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Welcome to our latest newsletter. We have published it to coincide with the London Shiprepair & Conversion exhibition where we hope to see a number of our customers, suppliers and other industry partners.

The year to date has been marked by a growing number of repeat customers that we hope will demonstrate to potential customers that we provide a consistent, safe and reliable service.

If you are not able to attend the show and would like to contact us regarding any of your requirements please do not hesitate to contact me any time.

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Exhibitions

A&P will be sponsoring the VIP Lounge (Stand E22) at Shiprepair & Conversion 2007 in National Hall – Olympia, London, 10th – 11th October. Please feel free to pop in and see us!

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A&P Falmouth

A&P Falmouth has had an extremely busy summer with over 20 vessels in the yard.

A&P Falmouth has won a 3-ship deal with **Grimaldi Group** as part of an ongoing partnership with A&P. The 3rd vessel, *Repubblica di Venezia*, arrived at the yard on 29th September 2007 for docking & general repairs.



The recent departure of Repubblica di Roma after a successful stay at A&P Falmouth.

During May 2007, A&P Falmouth successfully applied the International Paints innovative underwater coating system, Intersleek 900, to **James Fishers'** 'Galway Fisher'. The paint system is based on a fluoropolymer foul release technology, providing a very smooth surface which has the dual effect of reducing hull friction and making it very difficult for fouling organisms to adhere to the surface. David Daniel, Commercial Director at A&P Falmouth, stated,

"We have a highly experienced in house paint department, which together with use of the latest UHP water blasting equipment gives the high quality finish required by both ship owner and paint manufacturer."



Galway Fisher

A&P Falmouth has successfully completed the conversion of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Sir Tristram, ahead of schedule, and within budget. The former Falklands landing ship will now take on her new role as static training ship for the Royal Marines based in Portland.

Alan L'Enfant, Ship Superintendent on behalf of the Ministry of Defence said,

"The conversion of Sir Tristram at A&P Falmouth has been a hugely successful project. The vessel will go on to serve as a highly capable training platform for many years to come."

Another RFA vessel, the RFA Black Rover, is currently undergoing a refit at Falmouth docks. The vessel is one of two remaining small fleet tankers that support the Royal Navy in its global operations and is due to remain in RFA service until at least 2012.

Peter Child, Managing Director of A&P Falmouth said,

"We are delighted to be involved in this project which is the latest series of major successes for A&P. This project has brought many benefits to Falmouth in being able to secure 100 skilled jobs and continue to build important economic links for the town; it is a further demonstration of our leading position in the RFA and MoD market."

Recently departed from the yard after general repairs is *Cariad* for **Admanthos Shipping Agency**, *Plym II* for **Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry**, *HMS Echo* for **Vosper Thornycroft**, *James Clark Ross* for **British Antarctic Survey**, and *RFA Argus* as part of her base berth contract with A&P Falmouth. Also *James Fishers* have recently docked and repaired *Solent Fisher*, *Thames Fisher* and *Rudderman* with further dockings planned for 2008.

A&P Tyne

This summer has been very busy for A&P Tyne which has seen the successful conversion of the *Normand Seven*, an awarding winning new build Offshore Support Vessel, into a pipelaying vessel.

The work on the 130m vessel has been undertaken for **Subsea 7**, one of the world's leading subsea engineering and construction companies. The conversion work will enable the vessel to install flexible pipelines up to a water depth of 2,000 metres and will initially operate off the coast of Brazil once completing sea trials in mid-October.



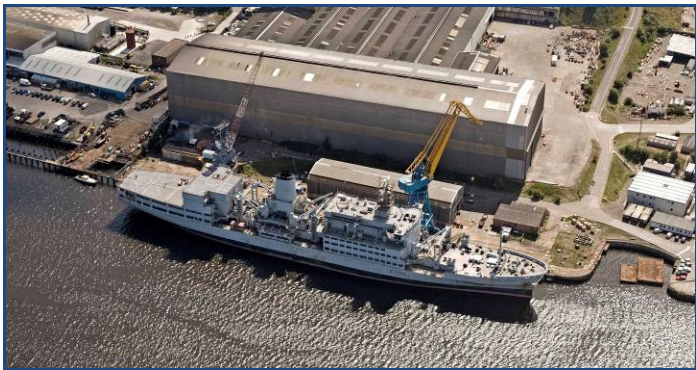
Normand Seven

Subsea7 Senior Project Manager, Brian Rice said, "A&P has demonstrated its ability to work closely with Subsea7 to ensure the delivery of the conversion as planned"

A&P Tyne was awarded the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) refit contract on RFA Fort Austin for **UK Ministry of Defence**. The scope of A&P's work involves upgrades to the internal and external communications fits, new bridge and command arrangements, improved helicopter landing aids and improved fire suppression systems. The project also involves increasing the capability of the ship by fitting a variety of defence weapons systems, together with a large amount of planned maintenance work to ensure the ship continues to operate efficiently and remains within Lloyds Register Classification.

Dave Skentelbery, Managing Director A&P North East Businesses, commented,

"This will be the 3rd consecutive refit for RFA Fort Austin by A&P Tyne over the last ten years and we welcome the return of this important national strategic asset for what will be a very demanding and intensive refit period"



Fort Austin moored alongside A&P Tyne's Bede Quay

The total contract period is 103 days and will employ at peak over 400 personnel with an A&P core workforce of approximately 200. The vessel is due to complete at the beginning of November.

A&P Tyne was recently awarded the multi-million pound (sterling) upgrade & life extension contract on CSO Orelia, a construction offshore vessel for **Technip UK**.

The work includes accommodation & communication systems upgrade, substantial overhauls & upgrades on all major machinery for life extension, class & flag surveys and hull blast and paint.

Major fabrication works has already started on new forward and aft structures ready for installation when the vessel is docked in January 2008. This is to enhance sea performance and increase fuel economy.

A&P Tees

Once again A&P Tees has had a very busy quarter, number 1 dock has been fully occupied and number 2 dock has also been well utilised. Our Shipcare facilities both on and off site have also had a very busy quarter.

The following projects have been performed in the quarter:

Hanson Marine, Arco Avon

A&P Tees have continued to work closely with Hanson marine during the last quarter, the relationship will continue with future dry dockings currently being discussed. In August we completed major repairs to the dredge and discharge gear of the Arco Avon.

Euroships, Eglantine

The work involved the removal of the tail shaft & rudders, refurbishment of both stern ramps, overhaul of both main engines and general dry dock repairs and renewals.



Eglantine arriving in Dock 1

Sartor, Sartor and Ocean West

Ocean West involved the removal of both tailshafts & rudders, and overhaul of the hubs. Extensive Steel repairs within the double bottom fuel tanks, water ballast tanks, forepeak and the chain locker.



UKD Marlin

UK Dredging, UKD Marlin

UKD Marlin required extensive repairs to the dredge equipment, steel repairs and component renewals, in way of the hopper door arrangement, propeller and tailshaft works.

Esvagt, Cappella & Corona

Two vessels were docked for the AP Moller company

Esvagt in the period.

Serco Denholm, Faithful

Serco Denholm docked the Faithful, the work performed was the full overhaul and refurbishment of the twin voith units along with general dry dock work.

Other Shipcare work has been carried out in the quarter for our regular clients including Svitzer Marine, CTC Marine Projects and Maersk.

A&P Shipcare

Following the successful relocation of A&P Shipcare's facility into Dover's Western Docks, the production team have been busy with contracts received from cruise callers **Fred Olsen** and **Saga**. Steelworkers attended the vessel Black Watch to completed focsle damage repairs during the vessels calls to Dover in August. All of the work was completed with no interruption to the vessels sailing schedule. Work completed for Saga included general pipework & electrical repairs.