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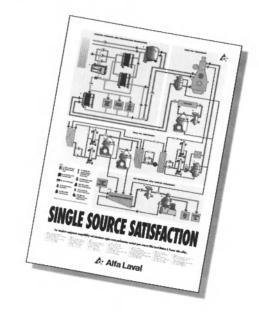
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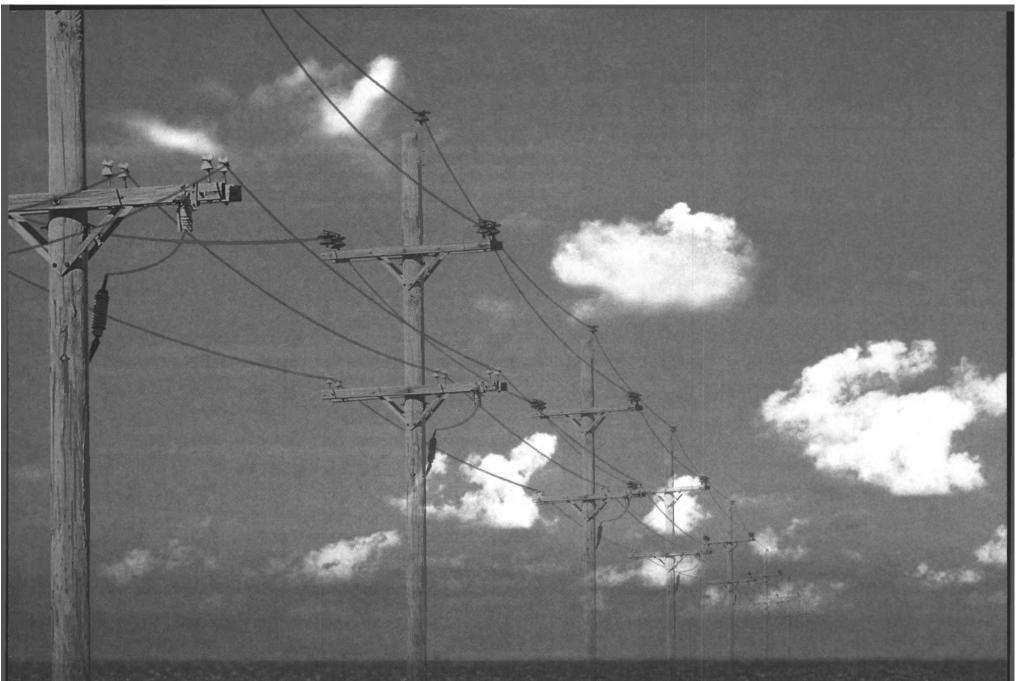
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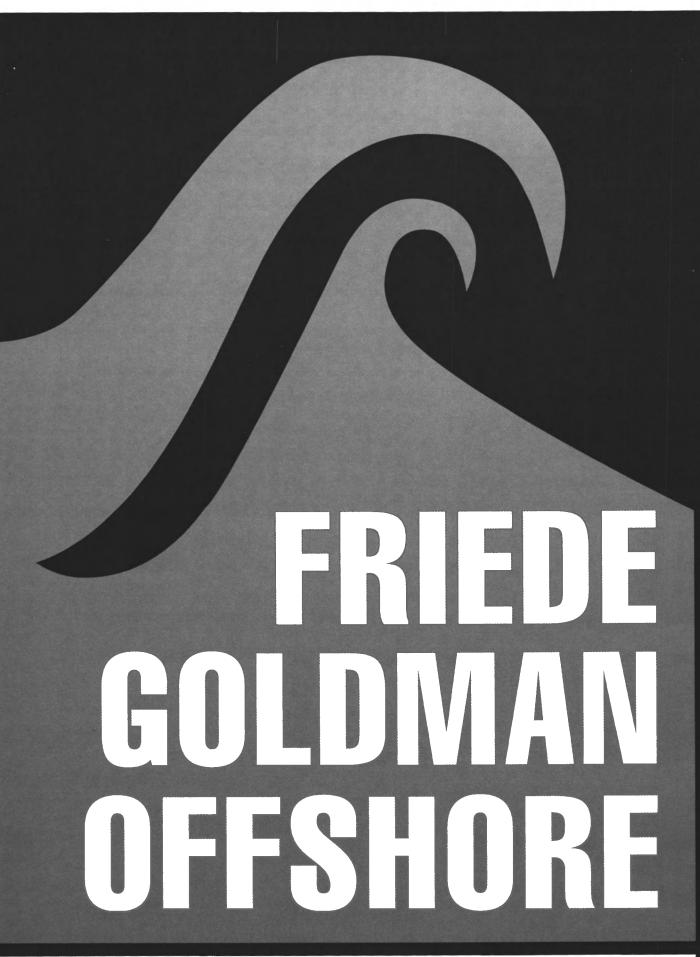
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EDITOR'S NOTE

his month's product feature — Navigation & Communications Technology (starting on page 26) — focuses on the amazing advances which satellite communications, electronic charting, and a host of additional marine electronics technological breakthroughs have meant to the efficient and safe operations of ships at sea. There is little doubt that navigation and communications advances have appreciably improved the process of sailing from point A to point B. Even the notoriously conservative maritime market has, slowly but surely, embraced these new technologies. But, as has been proven



again and again, inside and outside of the maritime market, high technology alone is not a guarantee of success.

William O'Neil, head of the IMO, has continually stressed throughout his tenure (increasing in frequency and volume, of late) that focusing on the human factor is just as crucial as focusing on technological advances, in terms of shipboard safety.

This point was hammered home most recently when two ships collided in the Singapore Strait, resulting in one of the area's worst pollution incidents. According to Singapore police, *Evoikos* and *Orapin Global* collided despite warnings from the port's high-tech radar-based Operations Control Center and its Vessel Traffic Information System (VTIS) up to 13 minutes before the accident.

"The Human Element" was addressed last month by ABS, which issued detailed guidelines for the application of ergonomics to marine systems. "We believe that the Human Element must be considered as an integral part of an overall safety culture," said ABS chairman Frank Iarossi.

U.S. Coastal Tankers Outlook

Kicking-off this month's Marine Finance section is a report from James R. McCaul, president of International Maritime Associates, which analyzes the outlook for the construction of U.S. Coastal tankers. In discussing the "traditionally profitable market niche for U.S. shipbuilders" in his report, Mr. McCaul estimates that the trade in the year 2007 will require five to 10 more tankers than are currently on the orderbooks.

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Outlook For Construction Of U.S. Coastal Tankors

by James R. McCaul, president International Maritime Associates, Inc.



Building tankers for the domestic trade has traditionally been a profitable market niche for U.S. shipbuilders. The market is limited to U.S. builders and prices have not been driven down by low cost competition.

Construction of tankers for Jones Act trade has remained profitable in an international market where prices have fallen 20 percent over the past several years. The following is a brief forecast of construction requirements in this market niche for the next five to ten years.

Crude Carriers

The major oil producers in Alaska have long claimed that output of the Alaskan fields has been in an irreversible long term period of decline since peaking at 2.0 mbpd in 1988. To some extent this is true, as production in 1996 was 1.42 mbpd — down from 1.49 mbpd in 1995, 1.56 mbpd in 1994, 1.58 in 1993 and 1.71 mbpd in 1992.

Recent analyses have suggested a "renaissance" is underway in Alaska that will stabilize production in the foreseeable future. For example, Arco expects to stabilize its production at 350,000 bpd over the next five years, whereas last year the company forecast its Alaska production would fall below 300,000 bpd in 1999. Reflecting this upbeat outlook, Arco plans to invest \$1.7 billion and BP plans to invest \$3.5 billion in Alaskan fields over the next five years.

A number of factors are driving field production stabilization. Perhaps most important has been traditional underestimating of

field potential by major producers to pressure the State on royalty payments. There have also been significant improvements in reducing costs for field development. According to Arco, lease and support costs in Alaska have been cut from \$2.29/bbl in 1991 to \$1.54/bbl in 1996. Development costs have been cut from an average of \$3 million to \$2 million per well and facility hook-up costs have been cut from \$1.5 million to \$0.6 million per well over this period. In addition, there have been a number of recent discoveries of small to midsize oil accumulations on the North Slope.

The stabilization of Alaskan crude production has coincided with OPA 90 regulations that are cutting into the number of ships available to transport crude to California and elsewhere. This has produced a need for replacement tankers.

There are currently 34 tankers operating in the Alaskan trade, with total capacity of 4.1 million dwt. Taking into account OPA phase-outs and the addition of two Arco tankers, which are now firm orders at Avondale, 20 tankers with 2.5 million dwt will be available for the trade in 2002. The number will decline to seven tankers with one million dwt in 2007.

In other words, 61 percent of today's capacity will be available in

2002, and 24 percent of today's capacity will be available in 2007. These figures will be 67 and 29 percent respectively if S/R *Mediterranean* is permitted to return to the Alaskan trade.

The question: Will this much lower capacity be adequate to accommodate the transport While remaining requirement? capacity may be adequate for 2002, it will likely be lower than needed in 2007, assuming new fields and improved techniques continue to stem the downturn of production in Alaska well into the next decade. The capacity problem will be particularly severe in the years following 2007, as only S/R Baytown and the two Arco ships now on order will remain after 2010.

To meet future requirements, International Maritime Associates envisages Arco exercising its option for three ships at Avondale and BP/Exxon ordering four to six tankers through an intermediary. Assuming these ships are delivered over the next five years, capacity in 2002 would be 83 to 88 percent of the current level and 46 to 51 percent of the current level in 2007

If these orders occurred and S/R *Mediterranean* reentered the trade, the percentages would be five to six percent higher.

Should environmental restrictions on developing the wildlife Our best estimate is that the trade in 2007 will require five to 10 more product tankers than currently in service or on order

refuge be removed, there could be further requirements for building new crude carriers five to 10 years

Product Tankers

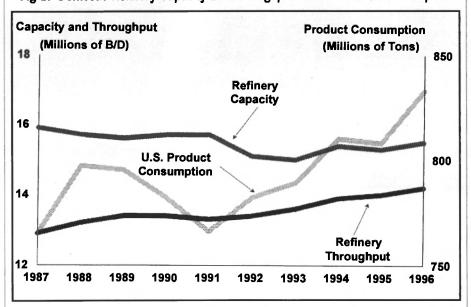
While refinery throughput in the U.S. has been rising, refinery capacity in the U.S. has not grown over the past 10 years. As shown in Figure 1 (below), capacity in 1996 is slightly below that of 10 years ago. In contrast, U.S. product consumption has increased significantly during this period — with increased refinery utilization handling part of the increase.

There is little possibility that U.S. refinery capacity will increase significantly in the future, as environmental restrictions continue to create a serious constraint on adding new capacity. With tightening refinery capacity and growing product consumption, output from U.S. refineries will be increasingly destined for consumption centers in the Midwest via pipeline — with consumption centers in the Northeast and Southeast increasingly satisfied by product imports.

As a result, there is little likelihood that demand for coastal product tanker shipping will increase in the near future. At best, demand for coastal product tanker transport will remain relatively steady over the next five to 10 years. The more likely situation is continued gradual decline in requirements for coastal product tankers.

There are now 48 product tankers in coastal service, with total capacity of 1.9 million dwt. Taking into account OPA phaseouts and counting the five ships on order for Hvide, there will be 43 product tankers in service in 2002 with capacity of 1.8 million dwt. If the five T-5 tankers now on charter

Fig 1: Domestic Refinery Capacity and Throughput V. U.S. Product Consumption



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to MSC are redelivered to the owner, the number of ships and total product tanker capacity in coastal service in 2002 will be the same as at present.

Looking 10 years out, the number drops to 29 tankers with capacity of 1.2 million dwt. Assuming the T-5 tankers are employed in the coastal trade, there would be 34 tankers with capacity of 1.4 million dwt. These figures represent 64 and 72 percent, respectively, of current capacity.

Based on these numbers, there does not seem to be a requirement for additional coastal product tankers through 2002.

Capacity five years from now, without any additional orders being placed, will be equivalent to that of today. However, demand for domestic tanker shipping in 2002 will likely be somewhat lower than today's demand.

There appears to be a requirement for additional ships between 2002 and 2007. Our best estimate is that the trade in 2007 will require five to 10 more product tankers than currently in service or on order. Orders for 5 to 10 ships would bring capacity to 1.4 to 1.6 million dwt in 2007, which would be 75 to 85 percent of current capacity. This would accommodate a decline in demand for shipping of

Redelivery of the five T-5 tankers could negate the requirement for additional orders. With these five ships in coastal service, orders for five to 10 new tankers would bring capacity of domestic product tankers in 2007 to 85 to 93 percent of current capacity, which seems on the high side given the declining demand for coastal shipping.

Chemical Tankers

15 to 25 percent.

There is a relatively small but stable flow of chemicals and specialty liquids in U.S. coastal trade. Currently, 18 tankers are employed in this business, with total capacity of 590,000 dwt.

OPA 90 restrictions will result in about 25 percent of these ships being phased out over the next five years and another 10 percent phased out between 2002 and 2007.

Some of these vessels are expected to be replaced in order to continue to service the chemical/specialty liquids trade. International Maritime Associate's best estimate is that two or three chemical/specialty tankers will be ordered over the next five years to replace ships taken out of service.

Jones Act

All of the above is based on the assumption that "build American" restrictions continue to remain in effect. Eliminating these restrictions could impact the possibility of building replacement tankers for the coastal trade.

Even the threat of the Jones Act restrictions being eliminated could impact the timing and/or flow of orders. At this time, the Jones Act appears to be intact — but there is a strong opposing force trying to get it changed.

A new study by IMA, Shipbuilding Industry Outlook 1998, examines future demand in major shipbuilding market niches, forecasts construction requirements and assesses the competitive position of key players.

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GE Capital Services And Sea Containers To Form Joint Venture

Sea Containers Ltd. and GE Capital Services have signed a memorandum of understanding to create GE SeaCo Ltd., a joint venture company which will operate the companies' marine container fleets.

The proposed deal is subject to various conditions, including the conclusion of definitive agreements which are now being drafted and regulatory approval.

The GE capital fleet is currently operated by Genstar Container Corp., a GE Capital compa-

GE SeaCo will acquire Sea Containers' container depots and may also acquire certain Sea Containers' subsidiaries engaged exclusively in marine container leasing.

GE SeaCo will establish a wholly-owned U.K.based service company to be called GE SeaCo Services Ltd. which will provide management services. Bermuda-based GE SeaCo will operate the existing combined marine container fleets, totaling approximately 1.2 million TEUs equivalent units under master lease agreements with the existing fleet owners. All current container leases to customers will remain in force.

Sea Containers' fleet consists in large measure of specialized container types while GE Capital Service's fleet is weighted more towards standard dry cargo and refrigerated containers. The combined fleets had an original cost of \$3.5

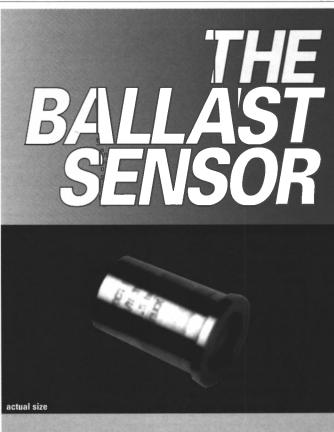
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In addition, Titan will provide computer-based training development, evaluation and instructional services in support of interactive courseware and interactive electronic manuals development. The value of the contract for the first period, 12-month effective September 18, is \$14.1 million.

Moroccan Government **Awards Contract To Racal**

The Moroccan Government has placed a \$3.5 million contract with Racal for an advanced system to manage and track fishing vessels in Moroccan waters.

The system will be used to monitor the activities of some 400 craft working in Morocco's squid fishery, an area extending up to 200 miles from the country's coastline.

The Racal Locator system will also be used to track 15 naval patrol vessels and 14 aircraft operated by the Air Gendarmerie. Upon completion, the vessel reportedly will be one of the most technically sophisticated fishery VMSs (Vessel Monitoring System) in the world.

All vessels and aircraft operating within the scheme will be equipped with a compact Secure Vessel Unit (SVU) designed by Racal and assembled in Morocco.

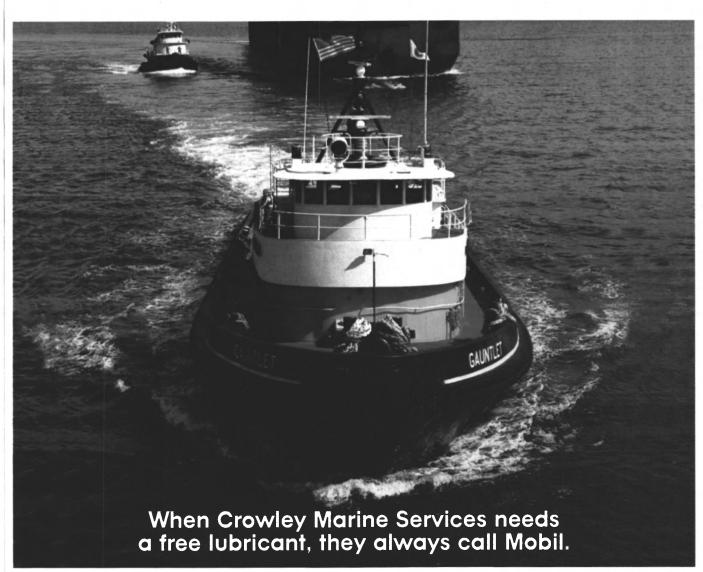
The SVU contains a combined GPS/Inmarsat-C transponder that automatically and intelligently transmits the vessel's position at designated intervals to the central control via the Inmarsat Atlantic East communications satellite

The system will have the ability to integrate the transponder derived vessel tracks with those obtained from an existing chain of 20 radar stations located at 50 to 60 mile intervals along the coast. The main control center will be located in the Fisheries Ministry in Rabat

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Litton Awarded \$85.4 Million For Ongoing U.S. **Navy Fleet Support**

The U.S. Navy has exercised a FY98 contract option worth \$85.4 million with Ingalls Shipbuilding



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These three classes include 62 of the U.S. Navy's most advanced

surface combatant ships.

"Post-delivery life cycle support of the Navy's surface fleet is a \mathbf{of} element Ingalls Shipbuilding's business base," said Jerry St. Pe', senior vice president of Litton Industries and president of Ingalls. "These three classes of cruisers and destroyers

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Nu-Tech Takes Order From Davie Industries

Nu-Tech Inc., North American agents for IMG has received an order from Davie Industries for a panel line. This line will be installed this December, as part of the continued modernization of the Davie facility to restore the company to its position as one of the premier shipyards and offshore oil rig builders in North America.

Leif Hoegh To Buy Carriers

Leif Hoegh ASA has entered into a contract with companies in Hong Kong, controlled by the Shougang Group of China, to buy two bulk carriers. Each ship is 210,600-dwt.

They were delivered from Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. in October 1996 and May 1997 respectively. The vessels, SGProsperity and SG Enterprise, will be chartered out for a period up to 15 years to Shougang Concord International Transport Ltd., Hong Kong. The total price of the vessels is \$100 million.

Delivery of the ships is scheduled for this month.

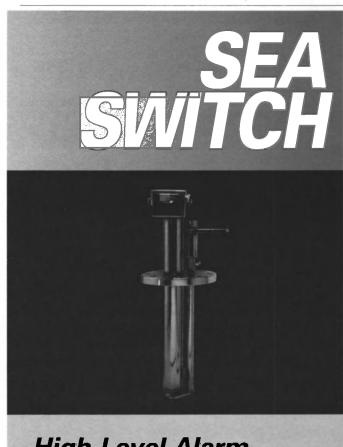
Veritas Completes Purchase Of Sparrows Point Yard

The Veritas Capital Fund, L.P. has completed its purchase of the BethShip Sparrows Point Yard, which had been owned and operated by Bethlehem Steel Corp. since 1916. Veritas will immediately open the shipyard for business as Baltimore Marine Industries, Inc.

David Watson, BMI president and CEO, said, "While the yard has been out of the market for a while, its workforce and its management team have remained intact and are poised to do what they do best: the expert repair and conversion of ships. We have already been awarded two ship repair orders in October, and we expect many more to follow them."

Canadian Shipbuilding & **Engineering Makes \$5** Million Purchase

Encouraged by Port Weller Dry Docks' employees' endorsement of a new five-year labor contract, Shipbuilding Canadian Engineering Ltd. will proceed with



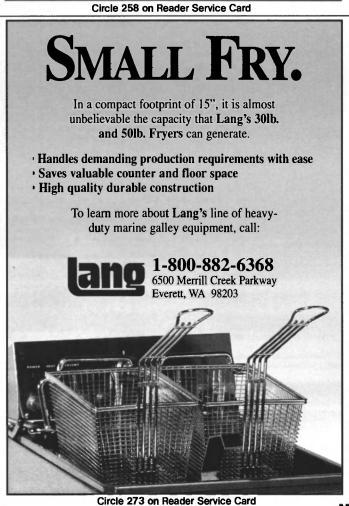
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the purchase and installation of advanced technological equipment, valued at \$5 million, at its Port Weller division. Major components of the new equipment to be installed over the next six to nine months include a numerically controlled plasma arc steel-cutting machine, robotic-operated steel profile cutting and welding equip-

3.MAJ Exercises Options For Two Vessels

3.MAJ has enforced the contract for two optional vessels - 70,000 dwt product tankers with Monte Carlo-based company Scorpio Ship Management.

The tankers are scheduled for delivery in

February and December 2000. The existing order book at 3.MAJ now consists of two 22,200 dwt multipurpose vessels for Chinese Polish Joint Stock Shipping Company and four 70,000 dwt product tankers for Scorpio Ship Management.

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Lloyd's Register Receives U.S. **Authorization**

Lloyd's Register (LR) has become the first non-U.S. classification society to be authorized to carry out surveys on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Under this agreement, LR will carry out plan approval surveys and issue statutory certificates for load-line, safety construction and tonnage for both new and existing

This move follows a change in the Code of Federal Regulations which previously stated until the passage of the 1996 Coast Guard Authorization Act, the USCG could delegate marine safety functions related to vessel plan review and inspection to only the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) or similar U.S. classification societies. This situation has now been amended to allow delegation of these functions to a classification society based outside the U.S., giving American shipbuilders and owners a choice of classification societies.

An anticipated cost benefit is reduced vessel downtime, as it will no longer be necessary for a U.S. flag ship to undergo separate USCG inspections for certification and classification surveys.

Under the new regulations, the USCG can issue a certificate of inspection based on the reports by a recognized, authorized non-U.S. classification society that a vessel complies with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, other applicable international conventions, classification society rules and other specific requirements. This new procedure will reportedly reduce the burden on the vessel owners and operators by establishing an alternative to the current USCG inspection system that results in plan review and inspections by the vessel's classification society as well as by the USCG.

The terms of the agreement of the delegation include reciprocity towards ABS in the U.K. although ABS has been able to carry out work on British flag vessels on behalf of the Marine Safety Agency previously.

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A.P. Moller Selects Thordon for Anchor **Handling Tugs**

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Fairbanks Morse Captures **LPD-17 Contract**

The Fairbanks Morse Engine

Division of Coltec Industries has received an order valued in excess of \$12 million with options valued in excess of \$138 million for engines related to the U.S. Navy's LPD-17 program. The firm order is for four Colt-Pielstick PC2.5 diesel engines, each capable of generating 10,400 hp, that will propel the first ship in the LPD-17 fleet.

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The four engines are scheduled for delivery to Avondale Shipyards in 1999. The engines will be built at the Fairbanks Morse facility in Beloit, Wis. The options include propulsion engines for 11 more ships that could be built through the year 2006 as well as two spare engines.

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Friede Goldman Signs Memorandum To Acquire Shipyard

Friede Goldman International Inc. (FGII) has signed Memorandum of Understanding with the government of the Province of Newfoundland to purchase its Marystown Shipyard in St. John's for an undisclosed amount. The transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter 1997.

Marystown Shipyard Ltd., one of largest fabricators Newfoundland, operates Marystown Shipyard Facility and Cow Head Fabrication Facility.

The new shipyard gives FGII the capability to build two complete semisubmersible offshore vessels simultaneously as well as North Sea-type supply boats at the Cow Head Fabrication Facility.

FGII, through its subsidiary Friede & Goldman, Ltd., has reportedly designed 30 percent of the world's semisubmersible vessels operating worldwide.

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MarAd Spurs American Shipbuilding

Secunda Atlantic Lands \$17.1 Million Loan Guarantee

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater has announced the approval by the Maritime Administration (MarAd) of a \$17.1 million loan guarantee to Secunda Atlantic, Inc. to finance the construction of an anchor handling tug supply vessel. Secunda, a subsidiary of Secunda Marine International, is thefirst Canadian company to participate in the ship financing loan guarantee program. The vessel, which will be registered in Canada, is being constructed by Halter Marine Group, Inc. and will meet the requirements of the Canadian Coast Guard and Det Norske



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Veritas (DNV). The 241-ft. (73.5 m) AH/TS vessel is expected to be delivered in April 1998.

"We applaud Secunda's vision and faith in America's shipbuilding industry. This contract continues to bolster the resurgence of American shipyards, enhance U.S. competitiveness, and provide employment for America's skilled labor force," Secretary Slater said.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group To Build Crewboat/Ferry

MarAd has extended a \$9.6 million federal loan guarantee to Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. to help finance the construction of a high-speed, 250-passenger crewboat/ferry to be built in the Florida shipyard for Trico Marine.

Delivery of the twin hull vessel is expected in December and will operate with an American crew under U.S. registry. Trico Marine operate the crewboat/ferry for Petrobras Brasileiro S.A., the Brazilian state oil company, for servicing oil platforms off the coast of Brazil.

Under the Title XI ship financing program administered by MarAd, funds are secured in the private sector with repayment guaranteed by the federal government. MarAd has agreed to guarantee approximately \$9.6 million or 75 percent of the estimated \$12.9 million cost of the vessel. The term of the financing is eight years from delivery of the vessel.

Corn Island, **Tidewater Equipment Get MarAd Boost**

A \$6.6 million loan guarantee was approved by MarAd to help finance the construction of seven ocean deck barges for operation in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and U.S. coastal waters. Five of the seven barges will be built at the Corn Island Shipyard while the remaining two will be constructed at Tidewater Equipment Cashman Equipment Company. Tidewater will deliver one barge in January 1998, with the second following one month later. Corn Island will begin delivery of its first barge April 1, 1998, and supply one each month thereafter.

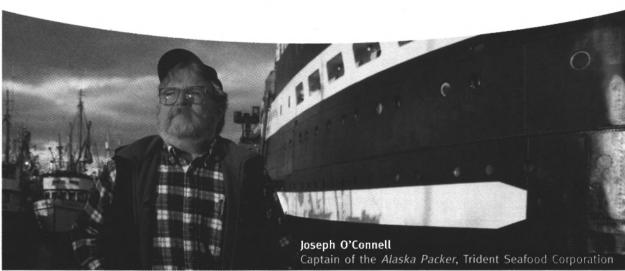
"These new ship orders will create jobs for skilled American workers by government partnering with industry to promote economic development," Secretary **Slater** said. "This program is a real plus for American shipyards, their workers and their suppliers."

Hellenic Shipyards Wins **Conversion Contract**

Hellenic Shipyards Co. recently won a contract from the Latsis group of companies to undertake conversion work on motor yacht Alexander. The 393.7 ft. (120 m)

vessel will be converted into a high class passenger cruise liner which conforms to all IMO structural and safety requirements. In addition to utilizing its own workforce, Hellenic Shipyards are involving the services of the cruise liner outfitting company Ippokampos SA and other local contractors. The

work, which began in September, is scheduled for completion in February 1998 and will involve structural and outfitting changes to the vessel. Though the value of the contract has not been made public, it is reportedly expected to be in the millions and is subject to heavy penalties for late delivery.



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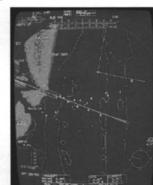
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In addition, International Zinc Coatings brings innovative technologies and customers who are involved in new construction of ships, barges and workboats to Jotun Valspar.

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HAM Marine Awarded Conversion Contract

HAM Marine Inc. has been awarded a contract to convert a deck barge to a power generating unit for EPIC Energy Amazon Co., a subsidiary of Houston-based El Paso Engergy International.

The conversion project will include designing structural foundations, performing engineering design work, implementing a fire protection system and installing the power equipment which will be provided by El Paso Energy.

The barge was expected to arrive at the shipyard Oct. 23, with completion scheduled for December. Upon completion, El Paso Energy has plans to tow the barge to Brazil where it will provide power for Manaus, the capital of the state of Amazonas, as part of the Manaus Power Project.

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Paxman Wins Engine Order

GEC Alsthom Paxman Diesels has won a contract to supply four 12VP185 engines for two Tricat, 164 ft. (50 m) catamarans to be built by FBM Aboitiz Marine Inc. for Philippine high speed ferry operator Universal Aboitiz Inc.

The Paxman high speed engines are rated at 2,180 kWb at 1,835 rpm. The first set of engines will be delivered in December. These new vessels, to be built in Cebu, Philippines, will replace the existing fleet which will be re-assigned to other routes as the new vessels

arrive.

The Tricats will have a cruising speed of 40 knots carrying a maximum of 404 passengers and will reportedly be the largest passenger-carrying catamarans operating in Asia.

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Tirrenia Lines Selects GE **Gas Turbines**

GE Marine & Industrial Engines (M&I) announced that FiatAvio has ordered four LM2500 gas turbines for the company's third and fourth MDV 3000 fast ferries, being built by Fincantieri for Tirrenia Lines. FiatAvio will place the LM2500s into propulsion pack-

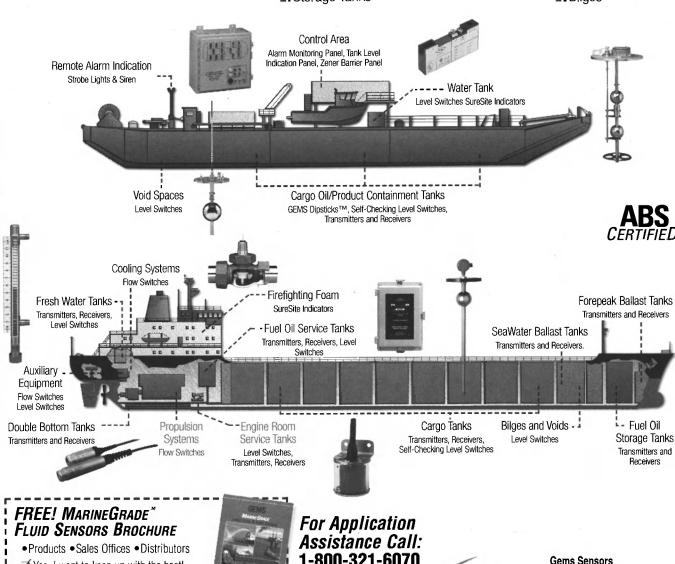
Similar to the first two MDV 3000s, the third and fourth fast ferries will feature a CODAG configuration each with four MTU diesel engines and two LM2500

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The first 1,800-passenger, 460vehicle MDV 3000 fast ferry is scheduled to begin commercial service in the spring of 1998, and the second will commence operation in the summer of 1998. The third and fourth ferries will begin oper-

ating in the spring and summer of 1999, respectively. Each vessel is expected to reach speeds in excess of 40 knots and will provide service on the Italian route to Sardinia Island, Italy.

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Carnival Signs On With RTM STAR Center

Carnival Cruise Lines has signed four contracts with RTM STAR Center, a maritime simulation, training and research facility. The training contracts cover courses to

be developed and taught by STAR Center in Proficiency Training in Fast Rescue Boats, Personal Safety and Social Responsibility, and Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). In addition, STAR Center will conduct a docking maneuvering simulation research study of Carnival Destiny and the various Fantasy class ships.

For more information on RTM STAR Circle 74 on Reader Service Card

Zodiac To Build Cutter Boats For USCG

Zodiac Hurricane Technologies, Inc. has been awarded a multi-million dollar contract from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the production of fifteen 18-ft. (5.5-m) boats and eight 22-ft. (6.7-m) boats for Base Year FY97 with similar quantities for the next four option years. The cutter boats will feature advanced rigid-hull inflatable technology and design elements tailored to meet the needs of the USCG. The 18 ft. cutter is a gaspowered, 60 hp outboard boat with a normal operating maximum speed of 28 knots. The H530 was designed for use as a shore-based or shipboard-based law enforcement boat and as a trailerable general purpose RIB. The larger cutter is a diesel-powered 130 hp jet drive boat with a normal operating maximum speed of 28 knots and is intended for use as a fast rescue

MCC Wins ITOS Tracking Contract

Meteor Communications Corp. (MCC) has been awarded a contract by the Puget Sound Marine Exchange to provide equipment and communications network services for the International Tug of Opportunity System (ITOS), a marine safety initiative cooperatively developed by the U.S. and Canadian shipping industry. The purpose of the ITOS is to prevent drift grounding of disabled tankers in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound and the Olympic Marine Sanctuary by identifying the location and status of tugs available to respond to a disabled tanker. ITOS will consist of approximately 100 U.S. and Canadian tugs that normally transit these waters. The tugs will use FleetTrak **Automatic**

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Information System (AIS) transponders and communications network to transmit their position, identity and other vessel informa-Information from the real time ITOS database will be provided by the Puget Sound Marine Exchange to the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Centers. The first ITOS tugs were equipped with the MCC AIS in October, and the entire network is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

Moran Continues Tug Conversion Program

Moran Towing Corp. has completed its third MORTRAC conversion. The Drum Point, like the previously converted tugs Sewells Point and Harriet Moran, is now equipped with a forward-mounted, fully-retractable, 360-degree azimuthing thruster, in addition to the tug's conventional single screw propulsion system. Drum Point now has 3.005 hp and is equipped with a remodeled pilothouse with unobstructed 360 degree visibility and a very low profile. Moran has also dispatched Drum Point's sister tug, Town Point, to Norfolk Shipbuilding & Drydock Corp.'s Berkley Yard to undergo the same conversion, which is expected to be completed in December.

Construction Of EBDG Project Underway



Construction of one of Elliot Bay Design Group's (EBDG) largest marine engineering projects is underway at Atlantic Marine. The design of what will reportedly be the largest known passenger SWATH (Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull) vessel built in the U.S. is for a 1,200-passenger gaming International vessel for Hospitality America Corp. Completion is scheduled for March 1998. The vessel design features variable displacement, taking on or discharging ballast water to vary the draft, with the goal of optimizing its seakeeping characteristics. The vessel will be certified under USCG rules for large

passenger vessels under 46 CFR Subchapter H and will be classed with the American Bureau of Shipping as a passenger vessel under 298.5 ft. (91 m). It will measure approximately 237 ft. (72.2 m) long with a beam of 95 ft. (29 m) and a depth to the main deck of 46 ft. (13.7 m) In addition to 1,200 passengers, the vessel will carry a crew of 150. Propulsion will be provided by AC/DC silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCR), with four 1,050 kW Detroit Diesel gensets driving two 1,500 hp DC motors plus a bow thruster. The boat is scheduled to make four trips a day from its berth at the Port of Miami cruise ship terminal.

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Machine Works at Essex has been awarded two new contracts by the U.S. Coast Guard for its 110

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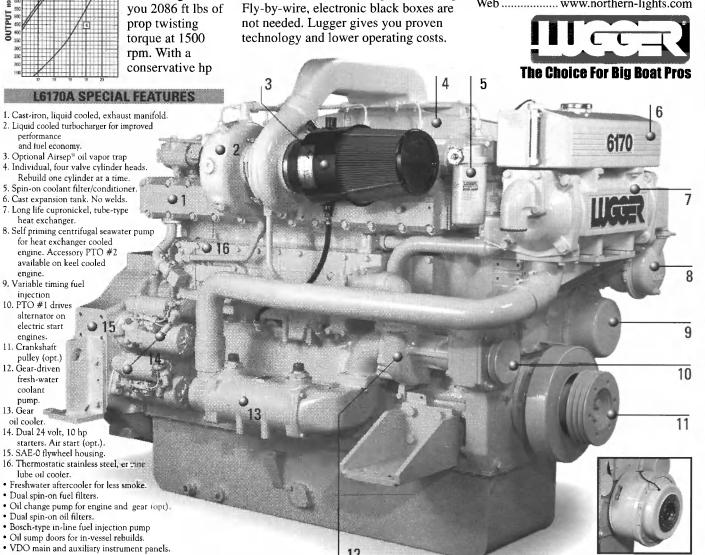
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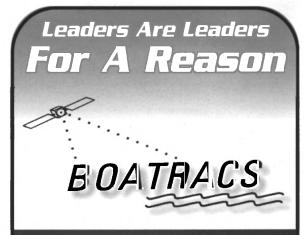
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ft. (33.5 m) Island Class patrol boats. The contracts are for six propeller shafts each; the first was recently shipped and the second is expected to be completed later this year.

For more information Circle 73

Philadelphia Gear Wins Avondale Contract

Philadelphia Gear has been selected by Avondale Shipyard to supply the main reduction gears for the LPD-17 class vessels, which are modern diesel-powered amphibious assault ships capable of transiting the Panama Canal. Philadelphia will transport and deploy the combat and support elements of Marine Expeditionary Brigades as a key component of amphibious task forces.

The reduction gears are similar to the LSD-41 class reduction gears previously furnished by Philadelphia Gear and will be used to combine power from two 10,400 hp diesel engines to a controllable pitch propeller. Two reduction gears are required for each ship, and the class size is set at 12 ships.

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Rice Celebrates Production Landmark Propeller



Rice Propellers, manufacturer of propellers and nozzels worldwide, recently celebrated the production of its 20,000 propeller, ordered by Master Boat Builders of Alabama. The historic propeller is a 64 x 57-in., four blade Delphin type.

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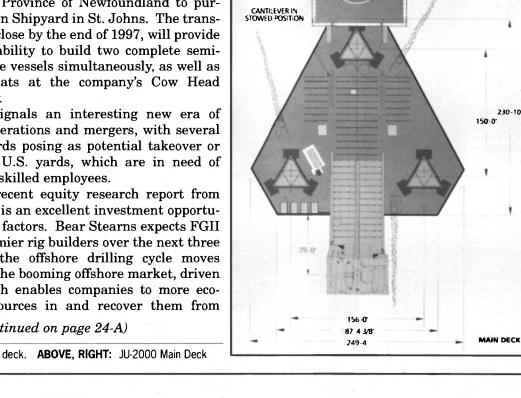
Friede Goldman Continues To Expand Capabilities

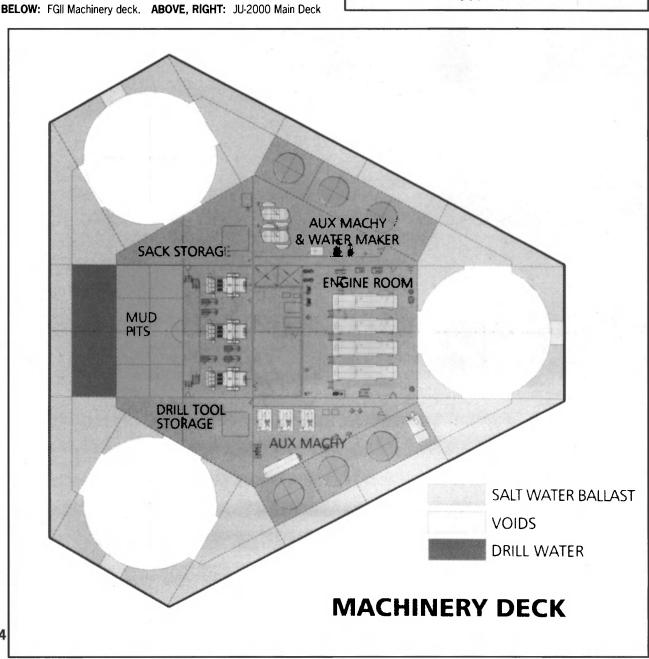
New Orleans-based Friede Goldman International Inc. (FGII) continues to entrench its position as a major beneficiary of the offshore boom, with an enviable expansion of products and services. Its latest move was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the government of the Province of Newfoundland to purchase the Marystown Shipyard in St. Johns. The transaction, expected to close by the end of 1997, will provide FGII with the capability to build two complete semisubmersible offshore vessels simultaneously, as well as North Sea-type boats at the company's Cow Head Fabrication Facility.

The deal also signals an interesting new era of U.S./Canadian cooperations and mergers, with several other Canadian yards posing as potential takeover or partner targets of U.S. yards, which are in need of building space and skilled employees.

According to a recent equity research report from Bear Stearns, FGII is an excellent investment opportunity based on many factors. Bear Stearns expects FGII to be one of the premier rig builders over the next three to five years, as the offshore drilling cycle moves towards its peak. The booming offshore market, driven by technology which enables companies to more economically find resources in and recover them from

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Ulstein AHTS Fills Offshore **Deepwater Niche**



The UT741 from Ulstein is a multipurpose offshore vessel.

Ulstein's latest UT700 design — the UT741 — is part of the builder's AHTS portfolio and able to work anchors to depths of 8,200 ft. (2,500 m). A UT741 unit was ordered for construction by the Th. Hellesoy Skipsbyggeri AS yard in Hardanger, for Saevik Supply. Delivery of the vessel is scheduled for May 1999, and the contract includes an option for two additional vessels.

The UT741 design is defined by Ulstein as a multi-function anchor handling tug, supply and service vessel, mid-range in size, fitting neatly between the company's UT740 and UT742 models. The UT741 has an overall length of 273.2 ft. (83.3 m) and a beam of 67.3 ft. (20.5 m). It is built around a very large, triple-drum, 500-ton Brattvaag winch, which provides the vessel with outstanding deepwater anchor handling capability. The 67.3 ft. beam affords a roomy working deck area of 880 sq. m., offering a load capacity of 2,000 tons, which is sufficient for most offshore tasks and provides the ability to carry a flexible pipe basket. For trenching operations, a 250-ton A-frame is specified over the stern for handling large ploughs, and 23,800 bhp is installed to provide a substantial bollard pull of 260 tons. The vessel's power package includes a pair of Ulstein Bergen BRM-9 engines rated at 5,400 bhp (4,000 kW) each, supplemented by a swing-up azimuthing thruster driven by another Ulstein Bergen powerplant.

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UT741 Particulars

Length, o.a	273.2 ft. (83.3 m)
Breadth, molded	
Depth, to main deck	
Design draft	
Power	
Bollard pull	
Ballast water	
Freshwater	
Drillwater	
Dry bulk cargo	
Fuel oil	
Liquid mud	
Oil Rec	
Cargo deck area	

JU-2000 Particulars

Length	1)
Breadth, o.a	
Depth of hull (at side)31 ft. (9.4 m	1)
Total length of legs520.8 ft. (158.7 m	
Depth of spud cans 19.5 ft. (5.9 m	
Diameter of spud cans 59 ft. (18 m	1)
Center of forward leg to CL of	
Aft Legs	1)
Center to center of Aft Legs 156 ft. (47.5 m	1)
Classification ABS or DN	V
Accommodations100 in two-person room	

deepwater fields, has created an unprecedented "up" cycle which has seen day rates soar, while owners/operators scramble to find yards to convert and upgrade older rigs (and build new ones) for the tremendous volume of projects. The result: a strong demand for shipyard space, and an opportunity for yards to enact appropriate pricing initiatives for at least the next two years. To help it cope with the burgeoning demand, FGII is (in addition to the Marystown deal detailed above) constructing a new shipyard, which should be operational by the second quarter of 1998. The yard will focus on newbuild orders for the Gulf of Mexico, the North Sea, West Africa and Southeast Asia. Bear Stearns projects revenue contribution from the facility to be \$33 million in 1998 and \$137 million in 1999.

JU-2000: Technological Advantages

Friede Goldman International was incorporated in February of this year, following the acquisition of the proprietary rig design and engineering services of Friede & Goldman by shareholders of HAM Marine. The company is recognized as one of the world's largest designers of offshore drilling rigs. One of the company's latest offerings is the JU-2000, what it terms its next-generation in the evolu-

JU-2000 Operating Capacities

	No. Tanks	Total Amt.
Fuel oil	4	4,720 bhls
Drill water	4	10,540 bbls
Potable water	2	2,180 bbls
Lube oil	2	45 bbls
Brine		1,000 bbls
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tion of jack-up drilling rigs. The JU-2000 features enhanced leg design, cantilevered quarters, extended reach cantilever and modular hull design.

The modular hull design features are designed to maximize efficiency and minimize fabrica-

tion costs. The structure is highly adaptable. The JU-2000 is a self-elevating drilling unit, designed for all-year North Sea harsh environment operation in 330 ft. (122 m) of water. In less harsh environments, the rig is designed to work in up to 400 ft. (122 m) of water

with its standard leg length of 522 ft. (159 m) and normal jacking system of 36 pinions. Greater water depths are possible with the addition of pinions, and hull and leg modifications.

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Navy Taps ERC For Fuel Cell Development

Energy Research Corp. (ERC) | received a \$1.6 million contract from the Naval Surface Warfare Center - Carderock Division to develop the ERC Direct Fuel Cell

for naval applications.

This contract is part of a larger effort by the Office of Naval Research and the Naval Sea Systems Command to demonstrate

fuel cell power systems for naval | applications.

R&D Expanded

The contract covers initial design

and research activities directed at using readily available naval fuels in ERC's carbonate fuel cell to develop a 500 kW system for sea trials at a future date.

"This is an important step in the company's efforts to develop diverse applications for its fuel cell technology," said Jerry Leitman, president and CEO. "Direct Fuel Cell powerplants for naval and commercial ships are a potential large market application. The Direct Fuel Cells could be used to supply either shipboard auxiliary power or propulsion power."

The ERC Direct Fuel Cell can use a variety of commonly available fuels with a minimum of fuel processing equipment.

In the Navy program, the ERC intends to focus its approach on using liquid fuels which are currently available aboard ships. One of the processes to be studied is the upgrading of Navy fuel to methane (similar natural Converting the liquid fuel to methane requires no energy input. The ERC system —using natural gas — has reportedly demonstrated, on a MW scale, that it is highly efficient.

Other advantages — aside from high fuel efficiency — touted by the manufacturer are silent operation and negligible air pollution.

Fuel Cells Explained

Fuel cells produce electricity from a variety of fuels by an electrochemical process akin to that found in batteries, with the exception that a fuel cell will produce energy as long as fuel and air are supplied, which likens it to a conventional engine.

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In most fuel cells, the fuel is first converted into a hydrogen-rich feedstock in external processing equipment. In the ERC Direct Fuel Cell, this equipment is eliminated and a fuel such as natural gas is fed directly to the fuel cell. This leads to a more efficient use of the energy content of the fuel and requires less capital equipment. ERC is hopeful that the navy work will help it to further develop similar systems for the commercial maritime market.

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Maritime Majors Join Forces

ABB, Kvaerner Masa-Yards and Fincantieri have formed ABB Azipod Oy, a new company which will manage the business activities of the Azipod electric propulsion system.

Under the agreement, ABB Industry will own 55 percent of the new company, and Kvaerner and Fincantieri will each own 22.5 percent.

"The reason for forming a new company with this structure is that the Azipod system is now developed to a stage when the market is rapidly growing and it is essential to strengthen marketing and sales, as well as after-sales service.

"ABB is a major supplier of key electrical machinery to the shipping industry and has an established worldwide service network. The share ownership by Fincantieri and Kvaerner Masa-Yards secures the new company a strong development input from the market," said Kvaerner President and CEO Martin Saarikangas.

ABB Azipod Oy will commence its activities in a new manufacturing facility in Helsinki, Finland. **Risto Pakaste**, former head of Kvaerner Masa-Azipod, has been appointed president of the new facility, which will focus on marketing, sales, design and development, unit assembly and testing, installation and after-sales service of Azipods.

Aker Marine Announces New VPs

Phillip A. Abbot has been appointed vice president of Marketing and Business

Development and Chuck Minton has been appointed vice president of Anchor Handling Operations at Aker Marine Contractors, Inc.

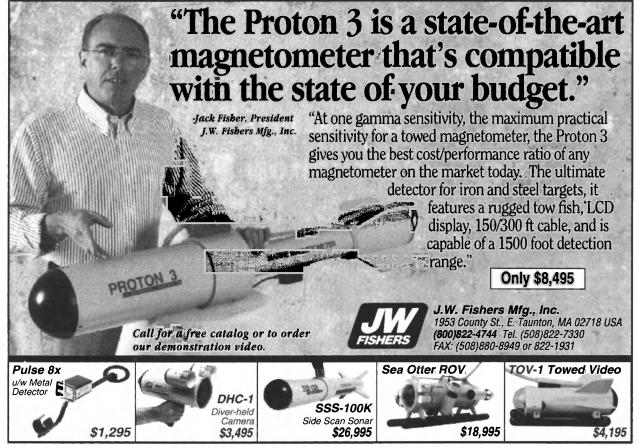
Mr. Abbot has been working in the offshore engineering and construction business for more than 25 years. He started Aker Engineering's Subsea and Marine Pipeline Department and managed this group for three years.

SPR Joins Up With Simplex-Turmar

Standard Piston Ring Co. Ltd. (SPR) has joined Simplex-Turmar Inc. (STI) in a new cooperative agreement.

SPR, which manufactures piston rings and specializes in diesel engines for the marine and power generation industries, has appointed STI agents for the U.S. and Canadian markets to ensure that maximum communication and service levels are attained.

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Decision Time Fo

It was almost 20 years ago that | during that time developed its | vading its roots. Inmarsat, the United Nation's (U.N.) global satellite provider, first came into being under the wing of what is now IMO. It has

global communications network and been instrumental in the implementation of GMDSS. But now an air of uncertainty is per-

As the launch of the last of the net of third generation of Inmarsat satellites approaches, heralding a new era in low-cost global communications, the organization finds itself at a cross roads in its development.

Initially a non-profit making organization as part of the U.N., it now has to decide whether to remain in that area or to enter the cut-throat commercial world.

Its options include remaining purely a service provider and leading maritime safety body funded by the U.N., or becoming a commercial enterprise and to achieve its stated aims while seeking to make profits.

There are those among its ranks who believe that next year, the organization will be reconstituted and recreated as a formal company with a national registration supported by its members, of which Hungary is now the 81st and latest. Inmarsat Director-General Warren Grace has said that a company structure should be adopted as soon as possible after its meeting in October.

He considered the benefits to be gained operating as a business rather than an international organization would include:

- more flexible financial structure for existing investors and potential shareholders;
- speedier decision-making process through a nominated board of directors; and
- the removal of certain privileges through the inter-governmental process which would normally not be available to competing compa-

Whatever decision is made, Mr. Grace said, the organization was totally committed to the provision of distress and safety services, and denied that these tenets would be undermined should a commercial solution be adopted.

Inmarsat's operations are governed by its convention. It is unique in that the organization is the only one under IMO auspices to have the power to develop and supply its own systems. This is one reason why there is such a dilemma facing Inmarsat, as it seeks to be the provider and final arbiter of how systems should operate.

It is this situation of handling commercial issues with safety matters that has reportedly caused friction.

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Drillships, Semisubmersible Rigs and Construction Vessels

a study of construction and conversion requirements to meet demand for new equipment in the offshore sector over the next five years

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The offshore sector is booming — and day rates for drillships, semisubmersible rigs, pipelay vessels, diving support vessels and other construction equipment have risen to the point where

orders for major conversions and new equipment are now being placed.

These orders involve complex equipment that provide excellent business opportunities for builders, conversion yards, systems suppliers and designers.



International Maritime Associates has just completed an in-depth study of future requirements for offshore drilling and construction vessels. IMA's 200 page report provides an essential reference for companies involved in this fast moving business sector. The study examines

Underlying Market Drivers in the Offshore Sector

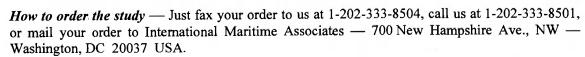
- growing oil and gas demand
- lowered costs of exploration and development
- trend toward deepwater and marginal field activity
- royalty relief to encourage deepwater production

Current Industry Situation

- performance characteristics of existing inventory
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Raster V. Vector — the battle continues

The relentless advance of new technology continues to force change in one of the world's oldest and most conservative of activities, the marine industry.

Navigation at sea has been developed over thousands of years. Probably — until recent times — its most important advance was the chronometer making possible the calculation of longitude. But even this momentous event is being overshadowed by the development of electronic navigation concepts. Not least among these is ECDIS — electronic chart display and information systems.

There are currently two types of accepted electronic charting systems. Raster and Vector. Raster charts are more easily produced than those using the vectorized principle, which involves producing data in layers laid progressively on top of each other.

One of the major advocates of raster charts is the U.K. Hydrographic Office (UKHO), whose systems can transpose its paper chart portfolios to raster scan products, capable of being used by approved electronic chart systems under its ARCS service.

This has initially provided the marine industry with an acceptable electronically digitized format, but lacks the versatility of the vectorized chart.

The U.K. Hydrographic Office (UKHO) said that it does not take a position favoring raster or vector charts — providing they are officially authorized — but sees great benefit from combining the two systems for a complete, worldwide coverage.

The compilation of a vectorized chart is a time-consuming and lengthy process and production is being concentrated on high-risk areas such as coasts and harbors, leaving the deep sea and ocean passage routes to be covered by

raster scanned charts for the immediate future.

It has taken a number of years for an international standard to approach ratification under the auspices of IMO working with the International Hydrographic Offices (IHO).

The UKHO has been actively involved in the development of international standards for electronic navigational charting (ENC) and ECDIS, working closely with the Monaco-based IHO.

Towards this end the UKHO has been a member of a working group set up to develop the protocol for electronic charts, Special

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View from the cockpit ... the control bridge on the Stena HSS. The captain and co-pilot/navigator sit in aircraft-type chairs and have access to all necessary information via three computer screens immediately in front of them.



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NAV/COM Notes

PC Maritime Wins Shell Order

Shell International Trading and Shipping Co. has placed an order with PC Maritime Ltd. for the installation of the Navmaster Professional Office throughout its fleet of 47 vessels, as an onboard route management and planning system. Of the 50-system order, 47 Navmasters will be installed onboard Shell's fleet of tankers and gas carriers and the remaining three systems will be used by the company's Fleet Audit superintendents to assist in onboard training.

For more information on PC Maritime Circle 38 on Reader Service Card

C-Map Releases New Bathymetric Cartridges

C-Map has released two bathymetric cartridges/chartsets for the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Washington/Oregon coast.

Both systems contain NOS bathymetric chart data taken from paper charts, which display size, shape and distribution of underwater features

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Litton Shows Off New Product Line

Litton Marine Systems is scheduled to unveil a complete line of products and systems for Sperry Marine, Decca Marine and C. Plath at Europort 97. Scheduled presentations include integrated bridge systems, marine information technology (IT), navigation sensors and ship control systems.

For more information

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MVS Launches New Satellite Services

Global satellite communications provider MVS USA has launched new services including Inmarsat B High Speed Data (B-HSD) via MVS 0-1-5 Worldwide service. MSV 0-1-0 revolves around two Land Earth Stations (LES), providing coverage in all four ocean regions for Inmarsat M, Mini-M and B, including B-HSD.

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Publication 57, more commonly known as S57, the transfer standard for digital hydrographic data, and also the product specification for ENC. These two documents define the content and format of official ENC data sets and have therefore been essential to the establishment of an ENC service.

Edition 3.0 of S57 was agreed in February 1996, followed by a period of final study. In November 1996 this international standard was fixed for four years to allow equipment manufacturers to produce ECDIS equipment, and hydrographic offices to get ENC to a stable environment.

The UKHO has been producing prototype ENC data for several years in S57 Edition 2.0 format, covering selected limited areas, in support of ECDIS sea trials.

This has been mainly concentrated on the Baltic and North Sea and included the ECDIS Testbed (BANET) project, which involved the use of the high-speed ferry Finnjet on its Baltic Sea route and later onboard the car ferry Hamburg, operating between Harwich, U.K. and Hamburg, Germany.

This latter project was mainly concerned with the updating of ENC data onboard the ship for the equivalent of four paper charts. Some of this updating was achieved while the vessel was at sea using a shore-based bulletin board which the vessel could access via cellular telephone system.

Another trial was conducted onboard the buoy tender Pharos using charts based on Oban harbor in northwest Scotland.

A future trial of ECDIS is planned aboard a ferry operating between Rotterdam in The Netherlands and Hull, U.K. for which the Norwegian Electronic Chart Center (ECC) and the UKHO are providing the data. This trial was originally scheduled for early 1996 with the UKHO providing S57 Edition 2.0 data, but with adoption of Edition 3.0, it has been rescheduled to use the later information. According to the UKHO, updating Edition 2.0 data to the new protocol requires considerable skilled manual intervention and, in some instances, it is better to ignore the earlier edition and start afresh using the Edition 3.0 standard

The collaboration of the UKHO and ECC is speeding the establishment of a regional ENC database and to jointly market a service as a Electronic Regional Coordinating Center (RENC). This is in accordance with the World Electronic Navigational Database (WEND) principles. The two organizations are cooperating with other European HOs in building a single, integrated ENC database for the region. The service will provide both ENC chart data with full updating procedures.

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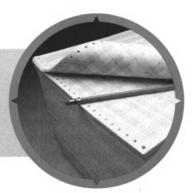
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RENC service will be undertaking a trial service this year.

Additional collaboration between European HOs is demonstrated by the Electronic Chart Hub Organization (ECHO) project which is an approved scheme of the EU's Telematics Program.

This is designed to develop and

demonstrate the supply of validated ENC data and meta-data (associated administrative data) from HOs to a RENC, the integration of the data with the RENC and the distribution of the ENC data to vessels at sea, fitted with the appropriate ECDIS equipment, making use of telecommunications

technology throughout.

The participants in the project are the ECC as the RENC, the U.K. and Finnish hydrographic offices as supplying HOs, the Finnish Maritime Authority as receiving vessels, and the following software houses: Iona, Ireland and Sysdeco Dikas, Norway. Aspo in

Finland is the nominated ECDIS manufacturer while Inmarsat and Telenor are the communications authorities.

Also involved is Sintef of Norway as a research organization. Started in early 1996, the project is expected to last two years.

Work is well underway in production of prototype data and the UKHO, in conjunction with other regional HOs which are supplying source data, has now fully developed its production capability to capture and convert chart data into an ENC database. The production program is generating ENC data for the U.K., in order to provide it to the northern Europe RENC.

The UKHO says there is a clear need for the commercial shipowner to have access to officially approved and updated ENC data, so that ECDIS equipment can be safely used.

In recognition of this situation, the ECC and UKHO are working at full speed to produce an official ENC with an update service covering some commercial routes which will be attractive to potential customers.

In order to ensure the correct data has been collated, extensive market research has been conducted with consultations carried out with a wide variety of ship operators with both small and large fleets, and of many nationalities, to ascertain what should be included in the ENC service and which areas should be covered.

The IMO adopted the performance standards for ECDIS in November 1995, and by the end of February 1996 agreement had been reached on both the data transfer standard — S57 Edition 3.0 — and the ENC product specification.

The display catalog was finalized in November last year and type approval for ECDIS is expected from the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 1998.

The ENC database is currently being developed and trials, including a prototype updating service, will be ready by the end of this year, an in 1998 the mariner should have ready access to the safety benefits of ECDIS within some major shipping routes and ports, the information being supplied through the northern Europe RENC.





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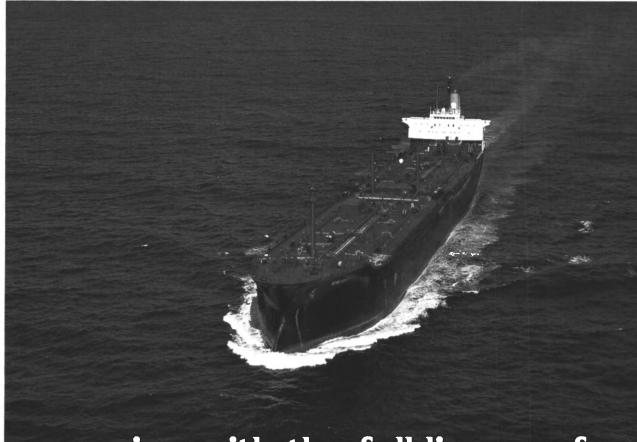
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Inmarsat has, in some measure, already moved towards a more commercial operation.

In 1995 it set up a company ICO Global Communications, to over-

see the implementation of a global hand-held satellite communications system. Financed by Inmarsat, which has a holding of more the 10 percent in the company, ICO's current main goal is to introduce Project 21, a global

mobile phone system which is intended to become operational by the end of next year. The system will provide a voice, fax, data and paging service through a network of 10 operational satellites, and is expected to attract millions of

users over the first 10 years of operation. Call costs are expected to be in the region of \$2.50 and \$3.50 per minute. Inmarsat has additionally expanded its influence from the London headquarters by continuing to locate offices in strategic locations around the world, its first being in Beijing, China three years ago.

One of the proponents of the commercialization of Inmarsat is **Joseph Hersey**, head of the Spectrum Management Division of the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. **Hersey** believes that restructuring is essential if the agency is to remain competitive. He also agrees that whatever happens, Inmarsat must maintain its primary role of providing safety services, in particular GMDSS.

Mr. Hersey gave several reasons for this stance, including: GMDSS should be enforced by contract and the agency should have a large number of financially responsible members; there should be clear separation between Inmarsat and its subsidiary, ICO Global Communications; and, there should be a distinct separation between the public corporation and intergovernmental organizations

But not everyone is as positive as Mr. Hersey about going commercial. The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has voiced concern over possible changes to the organization with respect to the plethora of private and public consortia developing their own communications systems.

In contrast to safety matters which are well covered, the ICS says it has doubts over the current methods of processing routine communications.

It is mindful of the explosion in the use of cellular mobile phones and assumes there would be no restriction on their use by crew or passengers for short range messaging.

Non-safety communications may become an adjunct to the general mobile radio service, with the GMDSS system being restricted to safety and routine communications concerning a vessel's operation.

It is this increasing pressure from independent service providers that could relegate Inmarsat to that only concerning the GMDSS system, and missing out on the lucrative commercial traffic that it must challenge for, if

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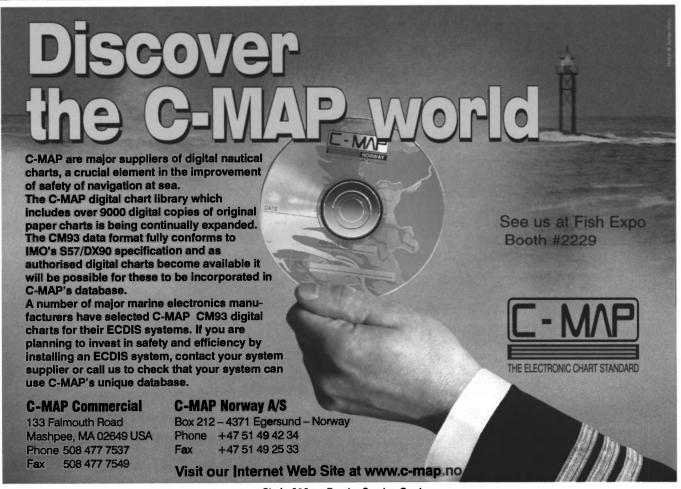


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it decides to "go public."

It is a complex situation for Inmarsat to balance these conflicting needs of maintaining safety, taking onboard the latest technology and marketing new services to the marine industry.

According to **Andy Fuller**, Inmarsat's marine safety marketing manager, the result will be a 'take no prisoners' mentality: "There is not room for everyone," he says. "Billions of dollars are being gambled in order to win the greatest share in what is a very lucrative market."

This market is increasingly being concentrated around the maritime mobile phone sector. At present the marine industry does not have complete coverage by

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Si-Tex offers two new radio receivers – the Nav-Fax 100 and Nav-Fax 200 – to cover shortwave communications in the 30 kHz to 30 MHz range.

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AMT Releases New ECDIS

Advanced Marine Technology (AMT) has released ECDIS Version 2.0, a state-of-the-art Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) featuring the latest advances in ECDIS technology. The new product features NIMA chart display capability and ECDIS-radar interface with route, chart data and user data transfer for the Raytheon Pathfinder/ST ARPA radar.

Safety aids featured on the ECDIS 2.0 include Guard Zone for collision avoidance and Anchor Watch to ensure visual and audible alarms are set off when the vessel is off-track.

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A cull of staff and an internal reorganization just over two years ago did little to help the cause and sent an adverse message to the industry.

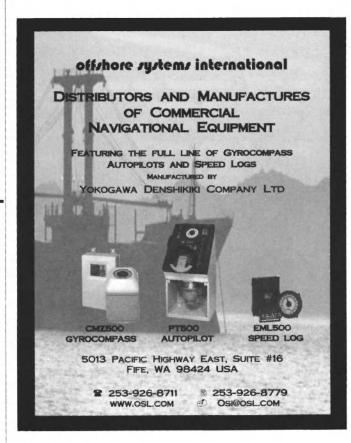
Inmarsat has being trying to

redress the situation since. Again the problem of keeping up with the rapid advances in technology. "GMDSS is a case in point," says Mr. Fuller. "The convention will probably be out of date by the time the final deadline of February 1998 is reached."

One significant area in which

the organization is making an impact is that of vessel tracking.

Japan, for example, is to set up the Sea Traffic Control Satellite System which will be used to track the exact positions of ships and record their speed, to try and ease the congestion experienced in most of that country's ports.



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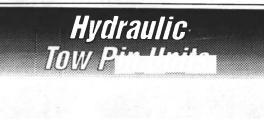
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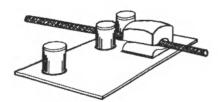
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The contract calls for Leica to install DGPS reference stations at 10 existing radiobeacon sites in India, which were selected to provide optimum coverage over Indian coastal waters. Each site will have two DGPS receivers, one integrity monitor and one broadcast station controller. The broadcast station software will run on Windows NT software. Standard RSIM message format will be used for communications between the controller, integrity monitor and reference station.

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Lockheed Martin Enters Chinese Market

Lockheed Martin Ocean, Radar & Sensor Systems (OR&SS) has signed a contract with China with an initial value of \$3 million for a vessel traffic system (VTS) marking the company's entrance into the Chinese market.

China's Research Institute of the Ministry of Electronics Industry and OR&SS signed an agreement in April calling for the two to jointly pursue contracts to develop, produce and install marine traffic management systems for ports, harbors and waterways in China.

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Marinette Orders Nautronix Systems

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Scientific-Atlanta Unveils Mobile Communications Transceiver

Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. has introduced a mobile version of its new, compact StarGate satellite communications transceiver. The new communicator is a

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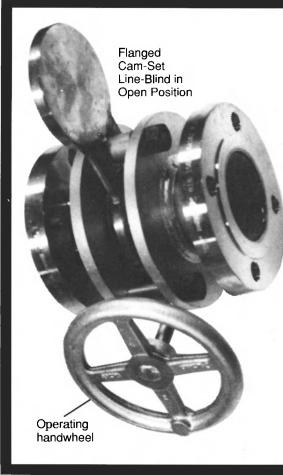
The new stand-alone satellite communications terminal can reportedly provide worldwide voice, telex, fax and data service between ship and shore.

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Q-Mar Introduces New **ECDIS**

Q-Mar has designed and developed the Sailsafe Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), which integrates digitized marine charts with a

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NECSA Postpones Acceptance Of Raster Charts

At the recent NAV43 (IMO Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation) meeting, a majority of the nations voting in the Plenary session of the Subcommittee chose to postpone accepting the raster chart as the legal equivalent to a paper chart.

The Navigational Electronic Chart System Association (NECSA) has opposed this proposal on the grounds that the proposed system is an inadequate version of an electronic chart and would deprive mariners of most of the promised improvements of this new technology.

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readily installed via the disc drive.

The system receives its differential correction data from a fixed reference station and the corrections are calculated by a Del Norte 2012 reference receiver and transmitted via a UHF data link.

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BENELUX: Carving It's Niche

by Alan Thorpe, international editor

The strengthening of the U.K. pound this past summer enabled Holland and Belgium to become far more competitive than in previous years, especially in the ship repair market.

Holland remains one of the largest shipbuilding nations to remain in northern Europe, offering many yards specializing in smaller ships, ferries and dredgers.

The one large shipbuilding complex in Belgium — Boelwerf — has remained closed for more than one year, and it appears that it has virtually no chance of re-opening.

The Dutch shipbuilding industry has taken a new look with shipbuilding and engineering group IHC Caland, launching a takeover bid for fellow shipbuilder Van der Giessen de Noord — the country's largest shipbuilding complex with the aim of creating a north European shipbuilding group active in the offshore and merchant shipping industries.

IHC has made a public bid for all outstanding shares of Van der Giessen at around \$155 million, with the deal expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year.

Both companies are listed on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. IHC has specialized in serving the oil & gas and dredging industries, while Van der Giessen has made its name in the more traditional shipbuilding sector, where it is notoriously difficult to turn a profit. Currently on order at IHC are dredgers for Jan de Nul, Antwerp Dredging, Gambia, Dredging Corporation of India, HAM and Van Oord.

Meanwhile, during late May this year, Van der Giessen was awarded a major offshore newbuilding contract from Bermuda's Toisa Ltd., involving the construction of a 372ft. (113.6 m) multi-purpose offshore support vessel (OSV), with options for additional vessels.

The vessel, to be delivered by late July 1998, has a contract value of \$35 million.

The new ship will have accommo-

dations for 70 in 40 cabins, two large moonpools, clear deck area of 1,200 cu. m., and it will be fitted with a 100-ton capacity offshore crane and a helicopter landing deck suitable for Super Puma helicopters.

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A dynamic positioning system will be fitted to provide the ship with the highest dynamic positioning classification standards.

The vessel has a trial speed at design draft of about 13.9 knots with two azimuthing thrusters, each unit developing 2,200 kW.

Toisa Ltd's OSV main particulars

Length, o.a
Length, b.p 352.6 ft. (107.5 m)
Breadth, molded72.2 ft. (22 m)
Depth, to main deck .31.2 ft. (9.5 m)
Draft, design20.7 ft. (6.3 m)
Draft, scantling 21.6 ft. (6.8 m)
Deadweight, design 5,335t
Deadweight, scantling6,650t
Workdeck area1,475 cu. m.
Speed

Newbuilding orders recently completed at Van der Giessen include a two-ship deal with German ferry DFO operator (Deutsche Fahrgesellschaft Ostsee GmbH), calling for two 15,000-grt doubleended ferries of 466 ft. (142 m) long and approximately 82 ft. (25 m) wide.

The vessels, named Schleswig Holstein and Deutschland, provide space for up to 285 cars or trucks, and approximately 120 cars, with an IC3 train, can be transported on the vessels without any on-shore shunting maneuver being necessarv.

The first in the series, was handed over to DFO in May, and the second was handed over last month.

The yard is also carrying out an order for Isle of Man Steam Packet, involving a 407 x 77 ft. (124 x 23.4 m) passenger/RoRo ferry, expected to be delivered in July, 1998.

Another Rotterdam-based shipbuilder, YVC Ysselwerf BV, Capelle a/d Ijssel, has also had a full orderbook recently, winning two contracts, one comprising of a 10,400 dwt chemical tanker for owners Tank Africa, and the other a fish factory trawler for Jaczon subsidiary, SARL Klipper, France.

Tank Africa's chemical tanker main particulars

Length, o.a	393.7 ft. (120 m)
	63.3 ft. (19.3 m)
	63.7 ft. (19.5 m)
Depth, moulded	42.7 ft. (13 m)
Draft, design	25.6 ft. (7.8 m)
Deadweight	
Summer draft	27.2 ft. (8.3 m)
Heavy fuel oil	m.
Marine diesel oil	125 cu. m.
Fresh water	150 cu. m.
Speed	14.5 knots

A dredger under repair in Shipdock Amsterdam.



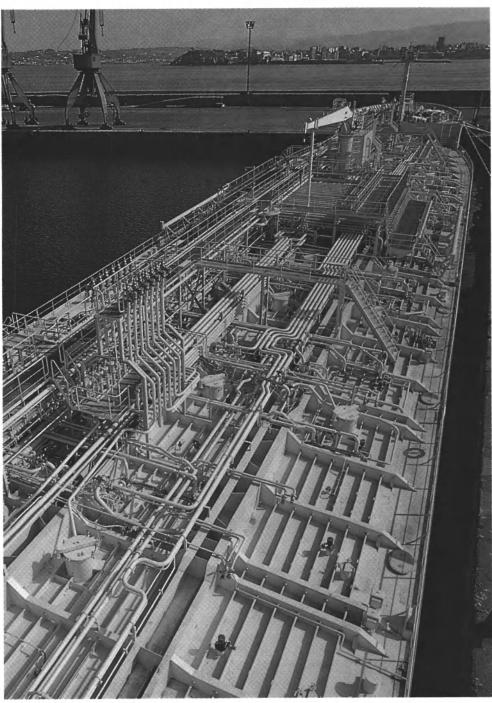
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Fish factory trawler Main particulars

Length, o.a
Breadth, moulded . 390.4 ft. (119 m)
Depth maindeck 36.2 ft. (11.2 m)
Speed
Heavy fuel oil 1,550 t
Marine diesel oil395 t
Fresh water
Ballast

Verolme Heusden is currently building two dredgers for HAM and Westminster Dredging, and has recently won a third order for a dredger, this time from Boskalis. Niestern Sander, which also recently increased its ship repair capability by buying a second hand floating dock, has also recently received a newbuilding order in the form of a 8,230-tanker for Petromarine.

One of the most interesting aspects of Dutch shipbuilding is the number of small yards in operation along the Westdeep Canal outside Groningen in the northern region of the country. Yards in operation along this canal include Van Diepen, which has recently won an order for two 5,000-dwt general cargo vessels from Wagenborg and a 3,173-dwt specialized livestock carrier from Bodewes, Bodewes Volharding, both of which are building long series of small bulk carriers; Ferus Smit, with a long series of bulk carriers for Wagenborg; and Pattje, which has a series of four 4,250-dwt bulk carriers on order from Tecmarine Lines in the U.S.

The ship repair industry, especially in Rotterdam, has increased

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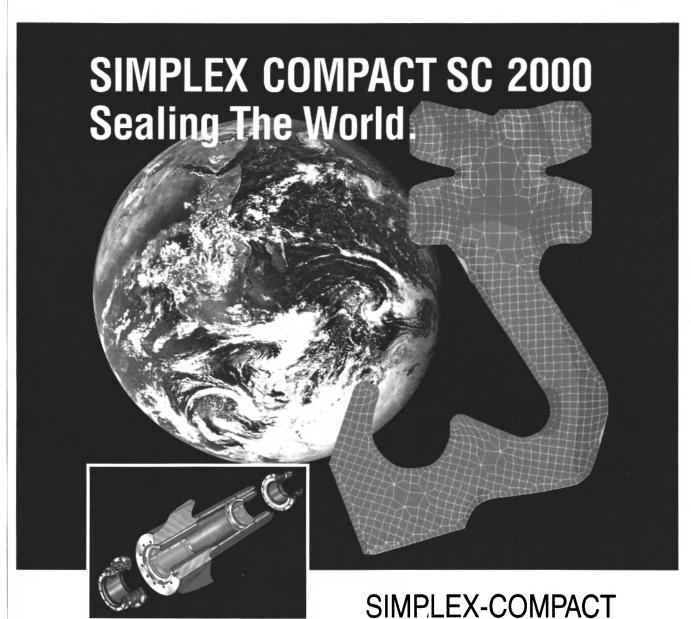
in volume during recent months.

Following a fairly busy period in the conventional ship repair industry during July at Verolme Botlek, when two of the North Sea's largest shuttle tankers were repaired — Knutsen OAS' 113,131dwt *Tove Knutsen* and Petroleum Shipping's 87,500-dwt *Aberdeen* — the Rotterdam yard has experienced a fairly quiet period.

However, the offshore side of the yard's activities is very busy with two major projects currently underway and another booked. The two projects currently in the

yard are the semi-submersible rig *Petrobras XXIII*, which is being converted to a dynamically positioned (deep water) rig, and the jack-up rig *Noble Al White*, which is undergoing the installation of

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Offshore Continues To Drive Repair Business Around The World

by Alan Thorpe, international editor



Japanese offshore engineering company Mitsui Ocean Development (MODEC) has been awarded contracts worth \$300 million (Y35 billion) for four FPSO/FSU units.

Three companies have awarded the contracts: Australia's BHP Petroleum; Mexico's state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex); and Marathon Petroleum Gabon (two contracts), an affiliate of Marathon Oil

MODEC has slated three of the conversion projects with Jurong Shipyard Ltd. (JSL). The companies have cooperated on several FPSO conversions, which is a key consideration in light of the spate of technical-related delays which have recently surrounded this sector.

The Pemex contract involves 357,600-dwt tanker Juno, to be arranged with a 2.2-million barrel storage capacity as a floating storage unit (FSU). For BHP Petroleum, JSL will upgrade FSU Shua Venture 1 — which on completion will be renamed Modec Venture 1 — to full FPSO status, with the installation of additional processing modules. The vessel is expected to be ready for service by next spring.

Regarding the Marathon Petroleum Gabon contracts, an additional two projects have been secured by MODEC in conjunction with Japanese trading house Nissho Iwai Corp.

The first involves the conversion of 138,540-dwt tanker *Anitra* into a one million barrel FSU. This project is also to be carried out by JSL.

The second project calls on U.S. conversion specialist Texas Drydock Inc. (TDI), recently

bought by Halter Marine, for the conversion of the drilling platform *Ocean Ruler* to a jack-up production unit. Both projects are expected to be completed by the end of 1997. Spain's Astilleros Espanoles (AESA), Cadiz, has been awarded another contract from the Brazilian offshore market — a \$145 million contract to convert a VLCC into a floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) unit.

The 300,000-dwt tanker, which has not yet been specified (but is expected to be one of the Petrobras fleet), will be converted at the AESA's Cadiz yard. Awarded by Esmeril, which will operate the converted unit on behalf of Brazil's state-owned Petrobras, the vessel will be redelivered in November 1998.

After delivery, the vessel will be moored in waters 3,300 ft. (1,000 m) deep on Petrobras' Roncador offshore field.

Late in the spring of 1997, the Cadiz yard delivered converted FPSO *Petrobras 32*, which was formerly VLCC *Cairu*, six months ahead of schedule.

Later this year, the yard will also deliver *Petrobras 26*, a production platform being converted from drilling rig *Iliad*.

Singapore's Hitachi Zosen has become the latest large yard from the Republic to win an FPSO conversion contract, with the conversion of the 1978-built conventional tanker, the 131,484-dwt Proster (formerly the Enalios Ethra) which was due to arrive at the yard this month. The conversion project is to be carried out for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI), which, in a joint venture with Switzerland's SBM Inc., has a contract with Japan Vietnam Petroleum Co. (JVPC) to supply a FPSO for the Rang Dong Field off the Vietnamese coast.

Recently completed at Singapore's Keppel Shipyard (Tuas) was the conversion/refit of the 59,642-dwt St. Vincent-registered conventional tanker *Red Teal*, which will be renamed *Armada Pekasa* for its new role as a FPSO off the Malaysian coast

for Malaysian oil giant Petronas.

The \$12 million contract, which saw the vessel being converted to a FPSO, was completed in late-June, after three months of work.

Houston's Falcon Drilling has awarded the \$60 million conversion of 129,077-dwt bulk/oil carrier Coastal Golden — the project to be named Peregrine VI — to the new Blohm + Voss (B+V)/Lisnave joint

venture.

Negotiations for the contract, which will see the vessel converted into a drilling ship, were originally started between Falcon and Hamburg's (B+V). At that time, Lisnave and B+V were negotiating a partnership, which, under the restructuring plan for the new Lisnave, has paved the way for the present situation where Thyssen



Visby is shown undergoing refurbishment at Lloyd Werft.



Pictured is a Falcon Drilling-owned hull, to be completed as a drillship by Keppel.

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Work involves removal of the existing stern-driven power station and replacing it with a new diesel-driven unit; installation of a drilling package (including steel structure for moon-pool and intermediate decks); installation of a dynamic positioning system; accommodation work (construction of additional cabins and heli-deck); tank modifications; and installation of four 80-ton deck cranes. The contract also includes an option for the conversion of another two ships, which will be named *Peregrine VIII* and *Peregrine IX*.

Birkenhead's Cammell Laird has also won a conversion contract from Falcon Drilling, involving the \$23 million conversion of 7,746dwt *Deepsea Worker* (to be renamed *Peregrine VII*) from a salvage vessel to a dynamically-positioned drillship. This contract is the largest to be undertaken at the yard and provides a timely fillip for the company's stock market ambitions.

The vessel arrived this May. When completed, it will have been upgraded and lengthened, with a 104-ft. (31.7-m) mid-body section installed, as well as a moonpool and a new drilling substructure.

Other work will include: the fitting of full length sponsons 8.2 ft. (2.5 m) on each side); installation of a new drilling derrick; and complete design and installation of a new drilling system.

Meanwhile, Singapore's Keppel shipyard has won a conversion project from Falcon Drilling, converting a 12,000-dwt hull, to be named *Peregrine*, to a drillship. The contract, which is valued at \$43 million, is scheduled to be completed by mid-1998.

Poland's Gdansk Shiprepair Yard (Rementowa) has drydocked the 67,436-dwt NIS-registered tanker *Petrotroll* for conversion to a shuttle tanker.

Owned and managed by Golar-Nor Offshore AS (Trondheim), the vessel will feature two new compartments, a new forward bowthruster room, a powerplant STB side stern, a CO2 system and new exhaust ducts, pipes, cabling, etc.

A new 1,000-kW bowthruster will be delivered by Ulstein. In the new powerplant, a 1,000 kW Caterpillar generating set will be installed. The dynamic positioning system, which was delivered by Autronica, will also be installed in order to improve navigation.

Some repair will be carried out as well, including extensive overhaul of machinery, fitting and electronics.

In addition, a new tank measurement will be installed.

All work will be supervised by Det Norske Veritas surveyors.

The U.K.'s A&P Group has won what could be the largest conversion contract to be placed this year from the conventional marine industry. A&P Tyne has been tapped to convert 11,403-grt RoRo ferry Ambassador 11 to a cruise casino ship for Stirling Shipping One, in a deal worth \$23 million.

The 1970-built vessel arrived on Tyneside in August.

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casinos as well as restaurants, bars and executive suites. In addition to the major steel work, the vessel will be upgraded to meet the latest SOLAS regulations as well as DNV's strict class rules for cruise vessels. It is expected that the vessel will be at the yard for

four to five months, with the scheduled date of re-delivery set for January 3, 1998.

Meanwhile, Belfast's Harland & Wolff's (H&W) Ship Repair & Marine Services Division, and Mivan Marine, are to fly a team to Florida to make an early start on

the first major cruise ship contract won by the joint venture, established earlier this year.

The team will board P&O Cruises' Arcadia at Fort Lauderdale and start work afloat during its voyage back to Belfast. The ship is expected to arrive at

H&W's yard by the end of this month and will undergo a major refit, enhancing its facilities for the U.K. passenger market. Other work to be carried out by H&W includes drydocking and general repairs (mechanical overhaul and survey, as well as a complete hull cleaning and painting).

Mivan Marine has been contracted to carry out major refurbishment of the public areas and cabins, including the creation of new public spaces, and the upgrading

of other public areas.

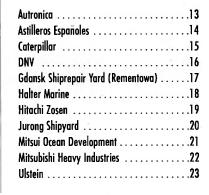
Arcadia is expected to leave Belfast in early December, commencing her cruise program with a 12-night Christmas cruise, followed by a maiden three-month world cruise, which is scheduled to leave Southampton on January 5, 1998.

Swedish ferry owner Gotland AB has placed a two-ship order with Bremerhaven's Lloyd Werft to upgrade and refit the two ferries, 23,775-grt Stena Felicity, which is to return to its original name, Visby; and 16,829-grt Sally Star, which will be renamed Thjelvar.

Both vessels, which will also be upgraded to the new SOLAS regulations, will be used on the Gotland/mainland Sweden service. It has also been announced that when Lloyd Werft completes the upgrading and lengthening of the cruise 39,213-grt vessels Windwardand Dreamward between January 15 and May 12, 1998, they will be renamed Norwegian Wind and Norwegian Dream, respectively.

The two new mid-body sections have been sub-contracted (under guarantee) to Schichau Seebeck Werft, despite this yard being bankrupt under the recent Bremer Vulkan closure.

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three new spudcans (each weighing 480 tons).

The project still due in is the semi-submersible rig *Scarabeo 6*, which is being upgraded to comply with the new Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) regulations.

Rotterdam's Wilton Fijenoord, which is currently carrying out a two-year restructuring plan, has recently staved off the threat of bankruptcy.

The loss-making facility is projected to break even this year after losses of more than \$65.4 million in 1995 and about \$23 million 1996.

The workforce has also been reduced from 790 to around 300.

Meanwhile, during the first six months of this year, Wilton Fijenoord has been busy with approximately 50 ships being repaired.

The most significant contracts carried out involved two ships from P&O — the 21,162-grt passenger/RoRos European Freeway and European Tideway, both undergoing annual drydockings and general repairs.

Vlaardingen Oost Shiprepair has also been relatively busy throughout the year with a number of important contracts and is expected to continue this heavy workload until the end of the year. A significant contract completed by the yard recently involved the 9,079-grt Cypriot RoRo ferry Sally Euroway

Owned by Interorient Navigation Co., Limassol, the vessel underwent work to its aft ramp, converting it from a single level to a double level ramp. It also underwent survey and general repairs, taking 10 days in all. The vessel is currently deployed on the Ostend/Ramsgate service.

YVC Bolnes Dockyard, Damen Group's Rotterdam-based ship repair subsidiary, was recently awarded two two-ship repair contracts.

The 14,530-dwt DIS-registered reefer vessels Australian Reefer and African Reefer, which are currently undergoing sales dockings, are both owned by J Lauritzen AS of Copenhagen, and Vroon's 991-dwt Dutch-registered Energy Express and the 844-dwt St. Vincent-registered Rig Express, both supply ships and managed by

Telco Marine, Den Helder, will undergo propeller work and steel renewals, respectively.

Niehuis & van den Berg's new 712 x 104 ft. (217 x 31.8 m) dock has now been commissioned.

The first ship repaired was the



Schleswig Holstein, a recent delivery from van der Giessen de Noord.

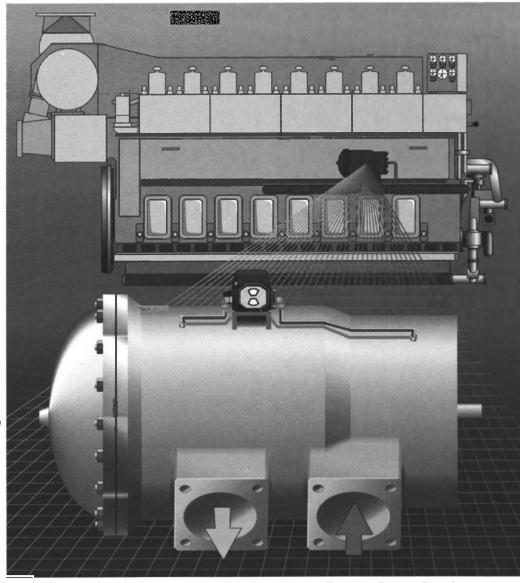
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8,600-dwt Dutch cutter suction dredger Cornelia (Boskalis). The new dock replaces the 525 x 85 ft. (160 x 26 m) dock, which was sold to Sweden's Gotaverken City-varyet.

The most regular customer at Shipdock Amsterdam is Dutch shipowner Spliethoff Bevrachtingskantoor, which has drydocked some 15 ships so far this year and is planning another five. The 15th (recently in the yard) was the 6,150-dwt Dutch general cargo vessel *Bickersgracht*. Spliethoff operates a fleet of some 58-60 ships, mainly general cargo vessels.

Although Belgium does not have an active shipbuilding industry any more, the country does have a very active ship repair industry, headed by Antwerp Shiprepairers, part of the Kopke Group, which operates a series of graving docks in the Port of Antwerp.

This yard has been particularly active in the market of ships calling in Antwerp.

For the past few years, the yard has been the only ship repairer in northern Europe to win orders from Swiss-based Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC), which operates a very large fleet of containerships between Europe/Mediterranean and South Africa.

Centa Offers New Flexible Couplings

At the upcoming Europort, Centa is scheduled to exhibit several new flexible couplings and shafts. Among them are Centax-GFS2, a new version of the Centax-SEC range featuring a torque range of two to 160 kNm., the Centax-GFS2 and the Centaflex-Series R.

The Series R consists of new torsional couplings based on cylindrical rollers, which are arranged between cams on the driving and driven hub. Centa has also recently entered the market of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) hollow shafts that feature low weight, higher critical speeds or longer spans and are suitable for various ship types. It has a torque range of up to several hundred kNm.

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Litton To Unveil Integrated Ship Information System

Litton Marine Systems will introduce a new ISIS machinery monitoring, alarm and condition assessment system at the international Europort '97 exposition.

The ISIS 2500 uses the advanced Window NT 32-bit platform to provide a powerful Information Technology (IT) tool for ship-wide alarming and condition assessment for virtually all vessels. The system provides new condition assessment features such as vibration analysis, cylinder firing pressure, event capture, advanced trend analysis and real-time expert analysis.

It utilizes ISIS data acquisition devices, making it compatible with existing ISIS installa-

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tions. It also has the ability to accept information from a wider of sources, including range portable vibration monitors and data terminals.

The new system integrates vibration and process measurements. builds and monitors performance curves and makes automatic realtime expert condition assessments before issuing corrective action advisories and, when linked to the ship's Computerized Maintenance Management System, can create "point and click" work orders.

The multi-tasking Windows NT workstation permits the operator to view data through intuitive information displays and analysis tools, providing a clear picture of equipment conditions throughout the ship.

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Thordon Features Propeller Shafts And Rudder Bearing Systems



Thordon Bearings is planning to feature its three new open water lubricated propeller shaft bearing systems at Europort 97.

The COMPAC propeller shaft bearing system offers low friction and long life in blue water opera-

It can be installed into the same space as a conventional white metal bearing for either a newbuild or a conversion project. Thordon composite propeller shaft bearings are designed specifically for abrasive conditions especially for dredges, tugs or tow boats operating in silt laden rivers.

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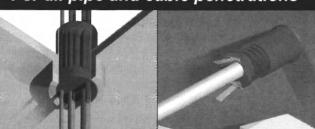
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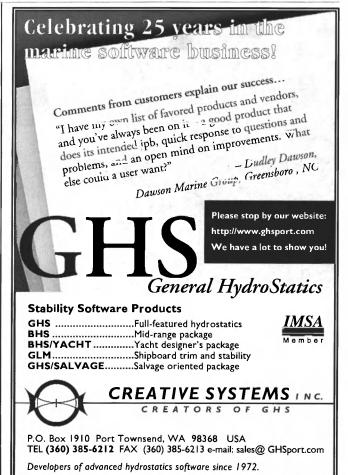
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VAF Instruments: Monitoring The Maritime Community

VAF Instruments, manufacturer of measurement and control equipment for the shipping and offshore industries, has recently added to its products line. The new Palco

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torque measuring system continuously monitors engine power given to the propeller shaft. Engine power, fuel consumption and ship speed information is fed into a central computer, helping the user to optimize fuel consumption.

VAF's new oil in water monitoring system, Oilcon, provides continuous on-line monitoring of liquids on the presence of liquids and/or solids in suspension. These systems are approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.K. DOT, and comply with MARPOL and IMO requirements.

These new products join VAF's line of control systems and flowmeters. The company's Viscotherm viscosity control systems are suited for use with heavy fuel oil on ships' main and auxiliary engines, as well as in oil-fired electric power stations and other heavy fuel consumers. LoFlow, MidFlow and HiFlow flowmeters are suited for use with chemicals, petrochemicals, and internal combustion engines. VAF flowmeters are suitable for continuous metering operations, in-line blending processes, metered deliveries, consumption measurement and batching applications such as filling drums and containers.

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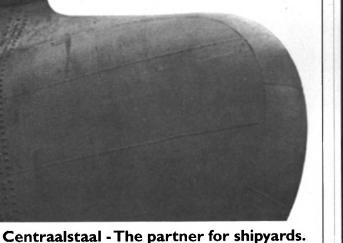
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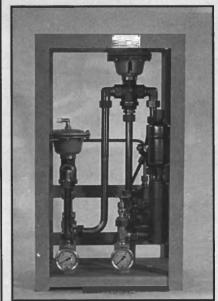
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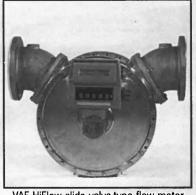


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Offering private network, voice, fax and data services, MTN is also geared to provide value added services such as: ATM machines; radio broadcasting; and full motion video broadcasting. MTN recently started offering debit cards and inbound calling services.

The company — a subsidiary of ICG Satellite Services - contends that new technologies will continue to assist the cruise industry in lowering its communication costs, and it also views the data transmission end of the business as increasing substan-

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Mobil Debuts New Lubricant

Mobil introduced a non-chlorine, non-zinc marine lubricant for highoutput diesel engines. Mobilgard 450 NC has been approved by General Motor's Electro-Motive Division (EMD) and is recommended for diesel engines manufactured by Alco, Detroit Diesel, Fairbanks Morse and General Electric.

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Aker Maritime's takeover of

Finnyards is officially complete, and the new company is called Aker Finnyards Oy.

Aker Maritime currently holds a 60 percent stake in the yard and will acquire the remaining 40 percent over the next three years. Mr. Kari Airaksinen is the new managing director.

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Halter Completes Unique Overhaul

Halter Gulf Repair completed a major overhaul for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) barge Poseidon. The barge received significant amounts of new steel, a complete paint job and several unique cargo covers. The barge is used to transport the space shuttle's external tanks from its manufacturing point in New Orleans to Kennedy Space Center.

The 52-year-old barge was modified for NASA in the mid-1960s. The upgrades meet ABS standards.

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L27/38 The new generation grows

The L27/38 has joined the L16/24 as the second engine in MAN B&W Holeby's new generation of auxiliary marine engines. It is based on the same award-winning design concept.



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the 21st century.

Clinging To Tradition, With A Twist

by David Tinsley, technical editor

TUSCAN determination to maintain Livorno's august shipbuilding tradition has found new expression in the launching of a stainless steel tanker down the ways at Cantiere Navale Fratelli Orlando, the industrial centerpiece of the Ligurian port.

The 9,550-dwt Giovanni Fagioli not only represents \$36 million-worth of work for the independent shipyard enterprise born in 1995 out of a Fincantieri entity, but is also a pointer to its early achievements in penetrating a high-grade sector of the market. By the June completion of the 10,000-dwt oil/chemical carrier Monte Bello, the first ship laid down after the takeover, the new proprietors had built up the orderbook to a total value of \$413 million, composed entirely of sophisticated tankers.

For a local community steeped in the science and business of constructing and repairing ships — and which had endured a long period of uncertainty before the yard finally changed hands — the contractual commitments pointed to the continuity of high-value production through 1998 and 1999.

The introduction of Giovanni Fagioli to its element in September signified a step-up in the output level at the Livorno yard, with three launchings effected in 1997, compared with the preceding years under the Fincantieri banner.

With the state-owned group's decision to foster a far-reaching reorganization and increasingly more focused approach to the newbuilding market, the Livorno division had been placed on its divestment list relatively early on in the restructuring process. Livorno had nonetheless consistently retained its skills in specialized and often high-technology areas of the shipbuilding business, including gas carriers, chemtankers, reefer ships and RoRo ves-

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Fratelli Orlando yard

Hornblower To Operate Pequot Fast Ferry



Hornblower Marine Services was scheduled to commence operations this month of what is touted to be the fastest passenger ferry in the U.S. Sassacus will make the 103 nautical mile trip from New London, Conn. to New York City in 2.5 hrs., traveling at speeds in excess of 50 mph. Built by Pequot River Shipworks, the new vessel complies with the new IMO High Speed Craft Code, as well as U.S.

Coast Guard and DNV certifications. Technological features of the vessel include ARPA radar and night vision units. Sassacus is powered by Twin Solar Taurus Gas Turbines reaching 5,108 hp at 1,300 rpm. A second vessel is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by next summer.

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Tugz Continues With Fleet Expansion

Yard Still to be Chosen For Construction of Six More Z-Drive Vessels

Tugz International, an affiliate of the Great Lakes Towing Company Group, will construct a series of six multi-purpose reverse tractor tugs. The order is the second phase of the Group's fleet expansion and upgrade program, which is expected to exceed \$30 million.

The initial phase of the program

involved the construction of two Zclass multi-purpose reverse tractor tugs, built by Halter Marine and delivered in November 1996.

With the commencement of the second phase, Tugz has filed for Title XI ship financing guarantees from MarAd.

The six new tugs will each mea-



Z-One

sure 95 x 32 ft. (30 x 10 m) and feature a 4,000 to 5,000 hp and a bollard pull in excess of 110,000 lbs. Each tug will be capable of operating at a design speed of 14 knots.

In addition, Jensen Maritime Consultants, Inc., designer of the Zclass tugs, will design a new 105 x 36ft. (32 x 11-m) reverse tractor tug of 5,000 to 6,000 hp with a bollard pull of 140,000 lbs. The new, larger multipurpose tugs will be used in ship assist and escort roles for larger, specialized vessels and ocean towing.

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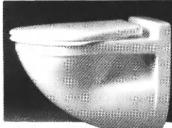


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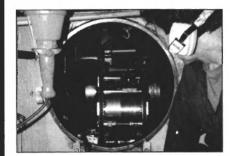




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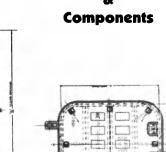
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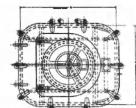
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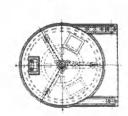
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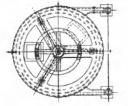
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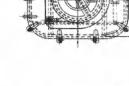












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NEW & NOTABLE

Halter Delivers Towboat To Stewart & Stevenson

Newly-constructed towboat Captain Bilbo recently commenced service along the Paraguay, Parana, Uruguay and Alto Paran rivers and waterways. Built by

Halter Marine for Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., the 112 x 32 x 10.6-ft. (34.1 x 9.8 x 3.2 m) vessel is powered by two Electro-Motive Division (EMD) GM 8-645 F7B engines, each with 1,700 hp continuous at 900 rpm delivering

The new vessel also features

Lufkin RHS2118 reverse/reduction horizontal offset gears, two Detroit Diesel 6-71 75 kW generators for electrical power, Kahlenberg 88-in. diameter propellers, and two steering and four flank-



Captain Bilbo.

ing rudders. Hydraulic steering provided by Skipper was Hydraulics Inc., and engine cooling was provided by Fernstrum Gridcoolers.

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MES Delivers Bulk Carrier Hoegh Morus



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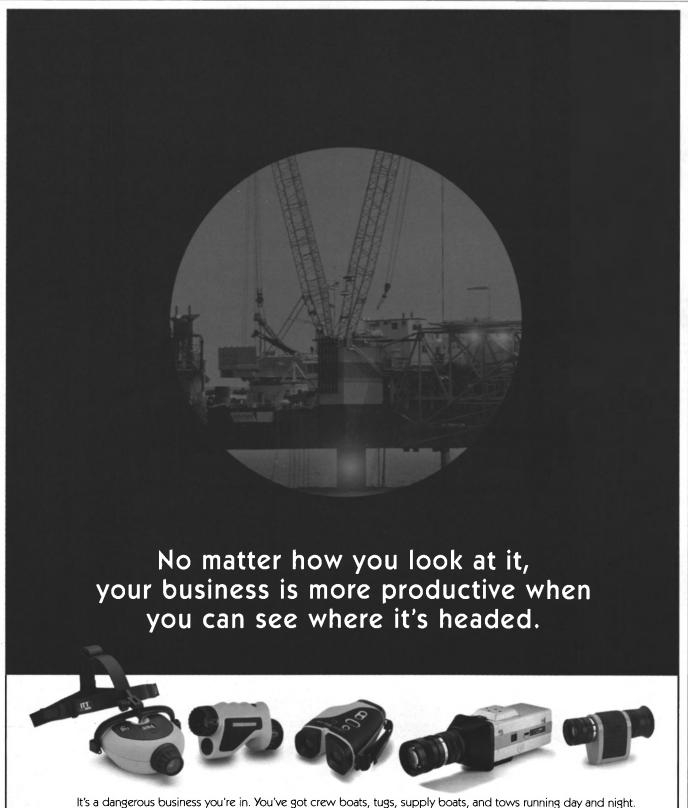
The 56,700-dwt bulk carrier Hoegh Morus was recently completed by the Taman Works of Mitsui Engineering Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. (MES) and delivered to owner Leigh Hoegh &

The new open hatch, double hull vessel features two sets of MES gantry cranes, as well as a Norwegian Marine Technology Institute-supplied Research Information Technology program.

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Hoegh Morus specifications

Length, o.a	
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Service speed	18 knots
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Teamtec Launches Next-Generation Incinerators

Teamtec AS has introduced PLC controls on its new-generation shipboard incinerators, reportedly allowing for improved performance and fuel economy, as well as lower emissions. Teamtec incinerators are designed for destruction of a variety of shipboard wastes, including sludge oil, plastics and general garbage and trash. The incinerators are typeapproved and certified in compliance with MEPC.59 (33), as well as with U.S. Coast Guard requirements and U.S. Federal regulations. Teamtec incinerators are available as containerized or skid-mounted units.

In addition, Teamtec has developed the A-60 sidescuttle in response to the recent amendment to SOLAS Annex 7, deeming mandatory the installation of A-60-certified windows and sidescuttles in the superstructure of all tankers keel-laid after July 1, 1998.

For more information Circle 55

Entec/Retrofit Introduces Bilge Water System

Entec/Retrofit Systems has unveiled the SLOP-eVAP bilge water elimination/reduction system. The new system is engineered to evaporate the water portion of bilge slop, which is then boiled and turned into harmless vapor before being vented through a blower-assisted stack into the atmosphere.

Underfloor electric heating of the SLOP-eVAP reportedly allows for up to 98 percent reduction in bilge water.

The system is designed to

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MSI To Conduct Waterway Improvement Study

River Towboat Simulation Expect To Help Improve Designs And Cut Costs

MarineSafety International (MSI) has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston, Texas, district to conduct a simulator study of two areas of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). The purpose of the simulator analysis is to assist the Corps' Waterways Experiment Station (WES) in fine-tuning and evaluating new channel designs which are

intended to alleviate navigational difficulties at Freeport Wiggles, a section of the GIWW, as well as in the High Island Bridge area, also a section of the GIWW.

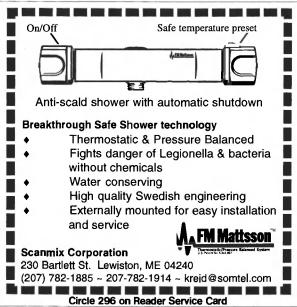
MSI will prepare visual, radar, depth, bank and current computer models of the two areas as they presently exist and as they will be with the new channel designs. Hydrodynamic response models of various configurations of push tows will also be prepared. Simulation tests will be conducted at MSI's Newport, R.I., facility which houses four interactive visual simulators. Two of the simulators are set up as river towboat wheelhouses, each featuring control consoles, two sets of steering and flanking rudder con-

trols, twin throttles, river radars, VHF radios and other instrumentation and gauges found on a river towboat.

These simulators have been refined over the past three years while being used to train SeaRiver Maritime's Gulf and Inland Division, as well as other tug-barge operators.

MSI will work with the WES to verify and, if appropriate, help improve channel designs. Using six experienced river pilots, approximately two weeks of real time simulator runs will be conducted at the Newport facility.

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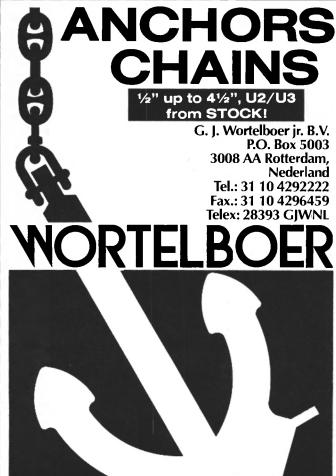


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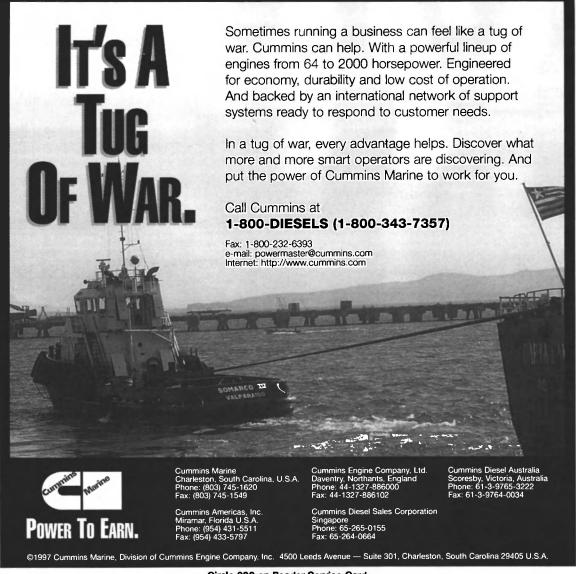
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Safe-Tee Offers Hydrocarbon Contaminant Cleanser

Safe-Tee Chemical Products has developed STC Bison, an ultra-concentrated, multipurpose cleanser developed for use in treating hydrocarbon-based contaminants.

The product will reportedly neutralize petroleumbased oil and grease by molecularly converting most toxic, petroleum hydrocarbons into non-toxic, harmless compounds which are safe for disposal.

Distributed by Wegs International, Inc., STC Bison solutions use soponification, which results in a chemical reaction with undesirable hydrocarbons and does not emulsify oil and grease.

The process is achieved by injecting or washing the contaminated water or soil with the appropriate STC Bison solution. The soap by-product of soponification is water soluble, rendering the original petroleum compound water soluble and no longer toxic.

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EPA Acts Against Clean Water Violations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued Administrative Penalty Orders (APOs) and Administrative Orders to 18 facilities in Dade County for violations of the Clean Water Act

Robert F. McGhee, EPA Region 4 Water Division director, said, "Although the storm water requirements are relatively new, EPA must ensure that the streams, rivers and waterways of Florida are protected. As a step in that direction, we have issued the Orders and assessed penalties against facilities which are not complying with the requirements of the CWA."

These enforcement actions were initiated as a result of inspections conducted in conjunction with the Miami River Coordinating Committee and included assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Dade Environmental Resources Management, the Florida Marine Patrol and the City of Miami.

Safety Negligence Costs Barge Owner \$8.5 M

The owner of an oil barge was recently fined \$8.5 million, the largest reported environmental fine in New England history, as settlement for criminal charges that the vessel caused an oil spill off Rhode Island.

According to the settlement, New York-based Eklof Marine Corp. admitted negligence in spilling 826,000 gallons of heating oil in January 1996 off



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The owners of the North Cape

barge and Scandia tugboat admitted ignoring winter storm warnings the day the barge ran aground. After a fire broke out in the engine room of the tugboat, the crew had to abandon both vessels

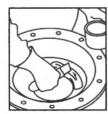
and leave them adrift in the storm. \$8.5 million settlement The includes fines of \$3.5 million to the federal government and \$3.5 million to the Rhode Island state government.

The owners will also pay \$1.5 million to the Nature Conservancy to buy and preserve land in the area around the spill.

The settlement must be approved by state and federal courts, and Eklof will face an additional \$1 million penalty if it fails to upgrade and improve its vessels as the company promised. Owners of the vessels still risk civil lawsuits for the spill.

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Boots & Coots Responds To Gas Blowout

Boots & Coots International Well Control, Inc. recently responded to a natural gas blowout at a site 30 miles south of Alexandria, La.

Four of the company's well control specialists were dispatched to the site of the high-pressure well to assess the damage to blowout prevention equipment that began to leak causing a mixture of natural gas and water to be released from the 17,000 ft. well.

Boots & Coots has developed procedures designed to minimize the risk of fire and explosion. The company's industrial and marine fire-fighting division, in concert with the well control team, delivered to the site supplies of a specially formulated, vapor-suppressing foam designed to mitigate the hazards associated with a potential explosion and resulting fire and eliminate hydrocarbon emissions in an environmentally friendly manner.

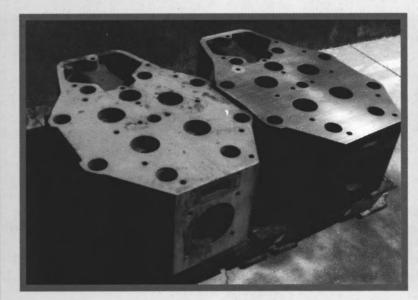
In addition, the company is working at two other locations providing critical well control management services at a site 120 miles offshore of Cameron, La., and near Punta de Mata in the eastern region of Venezuela.

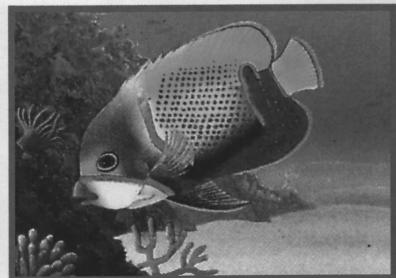
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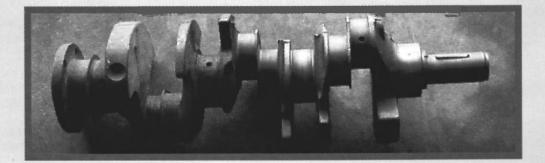


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As a third party administrator, ECS works directly with transportation and marine firms, or its hired by their insurers, reinsurance firms or P&I clubs on behalf of their clients.



IMO Tackles Air, Hull Regulations

The following news details recent developments and rulings of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the safety of shipping and the protection of the marine environment.

Air Pollution Measures Adopted

A conference to adopt new measures to cut air pollution from ships was held last month at IMO headquarters.

The new rules, which will include regulations to cut pollution from ship exhaust emissions, will be adopted in the form of a new Annex VI on Air Pollution from Ships to the International

Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships as modified by MARPOL 73/78. MARPOL currently consists of five technical annexes containing measures to prevent pollution by oil, chemicals and other harmful substances, as well as garbage and sewage.

IMO Member States and countries which have ratified the legislation (100 countries represent-

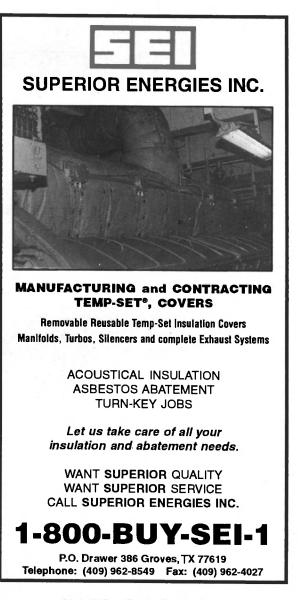
ing 93 percent of the world's shipping tonnage, to date) participated in the conference, adopting new air pollution measures in the form of a Protocol 1997 to the MARPOL Convention, and a new draft Annex VI.

Japan Lobbies For Double Hull Movement

The Japanese government has forwarded a document to the IMO



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urging other governments "to encourage ship owners to replace existing single hull tankers by tankers of double hull or equivalent constructions earlier than the time scale prescribed in Regulation 13G of Annex I of MARPOL." This request comes as a result of the Nokhodka and Diamond Grace tanker oil spill accidents and the grounding of Sea Empress.

MEPC Approves Ballast Water Safety Regulations

Measures to deal with the problem of harmful aquatic organisms transported in ballast water were recently approved by the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 40th session.

The Committee approved a draft Assembly Resolution Guidelines for the control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water to Minimize the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Patheogens, to be submitted this month to the 20th Assembly for There has been adoption. increased awareness in recent years of the environmental damage caused by the introduction of unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water used to stabilize vessels at sea. Examples include the introduction of the European zebra mussel in the Great Lakes, resulting in the expenditure of billions of dollars in pollution control measures; and the introduction of the American comb jelly to the Black and Azov Seas, causing the near extinction of the anchovy and sprat schools. Human health has also seen adverse effects, with the transportation of the bacterlum vibrio cholerae to Latin American coastal waters, probably through discharges of ballast water from

Asia, and the introduction of South-East Asian dinoflagellates to Australian waters, causing paralytic shellfish poisoning.

The draft guidelines are aimed at minimizing the risks of introducing harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens while maintaining ship safety. The recommendations include informing local agents and/or ships of areas and situations where uptake of ballast water should be minimized. Ships should observe precautionary practices by avoiding loading ballast water in very shallow waters or in areas where propellers may stir up sediment and by avoiding unnecessary discharge of ballast water.

Dynamation Gas Detectors Introduces AutoCal



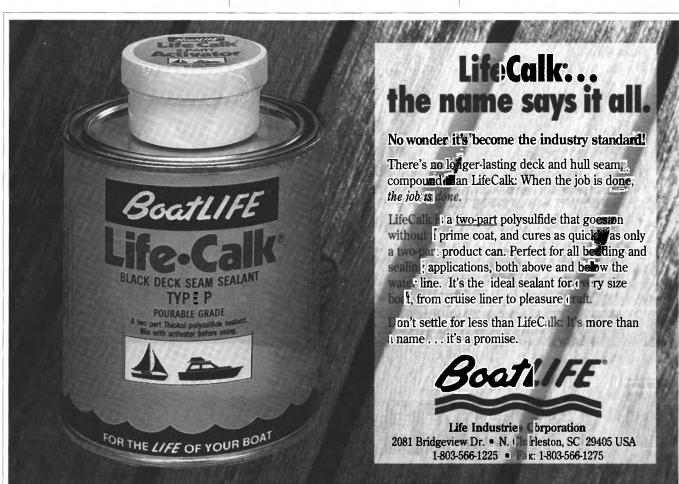
Dynamation ABL 4021 AutoCal gas detector.

The ABL 4021 AutoCal is Dynamation Gas Detectors' newest respiratory air monitor designed to monitor for carbon monoxide in compressor supplied breathing air applications.

The new air monitor incorporates a chemical cell sensor, liquid crystal display and a programmable alarm system, which permits the unit to automatically self calibrate when test gas is applied, thus eliminating any adjustment controls.

An optional high pressure regulator is available for cascade systems and SCBA tank filling stations allowing inlet pressures to 5,000 psi. An oxygen cell can also be added if oxygen monitoring is required.

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\$150-Million Planned For Fleet Revitalization

The purchasers of B&H Maritime Carriers Ltd. reportedly plan to rename the firm Excel Maritime Ltd. and launch share and bond issues to revive operations over the next three to four

months. Excel will seek to raise \$100-150 million to finance acquisition of Aframax tankers, including ordering a new vessel, a spokesman said. Earlier last month, B&H Maritime was acquired by Michalakis Odysseos and Vilpa Investment SA for roughly \$175,000 from B&H Ocean Carriers Ltd.

World's "Most Powerful Diesel" Tested

Wartsila NSD reports that the "world's most powerful diesel engine" successfully completed test-bed trials in Japan last month. The 12-cylinder Sulzer RTA96C two stroke marine unit

has a power output of 89,640 bhp (65,880 kW) and is being built under license by and tested in close collaboration with Diesel United Ltd. of Japan.

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PGS, Awilco Become One

Norway's Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) and offshore supply group Awilco have merged, effectively creating a leading player in marine seismic and floating oil production markets. PGS will acquire Awilco's floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) business in a stock deal valued at about \$860 million. The transaction includes Awilco's two production vessels *Petrojarl Foinaven* and *Petrojarl I*.

Van Ommeren Holding Buys 12 Ships For \$200M

Van Ommeren Shipping Holding unit bought the entire fleet of Czech Ocean Shipping for approximately \$200 million. The fleet of Czech Ocean Shipping consists of 12 bulk carriers, of which nine are Handy/Handymax and three are Panamax.

Norwegian Shipbuilding Aid Extended

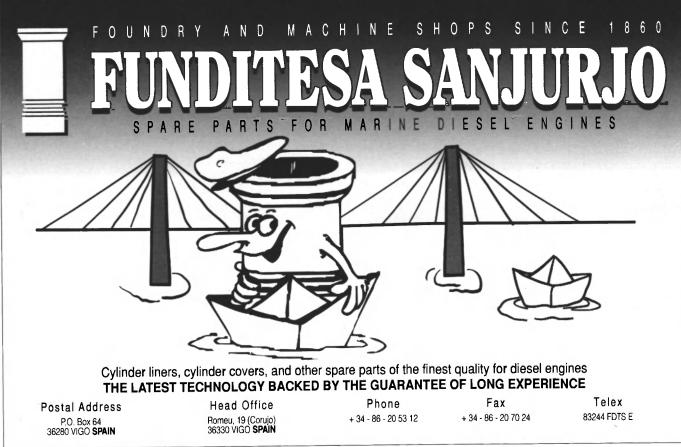
EFTA The Surveillance Authority (ESA) approved Norwegian plans to extend to the end of December 1997 aid to the country's shipbuilding industry. The plans also extend the deadline for delivery of ships supported under the schemes to three years from when the contracts were signed, rather than the previous December 31, 1998 deadline. The building of ferries can also now be semi-publicly financed.

Festival To Spend \$9 Million On Cruise Ship Upgrade

Festival Cruises will reportedly spend \$9 million to upgrade the Southern Cross cruise ship it has just acquired from CTC Cruise Lines. The 17,000-ton ship, to be renamed Flamenco, will be refurbished in Greece before sailing to the Caribbean on its inaugural cruise on December 3. After the modernization, the company will have invested \$32 million in the 700-passenger vessel.



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Outboard Marine Appoints President And CEO

Outboard Marine Corp. has announced that **David D. Jones**, **Jr.** has been appointed president and CEO and **Alfred D. Kingsley**, senior managing director of Greenway Partners, was named chairman of the board. These new appointments come on the heels of **Harry W. Bowman**'s resignation from these posts.

Mr. **Jones** has worked in the marine engine industry for more than 20 years.

His last position in the maritime industry was as the president of the Mercury Marine Division of the Brunswick Corp. Prior to that, he was employed as vice president and general manager of the Force Outboard Division of the U.S. Marines for four years.

Mr. **Bowman** will serve as a consultant to the company through September 1998.

Aalborg Sunrod Opens NY Office

Aalborg Sunrod has opened a representative office in New York, where **Charles Hoetzl** has joined the company as a sales representative. The aim of the new office is to maintain and develop the market for marine boilers and related equipment for customers based in the U.S. and Canada.

Ulstein Opens New Service Center In Brazil

Ulstein has set up an OSV service center in Brazil named Ulstein South America Ltd. Vebjorn Antonsen has been named manager of the new company, which will be located in Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Antonsen leaves the Seattle branch of Ulstein USA Inc., where he served as service manager for the last seven years.

SUNY Maritime Honors Father And Son Team

SUNY Maritime College was scheduled to honor **Edward du Moulin** and his son, **Richard**, at the Tenth Annual Admiral's Ball on Nov. 8.

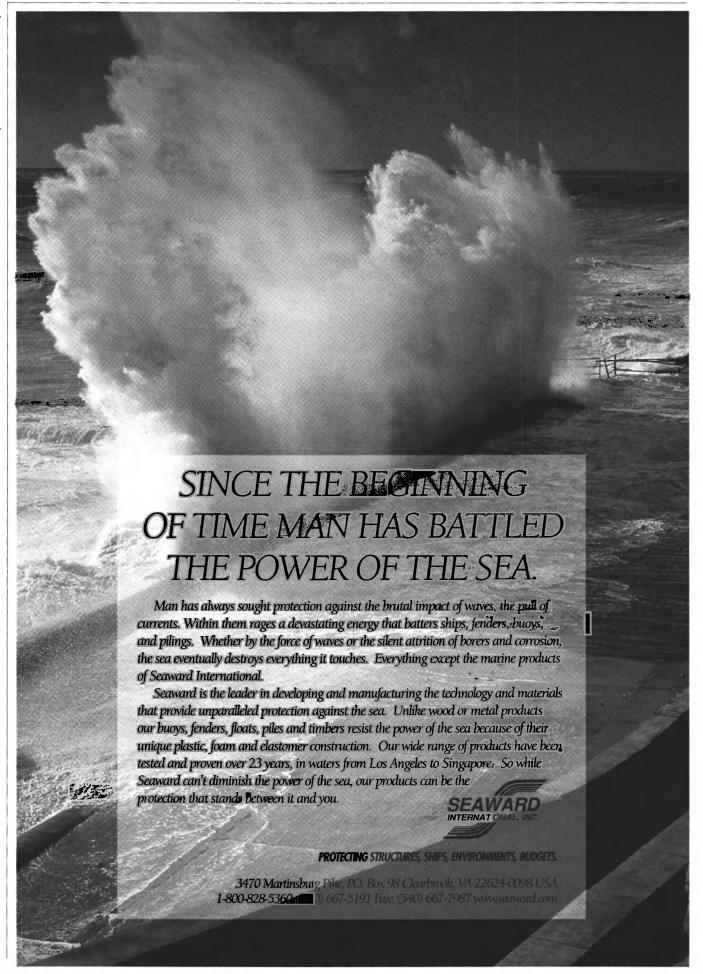
Edward du Moulin was a founding trustee of the Maritime College's Foundation, which supported three America's Cup defense campaigns between 1977 and 1983, with Mr. du Moulin as manager.

Richard du Moulin is chairman and CEO of Marine Transport Lines, Inc., one of America's oldest steamship company.

NNS Announces Open Market Share Repurchase Program

Newport News Shipbuilding

(NNS) will fund a portion of its employees compensation plan obligations with up to \$10 million of shares of its common stock, which will be purchased by the company through open market and privately negotiated transactions. In addition, it is expected that purchases of additional shares will be



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authorized for this purpose.

"This share repurchase program reflects our confidence in the company's future performance," said **Bill Fricks**, chairman and CEO. "Strength in our core Navy business, and the associated favorable trends we are experiencing in cash flow support implementing the

program at this time. We look forward to initiating similar programs as opportunities arise."

Halter Marine Group Declares Stock Split

Halter Marine Group, Inc.

announced a three-for-two common stock split in the form of a stock dividend to stockholders of record as of Oct. 15, 1997. Additional stock certificates are expected to be mailed on Oct. 31, 1997.

Following the stock split, approximately 27,675,000 shares of com-

mon stock will be outstanding. The company will pay cash in lieu of fractional shares based on the last sale price of its common stock on the record date (as adjusted for the stock dividend).

In announcing the dividend, John Dane III, Halter's chairman, president and CEO, noted, "Since the company's initial public offering on Sept. 26, 1996, our common stock price has increased over 300 percent from \$11 per share to over \$45 per share as of Sept. 26, 1997." He added, "The board of directors took this action to broaden the company's ownership base and increase the number of shares available for trading."

Outboard Marine Merger Complete

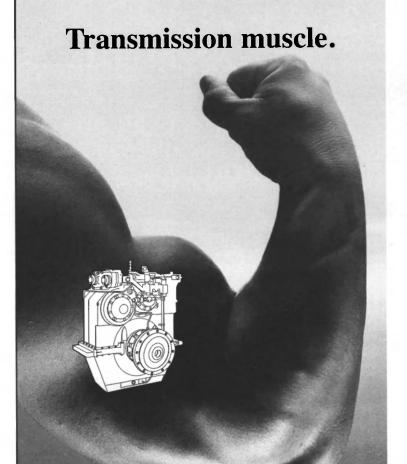
Greenmarine Holdings LLC announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Greenmarine Acquisition Corp. has merged with Outboard Marine Corp. (OMC). As the surviving corporation in the merger, it will continue to operate under the same name. The merger was effected in accordance with the "short-form merger" provisions of Section 253 of the General Corp. Law of the State of Delaware. As a result of the merger, Greenmarine Holdings is now the sole stockholder of OMC. In the merger, each outstanding share of common stock of OMC not owned by Greenmarine Acquisition Corp. or former stockholders who intend to exercise dissenter's rights under the General Corp. Law of the State of Delaware, was converted into the right to receive \$18 in cash. A notice of the effectiveness of the merger has been mailed to former stockholders of OMC with instructions to receive cash payment for their shares.

Blue Star Line Moves Melbourne Star

Blue Star Line (BSL) is moving 1,308-TEU *Melbourne Star* to its East and Gulf Coast Container Service in an attempt to improve frequency and transit times between North America, Australia and New Zealand.

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V. Ships Marine Gains SEP And ISO 9002 Certification

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PolySpec Marine Products Purchases Selby Line

PolySpec Marine Products Corp. recently purchased the Selby line of marine deck covering products from Harris Specialty Chemicals. The PolySpec line of products now includes: deck top fire and thermal insulation; underlayment systems; primers; bonding agents; decorative finishes; waterproof membranes; and non-skid coatings.

Detroit Diesel Ships First Series 2000 Marine **Production Engines**

Detroit Diesel Corp. (DDC) announced the shipment of the first pair of Series 2000 marine pleasure craft production engines to Burger Yacht.

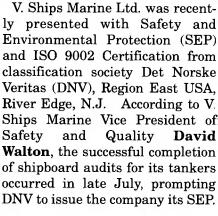
ated at 1,800 hp each, are part of a family of engines which include V and 12V configurations. These angines are the result of a joint development program between DDC and Motoren-und Turbinen-

Union Friedrichshafen GmbH (MTU) and are developed from the Mercedes-Benz 500 Series engine platform. Al Kozel, Detroit Diesel Corp.'s vice president of Marine Sales said, "We are pleased to present the result of this cooperation to our customers. This new engine family incorporates the vision and

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ABS Appoints Manager

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of new construction surveys and surveys of existing vessels in Polish shipyards, as well as surveys of ABS-classed vessels calling at Polish ports. He will also oversee the certification of engines and other major components at various manufacturing plants and fabricating shops and supervise the witnessing of material tests at steel plants and filler metal manufacturers. In addition, Mr. Dahl will assume responsibility for further expanding the fast-growing ABS Type Approval program within the region.

Mr. Dahl joined ABS in 1975. He has served as surveyor, senior surveyor and principal surveyor in Poland. Prior to joining ABS, he gained extensive sea experience with Transatlantic and as a chief engineer with Nordstrom & Thulin.

Boatracs Appoints New President, CEO

Jon Gilbert has been appointed president and CEO of Boatracs and will also serve on the board of directors, where Michael Silverman will remain as chairman. Mr. Gilbert joins the company after 12 years with Maintenance Warehouse/America Corp., where he was most recently CEO.

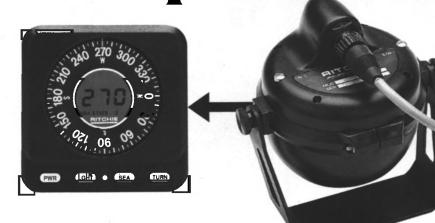
"Jon has a proven history of achievement and business experience that will be invaluable to Boatracs as we continue to expand domestically and internationally," Mr. Silverman said. "Jon has also demonstrated his confidence in Boatracs by committing to become a major shareholder in the company."

Sonsub International Names New VP

Sonsub International Inc. has announced the appointment of Fredric L. Hettinger to the position of vice president, Engineering. In this position, Mr. Hettinger, will be responsible for directing the company's engineering activities throughout the Americas region, as well as developing new business opportunities and interfacing with Sonsub International's offices around the world.

Mr. Hettinger, a registered professional engineer, has extensive subsea intervention engineering and technology experience, and has held senior-level management positions with a number of leading offshore contractors and service companies. From 1989 to 1992, he was president and CEO of Diverless Systems, Inc. (DSI), an engineering affiliate of Sonsub.

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Peder Wennberg Joins NNS



Newport News Shipbuilding has announced appointthe ment of Peder K. Wennberg manager, Commercial Marketing.

hisposition, Mr. new Wennberg will be responsible for marketing and sales activities associated with commercial newbuild construction and conversion opportunities.

Mr. Wennberg comes to NNS after working in the commercial marine industry for many years. His most recent position was as area sales manager of Ulstein USA, Inc.

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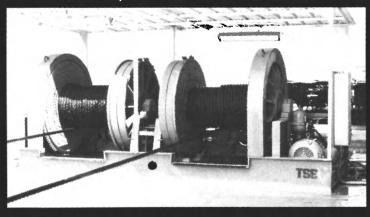
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New President/CEO Appointed At Consilium Metritape



The board of directors of Consilium Metritape, Inc., announced appointment of Robert H. Osmer as president and CEO. Most recently, Mr. Osmer served as president of Devoe Coatings Company, one of the largest international manufacturers of advanced

technology special coatings for the marine and industrial markets.

Prior to Devoe, he served as director of Operations for Sipco Services, vice president of Engineering for Bulkfleet Marine Corp., and in various marine engineering shore based and sea going positions with Exxon Shipping Company and Texaco Marine.

Pugh Joins Seaward

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James D. Pugh has been named vice president of Sales for Seaward International Inc. He will be responsible for managing the worldwide sales organization which markets Seaward's foam-filled marine fenders, buoys and composite marine piling and timber.

Mr. Pugh comes to Seaward from Black & Veatch, an international engineering firm, where he was director of Marketing, Maritime Services.

He has also served as executive director and CEO of the Port of Houston Authority and as executive director of the Indiana Port Commission.

Dataworks Appoints New Sales Director

London-based software specialist Dataworks has appointed Lloyd Prichard as Sales director for Dataworks (U.K.) Ltd. Mr. Prichard will direct the selling of shipbroking and communications software and IT solutions to the shipping industry.

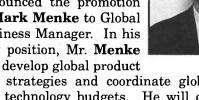
Coastal Elects Schmid As VP

The Coastal Corporation has announced that John C. Schmid has been elected vice president for International Production of Coastal Oil & Gas Corp., The Coastal Corp.'s exploration and production subsidiary.

Mr. Schmid will be responsible for evaluating, acquiring and optimizing all non-domestic production and operating opportunities for Coastal's exploration and production segment. Before joining Coastal, Mr. Schmid was general manager/president of Maxus Ecuador Inc., a subsidiary of Maxus Energy, where he was responsible for development of producing fields in the Amazon rainforest. He had previously been general manager of Maxus's domestic exploration and production activities.

Menke Promoted

The Oronite Additives Division of Chevron Chemical Company has announced the promotion of Mark Menke to Global Business Manager. In his new position, Mr. Menke will develop global product



line strategies and coordinate global pricing and technology budgets. He will continue to serve on the Oronite Leadership Team, providing strategic and policy direction for the division, and on the board of Saudi Chevron Petrochemical.

Prior to his promotion, Mr. Menke was manager, International Business Development for Chevron Chemical Company, in which capacity he led the acquisition team responsible for the up-front development of joint venture Saudi Chevron Petrochemical.

He also has experience as manager, Strategic Planning for CCC, and in various positions with Chevron USA Marketing and Chevron USA Manufacturing.

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Kvaerner To Take Over Philadelphia Shipyard

Kvaerner — the international engineering and construction group - signed an agreement to develop the former U.S. Navy yard in Philadelphia, Pa., into a stateof-the-art shipbuilding facility.

The agreement is a 99-year deal under which Kvaerner would build container vessels and tanker ships at two dry docks on the Delaware River. The first vessel to be produced by the venture would set sail in 2000. The agreement was signed at Kvaerner's Warnow shipyard near Rostock, Germany, as Tom Ridge, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and other members of the U.S. delegation were at Kvaerner's German yard recently, to see the facilities developed by the group since its acquisition of the former state-owned shipyard in 1992.

It is proposed that the parties will jointly develop a modern shipyard on part of the former naval facility. Extensive training programs will be implemented for the yard workforce based on Kvaerner's technology and experience.

Under the terms of a draft agreement, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, the Delaware River Port Authority and others will contribute a total of more than \$400 million of investment funding in the yard, of which about half will be for training. Extensive skills training and additional on-the-job training will be funded through various U.S. programs.

For its part, Kvaerner will provide capital infrastructure invest-

Bender To Build Two For GulfMark

GulfMark Offshore has made agreements that will add six vessels to the company's fleet and signed charters for two vessels, including one of the new vessels.

Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Inc. in Mobile, Ala., agreed to build two offshore support vessels at a cost of about \$22 million, for delivery in January and June 1999. GulfMark has an option to build two additional vessels under this contract.

ment of some \$45 million over a five year period. Approximately \$30 million of this will be provided through a loan from the Pennsylvania parties at preferential rates of interest.

The naval yard, which now

serves as a mothball facility for out-of-service Navy battleships and frigates, closed as a working shipyard in 1995 with the loss of about 7,500 jobs. Kvaerner will also provide ship designs, software applications and access to its

extensive R&D programs. As a measure of its commitment, Kvaerner will purchase, at cost, the first 3 ships to be built at the new facility (totaling some \$80 million). These vessels will be offered for sale to the market.

Westfalia Separator Introduces **Advanced Separator Line**

Desludging System Utilizes Hydrostop System Design

Last month MR/EN provided news of the introduction of the new Westfalia C-Generation product line. The company recently released additional technical details, presented here.

Westfalia Separator has introduced a new ecologically advanced line of separators. The key characteristic to the advancements made to the C-Generation separators lies within the patented Hydrostop process, which is designed to provide a more precise desludging system. In a typical marine and power application, the Westfalia separator reportedly can reduce sludge up to 50 percent during fuel oil and lube oil purification, and up to 90 percent during sludge treatment.

Hydrostop works in conjunction with redesigned discharge ports in a new bowl architecture for more efficient sludge removal, and the Softstream system, a unique process which allows liquids to enter the bowl in a super calm state. Keeping liquids in this state as they enter the bowl contributes to the increased flow rates of the new separator, as well as overall separating efficiency and reduced component wear. There are four separators in the C-Generation product line: OSC 5, with a capacity of 4,000 l/h; OSC 15, with a capacity of 11,500 l/h; OSC 30, rated at 24,000 l/h; and OSC 50, rated at 43,100 l/h.

Designed For Oily Water Treatment

The Softstream system of the Westfalia separator is particularly important in oily water treatment situations found in tanker slop water, bilge water, drain water, produced water and engineering liquids, according to Dierk Homborg, managing director of Westfalia Separator. "Slop water, for example, is collected and taken to port where it is transferred to a specialized treatment plant, or it is dumped at sea in the few areas where this is still a legal activity," Mr. Homborg said. "The new C-Generation separators will allow ships to efficiently treat onboard the slop water as well as other oily water, allowing oil-free water to be returned to the ocean." All four new models of the C-Generation are available in Unitrol design, a proprietary Westfalia Separator development which uses a patented sludge space monitoring system (SMS) and a water content monitoring system (WMS) for optimum separation.

Solids or water that accumulates in the sludge space causes interruptions in the flow of a sensing liquid. These interruptions are detected by the SMS and alert the system. The WMS monitors water content in the bowl, allowing the centrifuge to operate as a purifier and clarifier.

Low-Maintenance

In addition to the higher flow rates including the OSC 50, a high capacity separator — and ecological benefits, the new C-Generation is being touted for its • Designed for unsupervised operation; long maintenance • Conforms to classification regulations and intervals and low environmental laws. maintenance requirements.

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bowl cleaning intervals also are extended, due to the Hydrostop system.

service • Used to remove oil from produced and drain are water;

• Purifies and treats fuel oil, lube oil and hydraulic oil;

Tracking Separators

A new central service center in Hamburg stores data on separator operation which will be used to reference real-world situations onboard ships. In the future, Westfalia Separator centrifuges will be able to communicate directly with the software center. The center can also monitor spare parts consumption and separator water.

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- Used to remove water from crude oils;
- User friendly, low weight and smaller size.

Marine Management Systems Selects New VP

Randal E. Holl has joined Marine Management Systems, Inc. (MMS) vice president, as Development. Prior to MMS, he was senior director of System Hyperion Architecture at Software.

He has also held positions in the information technology practice of Ernst & Young, IBM and Syscon Corp., subsidiary а Harnischfeger Industries, Inc.

Tranter Announces New Executive VP

Marino Pelosi has been promoted to executive vice president of

He has been vice president of Sales and Marketing since 1980 and reportedly was instrumental in the acquisition of HTT/SWEP and ReHeat AB in 1994; he also served president as SWEP/ReHeat.

Jeffboat Appoints New Sales Engineer

Richard A. Dinsmore, Jr. has been appointed Sales Engineer at Jeffboat, working directly for the Sales and Estimating Department. Mr. Dinsmore was previously marine engineer/naval architect at Jeffboat.

ISC Names Two New **Executives**

International Shipholding Corp. has named two executives to head up the Houston operations of its principal subsidiaries, Waterman Steamship Corp., Forest Lines Inc. and Central Gulf Lines, Inc.

George Nahas, formerly manager of the Oakland office, has been named vice president in charge of the Houston office, and Schilsky Reinder Houston's regional sales manager.

Mr. Nahas began his career with he company in 1977 as sales manger for the Mid-East region and was transferred to New York in 1980, where he served as national ales manager and Mid-East coordinator. In 1983, he was named

manager of the Oakland office with responsibility for sales, marketing, traffic, intermodal operations and documentation for the western U.S. Mr. Schilsky joined the company in 1990 and served as sales management executive in the Chicago office prior to being

assigned to Memphis in 1995.

Hamworthy Marine Opens Shanghai Office

Hamworthy Marine has set up

an office in Shanghai. The new venture will address the fastexpanding shipbuilding market in China and is located in one of the country's busiest ports to support the high local concentration of shipbuilding companies. William Huang, who joins the company



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Bollinger Announces New VP/GM

Gary Newchurch has been

named vice president and general manager of Bollinger Fourchon, one of eight subsidiaries of Bollinger Shipyards, Inc. Mr.

Newchurch is a 32 year veteran of the marine industry. He managed shipyards for McDermott Shipyards, Inc.

and served as operations manager at Trinity Marine. Before joining Bollinger, he ran his own consulting firm.

Isabella Shipping Resumes Service To Tampa

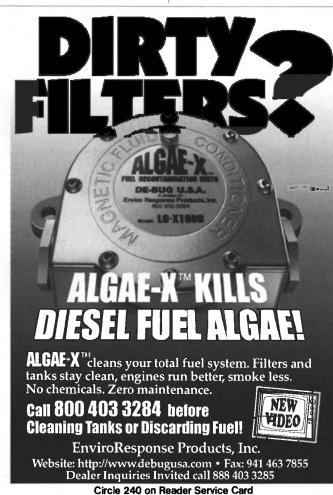
Isabella Shipping initiated a bi-weekly shipping service out of the Port of Tampa in October.

The M/V Blue Crest will sail from Tampa to Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, and Turbo, Colombia, continuing on with Turbana bananas to Gulfport, Miss.

The ship will load out in Tampa with a variety of palletized, breakbulk and vehicular cargoes. The Isabella service will operate from Tampa's new multi-purpose complex at Berth 208.

Todd Shipyards Appoints CEO

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chairman of the board. Mr. Welch has also been named chairman of the board of the company's subsidiary, Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp.

Tindall Joins NMEA's Board



Jim Tindall, ICOM
America's Marine
Division Manager, has
been selected for a
two-year term as a
Manufacturer Director
for the National
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Association's (NMEA)
board of directors.

As a new addition to the NMEA's board, Mr. **Tindall** plans "to develop an industry standard to ensure that radios made by different manufacturers will communicate with each other digitally as part of a new international distress system."

Mr. Tindall has been in the marine industry for more than 20 years. As ICOM's Marine Division Manager since 1994, he oversees all sales and marketing, develops dealer relationships and supervises regional sales managers. He has also worked as a sales manager for ComMar and as president of Coast Navigation, a marine marketing organization.

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Halter Marine To Open Shipyard

Halter Marine Group, Inc. will reopen the former Eastern Marine, Inc. shipyard in Allenton, near Panama City, Fla. which was acquired when inactive in 1993. It has been named Halter Marine Panama City.

John Dane III, chairman, presi-November, 1997 dent and CEO of Halter said, "It has been our stated intention to open this facility when business and market conditions improved. With the volume of our current business, and the level of inquiries, we are beginning to see delivery dates stretch beyond what our cus-

tomers find acceptable. We will open the shipyard in a phased process beginning immediately. Initial employment will be approximately 100, and it is expected to grow to about 300 within 18 months."

The opening will be phased

because much of the equipment and the physical plant requires replacement and upgrading before full production can begin. The first vessel, which is being built for an undisclosed interest, will be a 205 ft. (62.5 m) supply boat, scheduled for delivery in December 1998.

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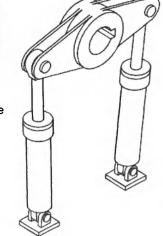
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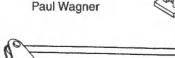
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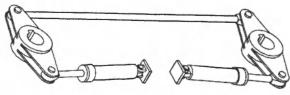


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DBC Marine Safety Systems has launched a new series of liferafts. Available in four, six, and eight person sizes in either a low profile deck mounted fiberglass container or soft valise, the Swiftsure Global is a high performance liferaft made for blue water use. The Swiftsure Global features a rain water collection panel, an observation port, Icelandic ballast pockets, a sea

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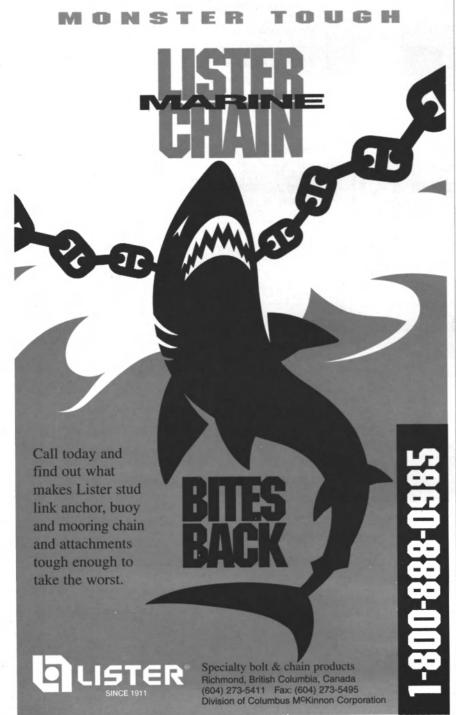
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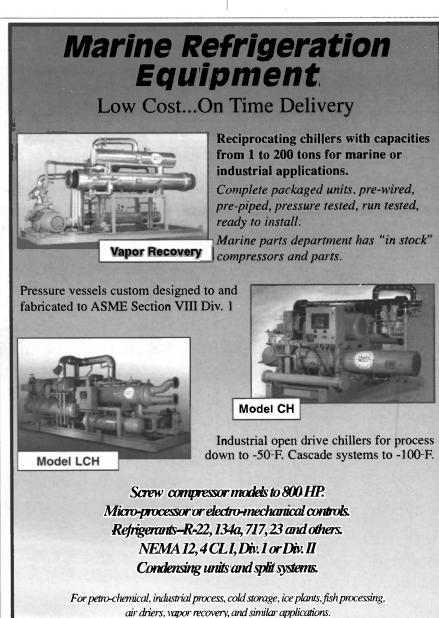
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ACR Electronics Promotes Safety With Satellite 406

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Dreggen Receives Order For Crane

Dreggen Crane has received an order for a gantry traveling deck crane, marking the company's first order from Hyundai Heavy Industries. It has a capacity of 20 tons at 82.02 ft. (25 m) outreach.

The crane features rack and pinion move-

ment; hydraulic lifting cylinders, fitted on each of the four legs for hatch cover handling; low total height of gantry, which reduces deck house height; main supply cable reel outfitted with a motor, gear and sliprings inside the crane leg; and stainless steel hydraulic cylinders and pipes.

For more information on Dreggen Crane Circle 7 on Reader Service Card

SSC Releases New Windows Package

Software Systems

Consulting (SSC) has announced the release of PC HF Facsimile 8.0 for Windows. The pro-

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A. P. MOLLER	SINGMARINE DOCKYARD	AHTS	2		99	SLOMAN NEPTUN	MUTZELFELD1WERFT	LPG	1	4,000	9
A. P. MULLER ANGELICOUSSIS	HYUNDAI	BULK CARRIER	í	171,900	99	YUYO KAIUN	MITSUBISHI H.I.	LPG	1	78,000	9
		BULK CARRIER	4	36,000	99/2000	FORT DE VENEZUELA	BRODOSPLIT	MULTI-PURPOSE	6	_	200
EDNAV	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING		2	75,200	99	SYRIAN NAVEGATION	KARACHI	MULTI-PURPOSE	2	_	9
OLDEN OCEAN GROUP	HITACHI ZOSEN	BULK CARRIER	_		2000	DISTRICT OFFSHORE	BRATTVAAG SKIPSVERFT	OFFSHORE SUPPLY	1	_	
NHUI SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT	SUMITOMO	BULK CARRIER	2	73,000	2000	STRINTZIS LINE	BATSERVICE	PASSENGER	1		
NHUI SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	2	73,300		ALAND LANDSKAPSSTYRELSE	UUDENKAUPUNGEN	PASSENGER / CAR FERRY	1	_	
ITSUI O.S.K. LINES (MOL)	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	1	150,000	2000	TIRRENIA SOC. NAV.	FINCANTIERI	PASSENGER / CAR FERRY	2		
ODERN SHIPPING (RESTIS GROUP)	CHINA SHIPB. CORP.	BULK CARRIER	2	73,000	99	GOUTOS LINES	FBM MARINE	PASSENGER / FERRY	ī	_	
PPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA H.I. (IHI)	BULK CARRIER	2	48,000	99/2000	MERSEA SHIPS	BOLLINGER	PASSENGER / FERRY	2	4,500	
IPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	NAMURA ZOSENSHO	BULK CARRIER	1	70,900	1299	JAN-ERIK DYVI	ULJANIK	PCTC	2	12.500	
SSHO IWAI	TSUNEISHI	BULK CARRIER	2	73,440	99	LEIF HOEGH & CO. A/S	STOCZNIA	PCTC	1	12,300	
SAKA SENPAKU	KANASASHI SHIPBUILDING	BULK CARRIER	2	39,000	98/99	NIPPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	TSUNEISHI	PCTC	1		
IOWA LINE	HYUNDAI	BULK CARRIER	1	172,000	99		DAFWOO	PCTC	2	17.300	
IISSE-ATLANTIQUE	CHINA SHIPB. CORP.	BULK CARRIER	2	72,500	98/99	WALLENIUS			2	17,300	
IYO STEAMSHIP	HALLA	BULK CARRIER	1	74,000	_	PERTAMINA	JIANGDU SHIPYARD	PRODUCT CARRIER	2	, ,	
LLABONG	MITSUI	BULK/CONTAINER CARRIER	3	45,000	99/2000	CENTROFIN MANAGEMENT	DAEWOO	PRODUCT TANKER	!	98,000	
COAST GUARD	MARINETTE MARINE CORP.	BUOY TENDER	4		_	CHANDRIS (HELLAS)	DAEWOO	PRODUCT TANKER	1	105,000	00 /0
& M CASTALDI	NUOVI CANTIERI APUANIA	CHEMICAL TANKER	1	10,000	97	GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING	DAEDONG SHIPBUILDING	PRODUCT TANKER	2	45,000	99/2
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ROERE	BIEBOSCH-DORDRECHT	CHEMICAL TANKER	2	3.500	98	UNKNOWN	IWAGI	REEFER	1	_	
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AORETTI ARMATORI GROUP	NUOVI CANTIERI APUANIA	CHEMICAL PRODUCTS TANKER	ì	30,000	99	CGG Marine	CHANTIERS DE L'ATLANTIQUE	SEISMIC	1	6,150	
	IMABARI SHIPBUILDING	COAL CARRIER	i	150,000	2000	GECO-PRAKLA	MJELLEM & KARL	SEISMIC	1	4,400	-
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PPON YUSEN KAISA (NYK)	OSHIMA SHIPBUILDING	CONTAINER	3		99	ICB SHIPPING	DAEWOO	TANKER	1	158,000	
RMAWA SHIPPING & TRADING	TILLE SCHEEPSBOUW		3		99	AP MOLLER	HYUNDAI	TANKER	2	300,000	_
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ANSA MARINE	HYUNDAI	CONTAINER	2		140000	FREDRIKSEN	HYUNDAI	TANKER	1	300,000	
INGERHANS, HEINRICH	YICHANG	CONTAINER	2	5,300		FRONTLINE	HYUNDAI	TANKER	i	-	
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AM SUNG SHIPPING	SHIN-A SHIPBUILDING	CONTAINER	2	8,900	98/99	KNUTSEN OAS SHIPPING	ASTILLEROS ESPANOLES (SESTAO)	TANKER	ĩ	126,250	
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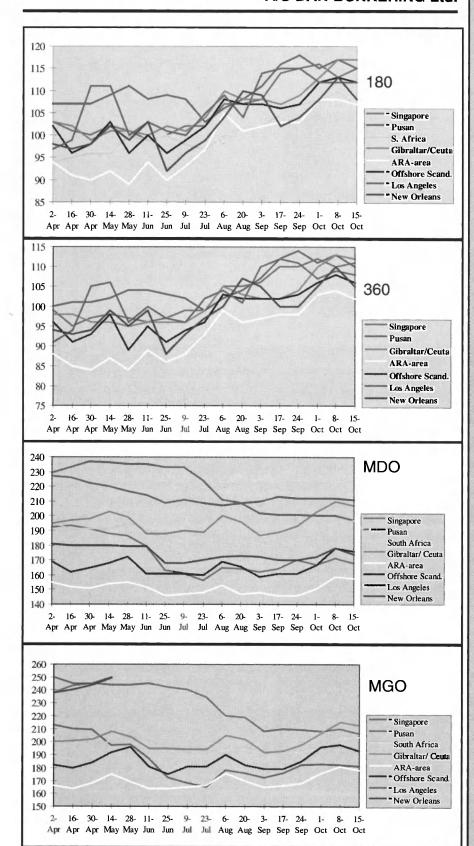
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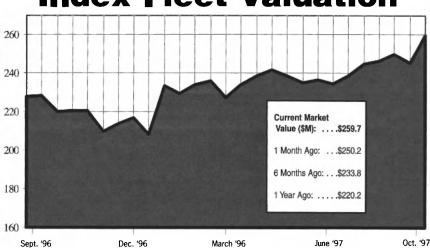
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Recent Ship Sales

This report, compiled by Shipping Intelligence, Inc., a New York maritime consulting firm, tracks sale prices of secondhand bulk carriers and tankers. For more information, call tel: (212) 997-0966.

Date Reparted	Vessel Name	Vessel Type	DWT	Year Built	Sale Price (M)
9/26/97	Qing Yun Ling	Bulker	20,429	90	\$7.1
9/19/97	Ken Sun	Bulker	22,245	80	\$3.2
9/26/97	Halla Pioner	Bulker	22,457	83	\$6.9
9/12/97	Caribbean Bulker	Bulker	26,300	89	\$12.5
9/26/97	Marin Trader 1	Bulker	26,679	86	\$9.9
9/26/97	Anna	Bulker	26,702	76	52
9/26/97	Leopard 1	Bulker	34.584	72	\$1.7
9/26/97	lolcos Legend	Bulker	35,295	80	\$5
9/19/97	Western Express	Bulker	38.888	86	\$11.5
9/12/97	Fellow	Bulker	41,824	83	\$8.3
9/5/97	Asian Fortune	Bulker	42,964	83	\$9.8
9/19/97	Sogrer Adonis	Bulker	43,590	84	\$12.1
9/19/97	Li Xin	Bulker	54,540	80	\$3.3
9/12/97	Li Yaun	Bulker	54,540	79	\$3.3
9/19/97	California	Bulker	60,158	82	\$9.9
9/12/97	Tai Zhou Hai	Bulker	64,170	82	\$10.8
9/26/97	Wen Zhou Hoi	Bulker	64,170	82	\$10.8
9/5/97	Madonna Lily	Bulker	64,747	82	\$10.6
9/12/97	Crystal Grace	Bulker	64,975	86	\$15.7
9/5/97	Thalia	Bulker	65,164	82	\$12.2
9/5/97	Gina Juliano	Bulker	67,395	87	\$16.8
9/5/97	World Spear	Bulker	69,001	83	\$11.6
9/26/97	Halla Endeavour	Bulker	69,585	86	\$15.8
9/19/97	Cereza	Bulker	69,808	89	\$18.4
9/5/97	Nephele Nephele	Bulker	71,927	83	\$10.4
9/5/97	Navolis	Bulker	133,365	81	\$11.2
9/26/97	Jugurtha	Tanker	12,094	80	\$4
9/19/97	Trader	Tanker	22,305	81	\$7.8
9/5/97	Thorsfreddy	Tanker	29,521	80	\$8.2
9/26/97	Canopus	Tanker	31,309	81	\$8.3
9/26/97	Lady Elisabeth	Tonker	33,950	74	\$5.9
9/12/97	Tasman Spirit	Tanker	87,584	79	\$9.8
9/12/97	Pacific Jupiter	Tanker	94,995	89	\$30.5
9/19/97	New Tatjana	Tanker	96,550	76	\$6
9/12/97	Svenner	Tanker	107,000	97	\$44.5
9/19/97	New Lousjana	Tanker	115,831	75	\$7
9/26/97	Amyndas	Tanker	123,597	77	\$7.5
9/19/97	Sarita	Tanker	124,472	86	\$30.8
9/12/97	New Nevis	Tanker	138,884	75	\$7.2
9/19/97	Friendship	Tanker	267,589	76	\$15.5
9/26/97	Fellowship	Tanker	268,225	74	\$15
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gram allows users of Windows PCS to receive charts, weather satellite photographs, radio teletype, NAV-TEX, FEC, SITOR, ASCII and Morse code digital news and weather broadcasts.

By connecting the package's

demodulator between the computer's serial port and a single side band shortwave communications receiver, digital radio transmissions can be received, displayed, printed or recorded on disk.

SSC's new Windows FSK demodulator allows the program to operate in the background while the operator is performing other tasks under Windows. The package includes image and text decoding software, a miniature demodulator, tutorial audio cassette, comprehensive manual, worldwide frequency list and broadcast schedules. The system requires Windows 3.1x, Windows 95 or

Windows NT, 8MB Ram Memory (4 MB under Windows 3.1x) and 6 MB hard disk space.

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Guest De-Icer Uses Verton Structural Composites



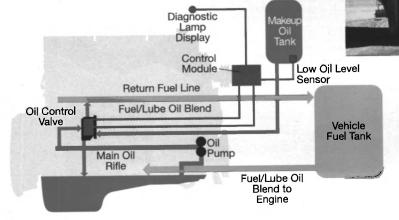
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LNP Engineering Plastics offers the Guest D-Icer, a submersible, motor-driven water circulation unit which prevents the formation of ice around a boat or dock and features a one-piece plastic shroud made with Verton MFX, a long glass fiber reinforced polypropylene. The D-Icer works by continuously propelling warmer subsurface water up to the surface. The unit is suspended by two lines over the side of the boat and lays under the water. The Verton composites provide the D-icer with strength, stiffness, impact resistance and bright colors for easy visibility.

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Cinet Introduces Maritime PC

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Jotron Increases Range Of EPIRBs



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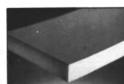
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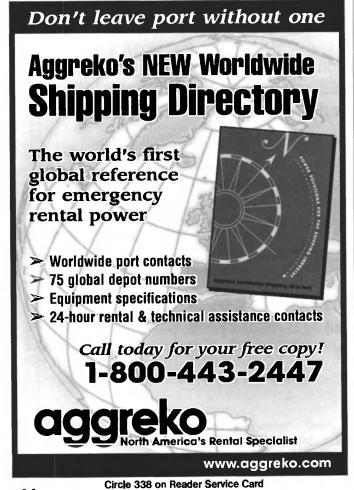
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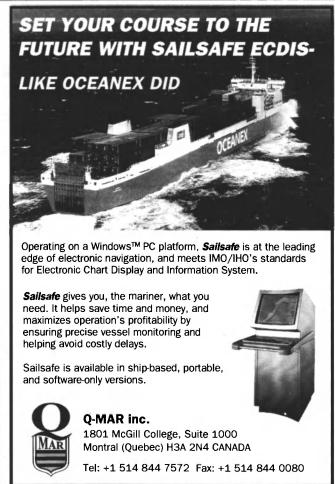
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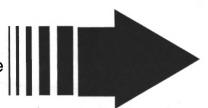
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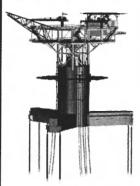
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