



A&P Falmouth

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A&P FALMOUTH UPDATE

A&P Falmouth, part of UK's A&P Group, not only has a busy schedule over the coming weeks, but also have an impressive order book stretching into August/September (commercial shipping) and next year (MoD work). However, as Managing Director, Peter Child points out – “We still have production gaps over the coming weeks and are actively pursuing more general repair contracts. Last year some 80% of our work was with repeat customers, including the Ministry of Defence (MoD), relationships we are working hard to continue.”

Currently in the yard all three graving docks are occupied – MoD's RFA Argus, Fednav's 29,531 dwt bulk carrier Federal Polaris and UMA's 2,300 dwt trailing suction hopper dredger City of Cardiff.

The aviation training/transport vessel RFA Argus arrived in the yard during January this year and is scheduled to leave by November, undocking during June. The 23m wide (Canadian Great Lakes) Federal Polaris, which is owned by Norway's Viken Shipping and managed out of Norway by Wallem Shipmanagement, is the second of two bulk carriers repaired in the yard over recent weeks, her sistership Federal Fuji having been completed immediately prior the arrival of the Federal Polaris. Both vessels are undergoing their fifth special surveys. The City of Cardiff is one of many UK-operated around the UK coast, which A&P repair on a regular basis in the Falmouth and Tees shipyards. She is in the yard for a 10-day drydocking.

A&P Falmouth has also recently won a three-ship (reefer vessels) contract from Star Reefers involving the two and three-year old 14,030 grt sisterships Star Best, Star Prima and Star Stratos, which are all owned by Japan's Nissan KK and managed out of London by Star Reefers.

Other ships due in the yard over the coming weeks include Grimaldi's 56,642 grt vehicle carrier Grande Atlantico, which is the first docking this year under a long term contract between Grimaldi and A&P Group, Stena Line's 10,957 grt ferry Stena Seafarer, and Euroships' 7,200 dwt vehicle carrier Eglantine, and the start of the P&O ferry season- one of Falmouth's longest partner customers. From the offshore market – Seacore's 60 m x 32 m jack-up (eight-legged) barge Excalibur, is due in the yard for drydocking and general repairs prior to taking up a long term contract. Also currently in the yard is the 2,443 dwt, 1967-built LST vessel Almirante Saboia, formerly the MoD-owned Sir Bedivere. The ship arrived in the yard in November 2008, following a period in lay-up, as part of the Defence Agency Services' (DAS) contract with Fishers to convert the ship for duty with the Brazilian Navy. She is due to sail during June this year, the work schedule currently on time.

The next large-scale naval project involves the two Mine Hunter & Counter Measure vessels Cottesmore and Dulverton. Both vessels, following about three years in lay-up, have been sold to the Lithuanian Navy, A&P Falmouth will be carrying out the work under contract to Thales UK. Both vessels are already at the yard, the completion date being late 2010, both ships due for drydocking during February next year.

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Notes to Editors:

A&P Falmouth, part of A&P Group is strategically located for customers operating in North West Europe. A&P Falmouth offers extensive shiprepair facilities with 3 dry docks, vast quay space, craneage and workshops, providing high quality and guaranteed turnaround times that encourage customers to return time after time. Visit us online @ www.ap-group.co.uk for further information.

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