 2003 built Violando (309,234 Dwt) from Goulandris for \$122.5M. Dr. Peters jumped right into the action with the purchase of two sister ships from Pacific Star, the 1998 built Neptune Glory (299,127 Dwt) and the Saturn Glory (299,127 Dwt) for \$88.5M each included a charter back to seller for 7 years at \$41,760/day. Arlington Tankers, a new public tanker company set up by

Stena acquired 2 Concordia V-Max tankers for \$120M each, the 2001 built Stena Vision and Stena Victory (314,000 DWT). The Clipper Group and Fred Cheng's Shinyo International have created a joint venture called Van-Clipper, which has already agreed to purchase two vessels the 1988 built Seryna (240,000 Dwt) and 1992 built Astro Lynx (244,000 Dwt).

Fleet Additions & Deletions

The VLCC demolition market came to a complete standstill during the third quarter spilling over into the fourth quarter with increasing spot rates enticing owners to hold onto their vessels. Even with high available scrap prices owners chose to stay in the spot market. The demolition market has steadily decreased over the last three years. In 2002 a record 44 VLCC vessels were scrapped, decreasing to 29 in 2003. In 2004 a mere 12 VLCC vessels were scrapped, down nearly half since 2003. Although the demolition market quieted down the last quarter the VLCC deliveries remained steady with 7 VLCC vessels delivered the fourth quarter bringing the total deliveries to 30. The Delos (306,000 Dwt) delivered this month and was also sold this quarter to Ghandour by Aeolos for \$125M. With 30 vessels delivered and 12 vessels departed, the net trading inventory of VLCC's increased by 18 vessels to 444. Going forward, a substantial orderbook exists and minimal mandated scrapping under IMO 13G promises a similar fleet build in 2005.

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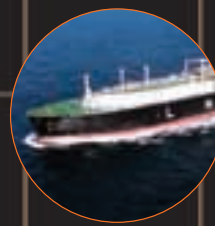
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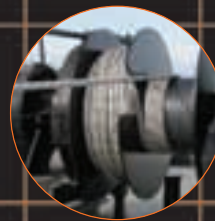
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Alaskan Frontier, is outfitted with the latest in marine technologies including twin screws, medium speed electric diesel propulsion and advanced machinery and cargo control systems. The Alaskan Frontier also features C-MAP CM-93 at the heart of her integrated electronic navigation system.

"C-MAP's electronic chart database, with its comprehensive portfolio of vector charts in the CM-93 format, is very important to our safe navigation," said **John A. Miller**, Electronics Engineer for the ATC fleet. "The quality of the CM-93 data and its accuracy in terms of content and structure offer our ships' deck officers a high level of confidence in C-MAP as an aid to navigation," Miller said. Integrated with radar overlay, ARPA and AIS, C-MAP electronic charts provide deck officers with a



wealth of information and help them stay on top of navigational situations which change from minute to minute.

"With the recent implementation of AIS equipment in each tanker's electronic suite, we have an even higher level of reliable ship data integrated with the already powerful CM-93 charts, providing real time ship information and traffic overlays," Miller added.

ATC bridge crews can't overemphasize the importance of accurate, up-to-date electronic charts to meeting the specific challenges of piloting an oil-laden tanker through dangerous waters. "The charts' safety contours assist in defining for us the vessel's "no go" areas (shoals, reefs, bars and other

shallow/hazardous conditions). At the same time, docking evolutions are better visualized by our crew with the vector information displayed as to the ship's actual movements," Miller said.

In evaluating the usefulness and performance of their vessel's electronic charts, ATC representatives added that harbor pilots especially rely on the ship's ECS (Electronic Charting System), due to its location near the 10 cm radar. This ECS display helps them keep a close watch on Speed Over Ground, Course Over Ground and Speed Through Water, all vital statistics, when piloting a large, heavy vessel in crowded waters and restricted space.

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New LNG Containment System Gets ABS Approval

The American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) has issued Approval In Principle (AIP) to a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) tank containment system and carrier design developed by Houston-based Ocean LNG Inc. The tank design consists of a cylindrical tank with spherical dished ends. The 180,000 cu. m. carrier design features five of these large 36 m diameter and 40 m high cylinder tanks each holding a volume of 36,000 cu. m. of LNG.

Ocean LNG claims that the design maximizes the void spaces in the ship's hull, yet still provides full access around the tank for inspections of both the insulation and tank structure. Compared to the traditional spherical LNG tank containment system, the Ocean LNG tank system is expected to increase cargo capacity within the same main hull dimensions by an estimated 25 percent compared to spherical LNG tank systems. The Ocean LNG proprietary tank design is fashioned according to IMO Type B independent tank



design and based on the leak before failure principle. The tanks are designed to minimize filling restrictions due to sloshing effects. A detailed sloshing analysis of the tank and pump tower designs was recently completed by ABS.

"The marine and offshore industries frequently develop novel applications in response to industry and market demands," said **Philip Rynn**, Senior Staff Consultant, Engineering, ABS. Rynn certified the design principles of Ocean LNG's tank containment system and carrier design.

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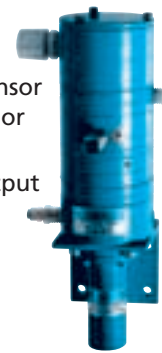
Left: Ocean LNG Inc. tank containment system and carrier design was awarded ABS Approval In Principle (AIP). The tank design consists of a cylindrical tank with spherical dished ends. The 180,000 cu. m. carrier design features five of these large 36m in diameter and 40m high cylinder tanks each holding a volume of 36,000 cu. m. of LNG.

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Applying Advanced Technology to Redefine Safety

ABS' new Chief Technology Officer sees class entering an exciting era in which advanced computing power and the scientific application of risk methodologies will redefine the manner through which appropriate safety standards are established.

"The marine industry is looking for a more explicit understanding of safety," says **Chris Wiernicki**, the newly appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at ABS. "Safety has always been implied in classification Rules, because the Rules were based on safe practice. With boundary-pushing projects, safety can no longer be implied, it must be understood," he says emphatically.

"Marine structures are growing to unprecedented size and complexity. They are beginning to fall outside the boundaries of traditional class Rules - the scientific or technical limits within which the Rules have been defined," he explains. "You see this happening with ultra-large containerships, with the newest generation of large, membrane-type LNG carriers, with high-speed vessels, and in offshore energy exploration and development. Compounding the challenge to class societies, the increase in vessel size and complexity has been accompanied by a decrease in design time," he adds.

As a consequence, "class societies are fielding a growing number of questions from the industry that can best be summarized as, 'Will this novel structure we propose not only be fit for its intended purpose but will it be as safe as a traditional one?'"

Despite a reputation for conservatism, the international marine industry has always responded to each wave of new challenges, from the development of ULCCs to SWATH vessels. "In the past, class tended to be reactive to industry developments, often extrapolating its existing prescriptive standards to meet the new challenges," says Wiernicki. "Today," he continues, "advances in technology are reshaping not just marine classification but the marine industry itself with class often providing the technical leadership to effect those changes." He cites ABS' development of the Dynamic Loading Approach and recent research conducted into sloshing in membrane-type LNG containment systems as examples.

Thinking back over the period from



"Technology is a tool that helps us to deliver classification products and services to our customers that are designed to assist them conduct their business more efficiently and more safely. Technology is a tool that helps us improve our products and deliver better service. It is really that simple. At the end of the day, success to us is a product that is practical and can be applied."

the early 1990s, Wiernicki reflects that "there has been an exponential expansion of understanding in nearly every field of maritime technical knowledge, and in the computing power that can be applied to the consideration of these issues." The process, he says, builds on its own momentum. "This evolution has brought a stream of new ideas and technologies that raise their own technical issues, which, in their turn, require class to stretch its capabilities into yet other areas, so that it can develop new ways of rationally assessing the safety of unprecedented designs."

In this technical evolution, he says, progress occurs not only in the familiar pattern of incremental steps based on empirical experience, but also in great leaps that take the scientists, engineers and naval architects within a classification society's research department to a point where they can evaluate design precedents that embody many unknowns.

Such rapid advances challenge all class societies to "break through their own technological barriers if they are to protect and extend the safety frontier, the frontier where advanced technology

meets the basic mission of class - to protect the safety of life, property and the marine environment."

Another factor he points to is a growing need for safety equivalency - demonstrating that a design without precedent is "as safe as" previous designs. This need challenges class societies to provide a more flexible approach to the Rule-making process without compromising their mission.

"Fortunately there is a tried and trusted methodology to address this," says Wiernicki. "Risk assessment was pioneered by the nuclear industry and has been adopted by many other sectors but it is really only now that a concerted effort has been made to introduce a rational consideration of risk into the establishment of marine safety standards."

ABS has introduced probabilistic risk technologies into its Rule-making process to more explicitly quantify risk in terms of frequency and severity. "The goal is to achieve a more explicit understanding of safety, from identifying the hazards to developing effective risk management and mitigation approaches that allow us to consider quite different methods to those contained in the traditional Rules," he says. For ABS it is part of a technological evolution that began some 15 years ago.

"We are building on our technological advances of the recent past, to prepare for the industry's advances of the future. In the early 1990s, we used the rapid increases in accessible computing power to develop a scientifically correct engineering basis for the Rules - what we called a first-principles approach - in which we looked at structural designs based not only on past performance, but also on a consideration of how things happen.

"We were the first, and are still the only, class society to thoroughly consider the dynamics of a ship at sea. This led to DLA, the Dynamic Loading Approach, and then to SafeHull - two programs without precedent and without equal. Now, we are looking to take that knowledge to the next level, combining it with risk technologies to develop Rules based not only on past performance and on how things actually happen, but also based on how things interact.

"This is the latest development in an ongoing research and development program that addresses integrated risk management," he explains.

"Through this IRM project, we have been able to marry emerging risk technologies with our vast practical experience. In the process, we produced several pioneering risk-based guidance documents for the industry: a Guide for risk evaluation for the classification of marine facilities; guidance notes on the review and approval of novel concepts and emerging technologies; and Guides for performing surveys using risk-based inspection and reliability-centered maintenance."

This internal evolution has also concentrated ABS' efforts to improve the manner in which safety standards are applied and maintained throughout a vessel or offshore structure's operational life. "Life cycle management and operational performance are two key items that are impacted by how various systems or components interact," Wiernicki says. "They require a systems approach to the ship or offshore unit, tying together technical capabilities - structures, machinery and dynamic load-and-response behavior - with risk-based approaches to determine how design, maintenance and operations interact to affect a vessel over the course of its life."

"As vessel designs advance, and virtually everything about their operation grows more complex and more challenging, the question for owners and operators becomes, 'What information from the classification process regarding hull and mechanical integrity also has an impact on vessel performance?' In considering operational safety, our efforts are focused on how that question can be most effectively answered, and determining what information can be relayed to the master, while operating the ship, that can help the vessel avoid previously identified operational or structural hazards."

ABS has a rich history of technological leadership marked by numerous industry firsts from the first Rules for all welded vessels to developing the first standards for the carriage of LNG to approving the designs for a succession of containerships, from the advent of containerization until the present, each recognized as being the largest of its time. In the offshore sector ABS established the first MODU Rules and classed the first TLP and the first spar among many other industry firsts.

This technology leadership, he notes, is also reflected in ABS' impact on the joint effort of ABS, DNV and LR to develop Common Rules for tankers which is nearing completion.

"In the JTP (Joint Tanker Project) or Common Structural Rules (CSR) project, the three societies sought to eliminate the growing external pressures

being exerted on all class societies to compete on steelweight," he explains. "Under the Common Rules, we have jointly agreed to raise the bar in terms of structural integrity, at the same time shifting competition from steelweight to service delivery and added value."

Key elements of the approach adopted

by the JTP are the application of dynamic loads to the net ship scantlings and the formal consideration of fatigue. "This is the same approach that was pioneered through ABS SafeHull more than 10 years ago," says Wiernicki. "It is applying a rational assessment to the structure based on fundamental engineering prin-

ciples that will result in more robust ships in the future."

In doing so, the Common Rules address one of the most cited weaknesses in the current approach to classification Rule-making.

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Time Flies When Well Spent

The rudder and engine commands came rapidly, as the cumbersome tanker wended its way ponderously but purposefully through the hairpin turns of Hartford Channel. A large but nimble container ship approached at the next bend, sounding one blast of the whistle. Meeting head to head on such a tight turn is not usually recommended but the captain decided to try it just to see how it worked. He replied with one blast. The 90 degree turn was negotiated safely as the containership Patriot State passed inches away.

An hour later the anchor tore noisily out of the hawse pipe of the containership Bay State as the pilot shouted "full astern". Was he in time to keep the stem from plowing into the rapidly approaching dock? The wind was not helping, as the ship set rapidly down on the pier. It would have been more comforting to have a stout tugboat laying off to assist, but this was infinitely more interesting.

No, this was not the set of a maritime version of "survivor" where pilots and captains try to outdo each other with foolhardy bravado. This was just another day in Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Advanced Shiphandling course. The ships were manned models,

navigating the waters of Great Herring Pond on scenic Cape Cod. This course is offered through the Academy's Center for Commercial Maritime Training. The MMA program offers the only manned model advanced shiphandling course in North America. It is also the world's only manned model course with United States Coast Guard approval. This five day course satisfies the entire advanced shiphandling training requirement for mariners wishing to proceed to a management level license (chief mate/master) and makes efficient use of the mariners' precious time ashore.

This past autumn pilots from the Saint Johns River in Florida, the Columbia River Bar and the port of Los Angeles, as well as captains and mates from companies such as Global Santa-Fe, SeaRiver Maritime, Military Sealift Command and others were in attendance at Massachusetts Maritime

At present the school is utilizing three models, the Patriot State and Bay State, of 16,070 tons displacement, and the Massachusetts, of 196,000 tons displacement. The former were purchased from the Navy in 1997 when they discontinued their manned model pro-



Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Advanced Shiphandling course uses manned models to teach.

gram at the Little Creek, Va., facility. The Massachusetts was custom built in 2001, from plans of the laid-up tanker Atigun Pass. All of the models are about 37 feet in length with the two dry cargo ships built at a scale of 16:1 and the tanker at 25:1. When you first approach the models lying at their berths at the Academy's Keith Hartford Sailing Center they look like toys. This notion is dispelled very quickly when the lines are cast off and the first rudder and engine orders are given. Then you realize that they handle just like the ships they are duplicating. To quote Captain **Jim Nolan**, retired San Francisco Bar pilot "I know these ships from real-life experience. These models are incredibly realistic".

As important as the models and the facilities is the team of instructors assembled by Captain **Peg Brandon**, the Director of Commercial Maritime Training. The most senior of the facilitators are Captain **Jim Nolan**, retired pilot and "spark-plug" of the original program and Captain **Richard "Red" Shannon**, who, among his other accomplishments, is a master of both power driven and sailing vessels of any gross tons and former master of the sailing passenger ship Sea Cloud. Complementing these two are Captain **Kerry Fitzpatrick**, retired containership master, Captain **Ron Mason**, retired Boston docking-master, Captain **Craig Dalton**, retired tanker captain, and Captain **Pat Crane**, who is a current ITB master. The shared background and experience of these instructors guarantees a rewarding experience for course participants. Among the many skills taught as part of the syllabus are some that are nearly forgotten, such as the use of an anchor in a narrow channel, the use of the anchor while docking, and Mediterranean mooring with both anchors. In years past the anchor was referred to as the "poor man's tug." It is still used this way in some parts of the world where, due to economic or mechanical constraints, tugs are not available. Because tugs are readily available most places however, this skill is being lost. The captain or pilot who must proceed without a tug for one reason or another may not be readily familiar with this anchoring technique. It is a difficult skill to learn on your own, on the job, but easy to address with the manned models.

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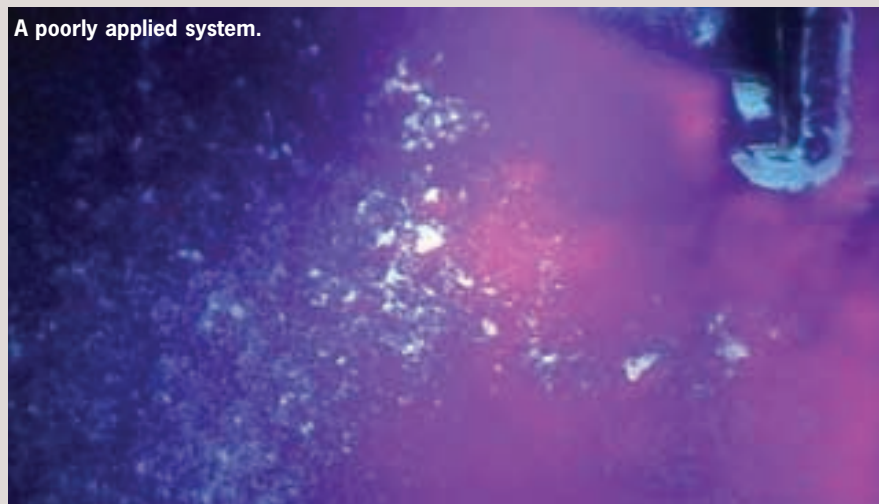


Seeing Things in a Different Light

Anyone in the marine business knows the difficulty of maintaining a properly coated ballast tank environment. The ballast tank of an ocean-going ship endures some of the harshest environments in the world, with thousands of gallons of seawater pumped into and out of the tanks, creating an extremely corrosive environment. Repairing corroded ballast tanks through traditional methods can cost between \$50 to \$100 per sq. m. With a ballast tank area of 250,000 sq. m., this could mean an expense of \$1.2 million for a complete overhaul.

While protective coatings have traditionally been applied to slow the corrosion process, the ballast tank areas are notoriously difficult to access for application and inspection, and oftentimes a missed or incorrectly applied spot can lead to rapid corrosion. A team of companies has come forward with a solution: a coating complete with Lumilux luminescent pigments from Honeywell that allows for quick and accurate inspection using ultra-violet light. Luminous Technologies Ltd., a U.K. manufacturer of colored luminous pastes and concentrates for use in paints and coatings, fabrics and plastics, invented the Optically Active Additive (OAA). A key ingredient in OAA is Honeywell's Lumilux pigments — com-

A poorly applied system.



pounds that absorb energy and emit it as visible light or, in special cases, as infrared or long-wave ultra-violet radiation. "Selecting Lumilux was an easy task since no other pigment worked as effectively with the various forms of paint we utilized at the time," said **Bill Cooper**, managing director, Luminous Technologies. When these pigments are added to coatings for application, workers using an ultraviolet light can rapidly inspect the coating for coverage. Areas where the coating glows brighter means it is too thick, which wastes materials. Areas that do not glow or glow less brightly indicate where the coating is too thin or not applied, leaving the tank

vulnerable to corrosion. The same ultra-violet detection method can be used for periodic inspection and maintenance to quickly determine if the coating has cracked or otherwise failed.

Standing the Test of Time

Having researched OAA from Luminous Technologies, a marine technical consultant alerted the Jotun Group, a leading marine coatings, of the new additive. Jotun immediately developed its Balloxy HB Lumi coating system which combines OAA with its own paint formulations. Jotun quickly launched a one-year test cycle and discovered that the Balloxy HB Lumi system offered a

variety of benefits compared to traditional maintenance procedures, including:

- A 50 percent reduction in inspection time since personnel could inspect large areas more quickly with ultra-violet light;
- Improved quality of first application, which can be inspected quickly before a second coat is applied;
- Substantial materials savings as the system detected areas where too much coating material was being applied;
- Easier inspection of the coating over its lifespan;
- Better record-keeping as inspection images can be captured digitally.

"Balloxy HB Lumi is the future of ballast tank protection," said **Miles Buckhurst**, product manager, Jotun. "The long-term benefits are clear, Balloxy HB Lumi protects against damage caused by corrosion, improves the standard of inspection while providing considerable savings in time and materials." Jotun officially launched its product in March, 2004, making a major splash in the maritime industry. Balloxy HB Lumi has attracted interest from shipping companies worldwide and is now in use with several of the world's largest shipping companies.

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Sigma Adds to its Coatings Line

Sigma Coatings added another product to its assortment that already includes Sigma Phenguard and Sigmaguard CSF. After use in non-marine applications such as land based storage tanks, Sigma Coatings launched the solvent free epoxy phenolic tank coating Sigma Novaguard for marine applications.

Sigma Novaguard is designed to offer increased chemical resistance versus other coatings on the market, while possessing the same flow and edge coverage properties of the Sigma solvent free product range. The solvent free nature of Sigma Novaguard means that it is more environmentally friendly than solvent based products both in terms of VOC emission and health and safety, with the solvent free nature of Sigma Novaguard improving the working conditions for the applicator as well as reducing the explosion hazard. Application can be carried out by brush or roller for small areas and cold single feed airless spray for large areas. Sigma Novaguard can be applied to a dry film thicknesses to 150 microns, enabling a two coat system of



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Polyurea Coatings for Commercial Marine Apps

Alaska Oceans Seafood's Alaska Ocean, at 376 ft., is one of the largest fishing vessels in the U.S., with the capacity to harvest and process more than 500 metric tons of fish per day during each of the approximately 220 days per year she spends at sea. Completely rebuilt more than 12 years ago in Norway and converted into the trawler/processor it is today, Alaska Ocean represents an initial investment of more than \$60 million. The ship relies on a plethora of high-tech marine equipment to keep it out to sea and working nearly 220 days per year, including an advanced coatings system to protect it from the harsh environs within which it works. To this end, Alaska Oceans Seafood took a pioneering step in considering polyurea coatings for high-impact deck areas. Pure, 100-percent polyurea coatings, made possible by relatively recent advances in coatings technology, offer ultra-high film build plus outstanding abrasion, chemical and corrosion resistance. They also dry in as little as 30 seconds. Polyurea coatings are coming into wider use across many industries, and the marine market is no exception. Above the water line - and currently being evaluated for surfaces below the water line - these coatings are proving to be very effective in protecting steel, aluminum and fiberglass for areas ranging from decks to fish hold liners and bilge liners. The ship underwent a two-month dry dock at Todd Pacific Shipyards in Seattle in the spring of 2004, specifically for inspections of its rudder and tailshaft, but the time was used for much more. Fishing gear, fish-finding equipment and factory process systems were all upgraded, and routine maintenance on engines were performed. Planning ahead, it was arranged for a test area of Sherwin-Williams EnviroLastic Polyurea to be applied and tested on the trawler for one fishing season. EnviroLastic AL 450 SS polyurea was applied to approximately 7,100 sq. ft. of the railings and steel decks of the Alaska Ocean. One of the benefits of the 100-percent solids, aliphatic polyurea coating system is its relatively slow gel time that enables smooth applications at thicknesses ranging from 30 to 250 mils, while providing a seamless, flexible and waterproof coating solution that can bridge cracks to 1/8-in. Also, it dries to the touch in 30 seconds, and can be safely walked on in just five minutes. The polyurea was applied to decks where fishing and offloading activities occur and frequently take a beating from crane hooks, steel blocks, shackles and huge, heavy nets, as well as trawl doors weighing several tons apiece that mar the deck's surface. The crew used a Gusmer SPI 18/18 proportioning unit, D type spray gun, and 16 KW generator to power the heating units (pump and line) to maintain the 160 degrees F material application temperature. **Circle 27 on Reader Service Card**

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total 300 microns to be specified. Previously the minimum application film thickness for a single coat solvent free tank coating was in the order of 300 microns making the cost of coating complex structures, which required two coats to ensure good coverage, was in some cases prohibitive.

The flow, wetting of the steel and resistance to cracking at high film thicknesses mean that it is suited for application to pitted steel where a high degree of chemical resistance is required. Sigma Novaguard is a solution for vessels such as product carriers where tanktop pitting can be a problem or FPSO's (newbuilding or conversion) where a relatively high degree of chemical resistance is essential combined with a long term performance requirements, as these vessels can typically be on station for 10 to 20 years with little or no possibility for maintenance.

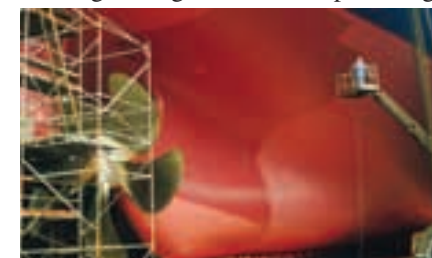
Supply vessels are another potential niche market, as these vessel's could use Sigma Novaguard's resistance to the many and varied cargoes carried on these vessels such as drilling brines,

fuel oils, lubricating oil etc. The tanks on board these vessels are typically small, complex and difficult to coat. Use of a solvent free system reduces health and safety risk as well as improving the working environment. The solvent free nature of Sigma Novaguard means that the coating is tolerant to over-application, an unavoidable problem in these small complex tanks.

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Jotun Debuts SeaForce

Jotun Coatings introduced the SeaForce line, consisting of three new, cost-effective TBT-free antifouling: SeaForce 30; SeaForce 60; and SeaForce 90. Complementing SeaQuantum, the SeaForce-range is targeting the cost-sensitive market, offering a high solid self-polishing



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antifouling with a life span between 36 months for SeaForce 30 and 60 months for SeaForce 60 and SeaForce 90. Main benefits for the SeaForce series is linear polishing rate, high antifouling performance predictability, reduced leached layer thickness as well as high volume solids (58%).

The new unique features of SeaForce has been made possible thanks to Jotun's new patent pending technology called Polymer Plasticiser Technology (PPT). Since SeaQuantum is based on a silyl polymer, incorporating environmentally acceptable active ingredients with flexible hydrolyzing acrylic polymers, SeaQuantum is not in the same need for a film modifier. Most other types of antifouling, however suffer from eventually becoming hard and brittle and are thus in the need for a film modifier.

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New Coating Thickness Gauge



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Handheld Ultrasonic Corrosion Gauges

Panametrics-NDT, a business of R/D Tech Instruments Inc. offers the new MG2-XT and MG2-DL Ultrasonic Thickness gages, primarily designed for inspectors and maintenance engineers



responsible for measuring the remaining thickness of internally corroded pipes, tanks, and ship hulls. The gauges offer two time-saving features: Thru-Coat and Echo-to-Echo, both of which eliminate the need to remove a paint or coating. The patented Thru-Coat technology uses a single backwall echo to measure and separately display the thickness of the

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RCCL Builds the Bridge of the Future

With a commitment to safe and efficient navigation for its burgeoning fleet of high-value ships, Royal Caribbean International started the process nearly six years ago to outfit all of its vessels with identical bridge layout and bridge operating procedure.

— by **Greg Trauthwein**

Captain William Wright senior vice president, Marine Operations, for Royal Caribbean International is a self-described anomaly: an American cruise ship captain. He stands out in the high-profile cruise niche, though, for reasons beyond his nationality. Capt. Wright was largely responsible for driving through the idea that all Royal Caribbean International ships — a fleet that will number 20 with a delivery in May 2006 — should be outfitted with identical integrated bridge layout and operating procedure. While the notion that shipping would benefit from installing identical bridge systems, akin to the airline industry, the idea has little if any real possibility to take hold as ships are built in much smaller production runs, than say a Boeing 777. Equally important is the ownership profile found in shipping: a diverse, wide-spread international lot, dominated by a few corporate giants yet sustained by thousands of small, private companies. RCI, of course, is one of the three major players remaining in the international big ship cruise segment, and the company has been steadfast in its mandate to raise the technological bar, both in the traditional marine engineering as well as the accommodation space. Royal Caribbean and its sister-brand Celebrity have garnered accolades for helping to bring technologies as gas turbines and azipod propulsion in the machinery space to the cruise sector, and for installing the first rock climbing wall and ice skating rink ever to set sail to sea. In reality it was the development of the Voyager class of ships — the largest cruise ships ever built when the first, Voyager of the Seas, was delivered in November 1999 — that ultimately led the company to mandate Sperry Vision IBS. It really started in 1998, and had a bit to do with the development of the Voyager class" said Capt. Wright. "With (the ship's) unprecedented size and operations scope, we had to give them the best tools available to help them navigate the ship safely."

At the same time, RCI and the entire

cruise shipping industry in fact, were embarked on unprecedented growth, with newer, larger and more technologically advanced ships coming on-line and, at the same time, training and education mandates for ship officers grew ever more rigid. "As we brought in new officers, we found that with different navigation systems and bridges, bridge resource management was a real problem," Capt. Wright said. "It is important, of course, for them to understand not only the capabilities but the limitation of the systems on the bridge. At the same time, we had a variety of products and



Development of the Aker Kvaerner Masa Yards-built Voyager class — at the time the world's largest cruise ship — was an impetus to develop and install similar integrated bridge systems aboard the entire Royal Caribbean International fleet. Pictured left is the Sperry Vision FT IBS.

systems, and it was simply decided that standardization made perfect sense." In fact, Captain Wright counts the training as one of, if not the, biggest advantage. "The major benefit is from a training perspective, as the crews must learn to use very advanced systems, and it takes time and practice."

Enter Sperry Marine and STAR Center. At the time, by Capt. Wright's estimation, Sperry Marine was ahead of the IBS technological curve.

"We already had many Sperry systems on board, and they have a very strong reputation and are one of the major suppliers of marine equipment around the world," Capt. Wright said.

Together both RCI, Sperry and STAR Center partnered for the development of one of the world's first ship specific simulators. "The main mission simulator at Star Center is an exact replica of our Voyager and Radiance Bridge: radars, azipod controls, etc. When our officers are training there, they are training on what they will basically find onboard

our ships. If we didn't have the training component, we wouldn't have had a very complete package"

The feel aboard all Royal Caribbean bridges is that of a cockpit, rather than following the traditional notion that the bridges were designed to "keep the officer walking." Instead of walking about the bridge to collect and process data, the officer is comfortably seated with information and controls at their fingertips. "The idea of officers sitting down was pretty radical at the time," Capt. Wright admitted, "but we felt we needed to surround them with the information

that they needed in a comfortable environment, and it has proven to be very successful."

Another major technological advantage is that found in the Dynamic Positioning System, as Capt. Wright explains: "The system takes ship handling to the next level as your situational awareness is dramatically increased. I think its something about the way in which our brains are wired, but when our 'hands go on the sticks' much of the focus is on that. When using DP, captains are able to step back a bit and get a bigger picture."

We are also able to change the transit strategy on in difficult ports by utilizing DP. A channel transit that might require 12 knots and a couple of degrees of crab angle with conventional ship handling can be executed with DP at 4 knots, right on the ranges and zero crab angle with full utilization of thrusters and azipods."

The Vision FT IBS

The latest RCI cruise ship with the

Sperry system is for the next-generation Ultra Voyager cruise ship, which is being built at Kvaerner Masa-Yards in Finland. When completed in 2006, the Ultra Voyager will be the world's largest cruise ship, roughly 15 percent larger than the five previous Voyager-class vessels, and will carry up to 3,600 guests and 1,400 crew. The Ultra Voyager installation will be based on the new-generation Sperry Marine Vision FT integrated bridge system. Vision FT features large, high-resolution flat-screen displays, convenient console layouts, ergonomic controls and new operating software.

The bridge layout will, of course, be identical to those on other Royal Caribbean ships. All displays and consoles will be arranged in a U-shaped configuration. The systems can be controlled with trackball devices built into the pilot chairs' armrests. All critical components are duplicated, providing total redundancy and continuous safe operation in case of any failure or malfunction. Sperry introduced its next-generation integrated bridge system — Vision FT — early in 2004, a system designed to incorporate the latest advances in marine navigation technology and combines all of the ship's navigation sensors and systems -- including radars, electronic chart display and information system, gyrocompass, depth sounder, speed log, differential global positioning satellite (GPS) receivers and autopilot — into a completely integrated package.

The centerpiece of the system is Sperry Marine's Voyage Management System (VMS) software, which is designed to provide easy and precise route planning and gives a clear real-time picture of the ship's precise position and movement, along with radar targets and automatic identification system data, on an electronic chart display and information system. "The Sperry Marine system enhances safety and navigation efficiency by improving situational awareness for the ship's bridge watch officers," said **Frank Soccoli**, director of marketing for Sperry Marine. "With the Vision FT system, we have incorporated the best proven features from our existing integrated bridge system (IBS) technology and added important improvements to take advantage of current and future technologies to meet customer requirements."

MarAd's Schubert Resigns

Captain **William G. Schubert** resigned effective February 12, 2005, as Maritime Administrator of the Maritime Administration. The Deputy Administrator of the Maritime Administration, **John Jamian**, will assume the role of Acting Maritime Administrator.

Admiral Olsen Tapped to Lead Webb

Charles Visconti, Chairman of the Webb Institute Board of Trustees, announced that Rear Admiral **Robert C. Olsen, Jr.**, the current Superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., was selected to succeed **Ronald K. Kiss** on July 1, 2005 as President of Webb Institute. Admiral Olsen, born in Brooklyn, grew up in New London, where he graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1969. He later earned an M.S. in Administration from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterrey, Ca., and an M.S. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Rigdon Christens M/V Bienville

Larry Rigdon, President and CEO of Rigdon Marine, announced that Mrs. **Janie Babin**, wife of Michael Babin, Vice President of Administration, christened the M/V Bienville in Mobile, Ala., the sixth of 10 contracted GPA-640 platform supply vessels to be christened. The vessel joins its sister fleet of 210 x 54 x 19-ft. diesel-electric and dynamic positioning ABS-classed platform supply vessels that are currently operating in the Gulf of Mexico. It was immediately deployed to work.

DHS Names Maritime Security Advisory Committee Members

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee.

The advisory committee has been established to provide advice to the Department of Homeland Security via the U.S. Coast Guard on matters such as national maritime security strategy and policy, actions required to meet current and future security threats, international cooperation on security issues, and security concerns of the maritime transportation industry as mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002.

- Christopher Louis Koch, president & CEO, World Shipping Council
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- Mary Frances Culnane, manager, San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority
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- Mark Witten, senior regulatory advisor, Gulf of

- Mexico Deepwater Business Unit, ChevronTexaco
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- Jeffery Wayne Monroe, director of ports and transportation, Portland, Maine
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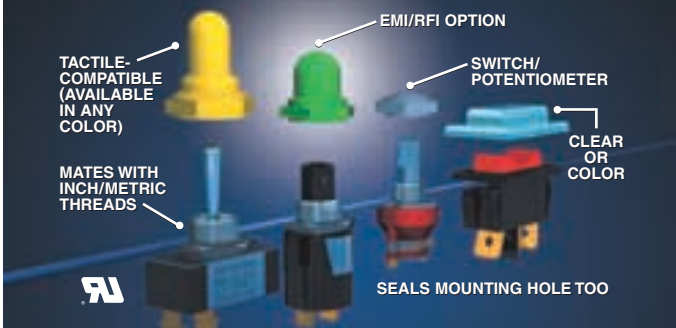


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PMI Offers FCC Prep Course for GMDSS

Pacific Maritime Institute (PMI), announced its new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) three-day license preparation course for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS) Radio Operators license. The National GMDSS Task Force has recently said that fishing vessels over 300 tons are considered SOLAS vessels and require GMDSS equipment, however, GMDSS mandated training by STCW is not required. Additionally, the FCC has required that all fishing vessels with designated GMDSS equipment must have at least two individuals onboard with GMDSS licenses when operating in U.S. coastal waters. "Currently, there is considerable confusion about how GMDSS, STCW,

and FCC Radio Regulations effect the fishing industry, as well as many other smaller vessels," said **Gregg Trunnell**, Director of PMI. "

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SUNY Maritime: Learning On-Line

The constraints of time, distance and money can make maintaining a license or professional certification difficult. One answer to the challenges of time and cost is distance learning. Although not a new concept, distance learning has taken on a whole new look and capability with the advent of web-hosting. In the past, distance learning consisted mainly of dry video tapes or reading assignments with very little student-instructor interaction. Today's internet based programs not only allow student and instructor to communicate in real-

time but has also allowed for group interaction and joint assignments. Web-based distance learning courses are now able to provide continuous support and instructional resources that technically weren't possible just a few years ago. Easy access and a flexible learning environment have brought web-based education into the main stream.

The SUNY Maritime College, a unit of the State University of New York offers maritime industry training on-line as part of the university system's SUNY Learning Network (<http://sln.suny.edu/>). The SUNY Learning Network offers 80 complete on-line degree or certificate programs to over 70,000 enrolled students making it the largest and most successful distance learning platform in the world.

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MITAGS Develops Bermuda Simulation Project

MITAGS developed a port simulation project to assist Bermuda's Department of Marine and Port Services in managing vessels within its port and channel configurations.

"We have finished the first phase of the Bermuda port simulation project," said **Glen Paine**, Executive Director of MITAGS. "The new database has been uploaded into our STN Atlas simulation system. Now the Bermuda Port Authority and its harbor pilots can independently assess the handling characteristics of vessels before they call on the port. The database will also be used in the future to evaluate the feasibility of changes to channels and port configurations from an operational perspective."

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Profile: Chris Wiernicki

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It is being pioneered with new tanker Rules, to be quickly followed with new Common Rules for bulk carriers and is then expected to be extended to other ships types, particularly containerships.

"In the past, a lot of a class society's technical research was focused on more non-conventional vessels and structures," says Wiernicki. "The Common Rules approach is a perfect example of how advanced technology can now be used to improve relatively simple struc-

tures, speeding the design process, expediting class review of the design and delivering a more robust vessel that should, with appropriate maintenance, operate more safely throughout its service life." This broadening of the application of advanced technology is complementary to the continuing research being undertaken into complex structures. As an illustration, Wiernicki points to the extensive research that ABS has undertaken over the last sever-

al years into hydrodynamics. "We are fortunate to have one of the leading hydrodynamicists in the world on staff at ABS," he notes. "He has undertaken ground-breaking research into large amplitude motions of fine-bodied ships, such as large containerships in heavy seas, that have given us a better understanding of issues such as fore-body slamming. Most recently his team has conducted the most advanced research yet undertaken anywhere into the sloshing impacts of partially-filled membrane LNG containment systems. The results of that research are being used by the designers and operators of the pending next generation of ultra large LNG carriers, in excess of 200,000 m³, to address one of the critical elements in these next generation designs. "We are considered the industry leader in this particular area, mainly because we have not only been able to think outside the box of traditional Rules, but also to perform outside the box. We've actually simulated what happens in an LNG containment system based on the overall ship response and its trade route, to assess the impact of the wave environment and ship motion on the sloshing loads within the tank. And yet we consider this just part of our focus on the technical challenges faced by the entire LNG transportation chain, including the ships, the proposed new offshore terminals, and the ship-terminal interface."

Technology is the Key

Wiernicki stresses that all of this research has been, and will continue to be undertaken within a very simple, clear philosophical environment.

"Technology is a tool that helps us to deliver classification products and services to our customers that are designed to assist them conduct their business more efficiently and more safely. Technology is a tool that helps us improve our products and deliver better service. It is really that simple. At the end of the day, success to us is a product that is practical and can be applied."

Looking ahead Wiernicki foresees a technology strategy that will be based on those areas that will further improve the integration of classification into both the design process and operational performance while addressing safety equivalencies through greater emphasis on risk and reliability methods.

It is an approach that weaves together the threads from his own professional life. Whether as President of Designers and Planners, a recognized naval architecture company, or President of ABSG Consulting, the largest risk management and consulting company in the United States, he has been using technology to help create and maximize value. "My professional experience has put me into a position to lead ABS technology efforts as we constantly seek improved methods of helping our clients to adapt to changing operational and commercial influences," he says simply. "Our challenge is to do that while never wavering from our ultimate mission of protecting life, property and the environment. It is a great challenge, an exciting challenge and a very satisfying professional calling."

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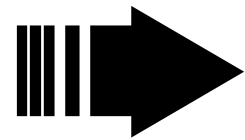
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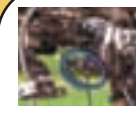
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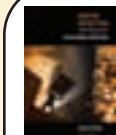
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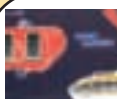


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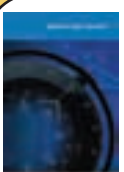


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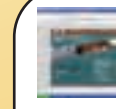
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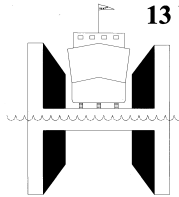
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