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Welcome to our Autumn & SMM edition. The market continues to be competitive but buoyant.

We hope that if you are attending SMM you will get a chance to visit us on our agent's stand (Hall B3.EG Stand 220).

If you are not attending SMM but would like to speak to us please feel free to contact us at anytime.

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Grimaldi

Following on from the *Grande Brasile* in June Falmouth currently has the 33,562 grt RoRo Cargo ship *Eurocargo Europa* and the 56,738 grt vehicle carrier *Grande Francia* under refit and looks forward to welcoming *Grande Africa* and *Grande San Paolo* in September and October as part of A&P Falmouth's ongoing partnership with Grimaldi.



James Fisher Everard Limited.

To date this year a total of 8 James Fisher Everard tankers have drydocked at Falmouth for survey and repair. The *Rudderman*, a 4,847 grt products tanker is the most recent and sailed on 8th September following a 14 day refit.

Jo Tankers

Currently in No.3 drydock is the *Jo Aspen* for survey and repair work. This follows successful refits on *Jo Eik* and *Jo Kashi* earlier in 2008.



BVT Surface Fleet

Falmouth continues to develop its long term relationship with BVT Surface Fleet providing drydocking and alongside maintenance services for the 3 River Class and 2 Multi-Role Survey vessels. Following refits of *HMS Tyne* and *HMS Echo* in 2007 and *HMS Enterprise* in April 2008, *HMS Mersey* will undergo survey and

drydocking at Falmouth commencing 2nd October 2008.

Ministry of Defence Afloat Support

As part of A&P Group's £53m contract to maintain the 4 LSDA's (Landing Ship Dock Auxiliary) the RFA's most complex and modern vessels, A&P Falmouth has carried out Contractor Support Periods on *RFA Largs Bay*, *RFA Mounts Bay*, and *RFA Lyme Bay*, in Falmouth over the summer together with Assisted Maintenance Periods in overseas ports.

Admanthos Shipping Agency

As part of our continuing relationship with Admanthos Shipping Agency a 7 day refit and paint programme was successfully completed on the 29,220 grt Chemical/Products tanker *Sinbad* in July.

Tall Ships

Falmouth was honoured to host the Funchal 500 Tall Ships regatta held on 10th to 13th September 2008. The regatta celebrated the 500th anniversary of the first settlement on the Portuguese island of Madeira. With 19 Tall ships including 9 of the largest A Class vessels such as *Mir*, *Cuahtémoc*, *Pelican*, *Capitan Miranda*, *Alexander von Humbolt*, *Pogoria* and *Shabab Oman* in the port, it is proved to be a great attraction.

On Wednesday 10th September the yard welcomed over 15,000 visiting members of the public to see and go onboard the Tall Ships making it the biggest public spectacle in the South West for 2008. Brenard Heppener, Chairman of the event said, "We could not have asked for a better first day to the regatta. Falmouth has proved itself to be a fantastic venue and the well travelled crews of the Tall Ships are thrilled to be in such a spectacular and welcoming location."



The regatta culminated in a Parade of Sail out of the harbour on Saturday 13th September followed by the start of the Funchal 500 race.

As well as providing the facilities for the event A&P Falmouth have sponsored 7 local school students to take part in Tall Ships including Area Manager Peter Nimmo's son Matthew who will be taking part in both legs of the race from Falmouth to Ilhavo in Portugal and then onto Funchal in Madeira, a voyage which is expected to take 23 days.

Forthcoming vessels

As well as the summer programme with 3 Grimaldi Car Carriers, other vessels due for drydocking and survey work in 2008 include NERC's 5,401grt Research Survey ship *James Cook*, HMS *Mersey* one of the 1,700t River Class Patrol vessels built by VT in 2003, Celtic Link Ferries 11,086 grt RoRo *Celtic Star*, Condor line RoRo *Commodore Clipper*, and the Thomson Cruises *Thomson Celebration*. In addition the Ministry of Defence aviation training and Primary Reception Casualty Ship *RFA Argus* is due for a major ship Safety and life extension project commencing at the end of 2008.

A&P Tyne

During August the owners of the *Ice Maiden*, a major project being carried out in the yard, went into administration. We presume a casualty of the current World financial crisis.

Although this has caused some unplanned production availability, this is being quickly filled with the yard having won a number of vessels for docking during September and October. We do still however have dock availability should it be of interest.

Columbia Ship Management

Currently in drydock for a 10 day docking programme is the 185m tanker '*Seychelles Pioneer*'. Work includes overhaul of propeller and electric motors, hull preparation and painting programme.

A&P Tees

GEMS International - MV Investigator

The GEMS geotechnical support vessel *MV Investigator* has just completed a major upgrade at A&P Tees including the installation of 45 tonnes of superstructure, drilling equipment modifications and general ship maintenance. Now with a four point mooring system and moon-pool, the *Investigator* has had additional living quarters and a bridge extension installed by A&P Tees, to enable the vessel to expand her capabilities in offshore geotechnical research.



A&P Tees Project Manager – Andy Gorman stated, "The project took place over a 126 day period, from the outset both GEMS UK and A&P Tees worked closely to jointly solve technical problems. We were delighted with the level of support provided by the GEMS onsite management team and the ship's crew."

The project was managed on behalf of GEMS by the Tompkins UK Group who is also a shareholder in the GEMS Group.

The TUK GEMS Representative, Neil Anthony, added "a complicated and challenging project was handled in a professional manner by all parties involved".

All works were carried out to satisfy DNV, SOLAS and Flag State rules.

Hanson Marine

Arco Avon arrived at the start of July and was the last of four vessels to undergo Hanson Marine's Propulsion Improvement programme, Intersleek coatings were applied to the vessels' hull as well as routine overhaul and repairs to ships equipment.

Arco Humber departed the Tees on 19th August. Work involved tank blasting, steel repairs and re-coating of tanks, as well as general dry docking and maintenance works.

Arco Arun left dry dock on 1st September after the successful completion of minor hull repairs and routine maintenance tasks. In this period, Arco Beck also attended the yard to rectify a bow thruster problem.

Svitzer

As part of an ongoing programme, *Svitzer Mercia* and *Fiery Cross* were dry docked in July and August. The main works included the complete overhaul of the Voith units which required their removal from the vessels, full strip down, repair and re-instatement. General docking repairs were also completed.

PD Ports - MV Wilton & Seal Sands

Seal Sands and *MV Wilton* were docked together in 1 dock on 1st September, works included rudder and tailshaft removal, hopper door repairs, significant repairs to fendering and hopper coamings, fresh water tank blasting and application of coatings. The vessels departed on 17th September.

A&P Shipcare

Hull Facility

A&P Shipcare – Hull have recently completed repairs to the main freight deck onboard the P&O Ferry - *Pride of York*. The vessel is currently operating between Hull and Zeebrugge.



During a five day period the A&P Shipcare team inserted a number of deck inserts into the main freight deck. The team worked around the clock sailing with the vessel to complete the repairs in the shortest time causing minimum disruption to the operation.

Underside access to the plates in the engine room was inaccessible due to the number of cable trays and pipework in way. Therefore, Shipcare's Lloyds approved welders qualified to WP70 Fluxcore procedure used the ceramic tile method to completed the works.

Dover Facility

The A&P Shipcare – Dover team were recently called to the Fred Olsen Cruise vessel – *Black Watch* to remove damaged davit sections whilst visiting the Port of Dover.



The removed sections were repaired in the Dover workshops with Owners supplied new sections. The A&P Shipcare team then joined the vessel in Southampton and sailed with the vessel to refit the refurbished davit during a 7 day period.

Antwerp Facility

A&P Shipcare is pleased to announce the opening of a new facility for in-service repairs for vessels calling to the AET Terminal in Antwerp.

To further support the Drydocking and in-service agreement between the A&P Group and Grimaldi Group (Naples) the new workshop facility has been established in the terminal. Work has already been undertaken and completed onboard the Grimaldi vessels *Grande Sicilia* and *Grande Europa*.