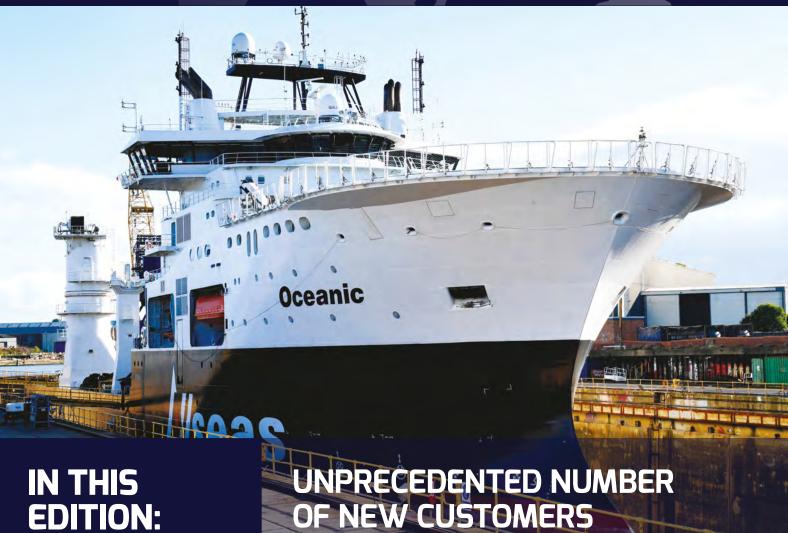


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#### 2022 saw a record number of new customers who have chosen to dock or receive ship repair or conversion works at A&P's three facilities.

A&P Falmouth welcomed two Subsea 7 Offshore Vessels to the facility for significant work packages. Seven Pacific, a construction / flex-lay vessel, arrived at A&P Falmouth for a special survey docking. Seven Sisters subsequently arrived during the summer during which time A&P Falmouth carried out a name change, helideck repairs, thruster and crane works and paint preparation on the hull. Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines also chose A&P Falmouth for MV Balmoral's drydocking ahead of her return to service. The vessel subsequently docked at A&P Tyne for repairs to a cracked propeller.

A&P Tyne welcomed Allseas Oceanic into drydock for main crane and thruster repairs. The 129m purpose-built offshore construction vessel (OCV) is designed for deep-water installation and construction, and pipelay and heavy lift support. A&P Tyne delivered lift plan & rigging, services and resource to remove the 56te jib crane to dockside for bondura renewal. The team also provided skilled labour including mechanical fitters, welders and services for the exchange of a retractable thruster Burgmann seal, as well as the cleaning of seven tanks and LPWW of hull and flat bottom.

### **UPDATE FROM DAVID MCGINLEY**



### We are living through a period of transition - with great change taking place all around us.

In September 2022, our country experienced the great loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Our industry is also experiencing changes at the highest level. Sir Simon Bollom, CEO Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) stepped down from his position as CEO last year and Vice Admiral Sir Chris Gardner moved from his position as Director General Ships to become the CEO of the Submarine Delivery Agency.

I want to use this edition of Excel to express our thanks to our late Queen for the unwavering service she gave to our country. I would also like to extend our gratitude to Sir Simon Bollom and Vice Admiral Chris Gardner for the vital contributions they have made to the defence sector.

Our country is at the cusp of change, and it is vital that A&P and our industry unite together to support our new leaders.

Whilst we remember the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we send our warmest wishes for King Charles III on his accession to the throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. We also extend our congratulations to Andy Start, the new CEO of DE&S and Vice Admiral Paul Marshall, the new Director General Ships.

With change comes new opportunities and this is particularly true for A&P Group and A&P Australia.

Since the last edition of Excel, we have made some significant appointments within our company. Crucially, we have also welcomed 30 new apprentices across Group - who will form the next generation of our workforce.

We have been delighted to welcome many new customers to our facilities. Ship owners and managers alike are recognising the high level of service we provide and are choosing to make A&P's facilities their first port of call for drydockings and ship repairs. As always, we are equally delighted to welcome returning customers to our facilities.

The future is bright. This latest version of Excel contains information on our latest news and projects. I hope you enjoy the read.



#### **David McGinley**

Chief Executive Officer of Cammell Laird Ship Repairers and Shipbuilders and Atlantic & Peninsula Marine Services

### **HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE**

#### A&P Group attended the RoSPA Award Celebration Evening at the Excel London after receiving the RoSPA Highly Commended in the Construction Engineering Industry Sector Award.

Organisations receiving a RoSPA Award are recognised as being world-leaders in health and safety practice. Every year, nearly 2,000 entrants vie to achieve the highest possible accolade in what is the UK's most recognised and longest-running H&S industry awards.

Attending the evening was Kevin Peart, Group HSEQ Director, Steve Jones, Managing Director of A&P Falmouth, Josh Fullwood, HSEQ Manager and Anthony Innes, amongst others.



## A&P GROUP WELCOMES 30 NEW APPRENTICES



### A&P Group is delighted to welcome a total of 30 new apprentices to the group, across a range of disciplines.

A&P North East welcomed 19 apprentices, which includes thirteen welders, five platers and one business administrator. The first year apprentices will attend A&P Tyne's facility in October and February half terms, while studying at Tyne Met College throughout their first year.

A&P Falmouth has recruited a further 11 apprentices, including six Metal Fabricators, four Engineering Fitters and one Machinist. They will all be attending Cornwall College for one day per week and engaging in on-the-job training at A&P Falmouth for four days per week. A&P has worked hard to establish an award-winning apprenticeship programme in partnership with local colleges, making the company one of the biggest employers in their respective local areas.

We are committed to providing our apprentices with the most comprehensive training, to equip them with the skills needed for a bright future. All trainees who successfully complete their apprenticeship are offered permanent full-time employment and have the opportunity to gain further qualifications and progress their careers within the Group.

**Paul Kneebone**Group HR Manager

## A&P FALMOUTH WINS LARGE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR IN APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

### A&P Falmouth has won the Large Employer of the Year Award in the Cornwall Apprenticeship Awards.

A&P Falmouth was nominated for the prestigious award last year alongside Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and the Cornwall Group. The awards evening, hosted by Truro and Penwith College, aims to highlight the exceptional benefits that apprenticeship programmes provide to a business and their employees.

Paul Kneebone, Group HR Manager, Darren Rice, Production Director, Will Hawkins, Fabrication Manager and apprentice Frankie Thomas accepted the award on behalf of the company and were presented with a trophy and certificate.



We currently have 34 apprentices in Falmouth, with the vast majority offered full-time permanent employment upon completion of their initial training and many have progressed their careers with A&P, including up to Director level. Nearly 70% of our management, supervisors and technical staff also started out as apprentices themselves, which shows just what is possible with the right opportunity, training, and support.

**Steve Jones** 

Managing Director of A&P Falmouth





## BABCOCK & A&P ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP IN BID FOR MAJOR NEW CONTRACT

Babcock Australasia (Babcock) and Atlantic & Peninsula Australia (A&P) have partnered to deliver the Commonwealth's Regional Maintenance Provider East (RMP-E) for the delivery of fleet maritime sustainment services under Plan Galileo. Last year, both companies agreed to explore opportunities to collaborate on maritime sustainment on the east coast of Australia. RMP-E is the first of what both companies hope will be many more.

The partnership outlines how both companies will work together to provide critical and high-value services as the Regional Maintenance Provider East. Collectively, as Team Bower, the partnership capitalises on the combined experience and stewardship of a significant portion of Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) ships at the Garden Island Defence Precinct in Sydney. The partnership builds on the existing relationships internationally, where Babcock and A&P support complex maritime sustainment programs across multiple dockyards in the United Kingdom.

46 The new agreement will enable Defence to draw upon the expertise of two of the world's leading maritime defence companies, utilising their skills, capabilities and global experience to support Defence's objective of ensuring the continuous sustainment of the Royal Australian Navy.

Babcock and A&P's proven track record and experience will enable Australia to continue the development of an in-country supply chain and defence capabilities, which will ultimately de-risk future deployments of Navy assets in the region and underpin the availability of the Royal Australian Naval fleet. \*\*\*

#### **David McGinley**

CEO of Atlantic and Peninsula Marine Services

The partnership creates a pathway for our collective businesses to optimise the delivery of maritime sustainment for Navy though our combined capabilities and supply chain.

Our partnership reiterates Babcock and A&P's collective commitment to work with wider industry to provide high-value and low-risk outcomes, distributing economic benefits across the wider

supply chain and underpinning the future security of both industry and Defence.

Team Bower will support small to medium enterprises and Primes in their delivery of services to the Royal Australian Navy. Through commonality of process and practice, we will simplify and enhance opportunities for local industry.

#### **Scott Willey**

A&P Australia's Managing Director

of both Babcock and A&P under an affordable one lanyard' approach, benefitting both the Commonwealth and supply chain partners.

Team Bower's solution will deliver a superior and highly competitive solution that has lower transition risks and allows the Team to grow sovereign capability. Keeping RAN ships ready to fight and win at sea and deploying their critical capability where it is needed.



The Team Bower identity has multiple elements that, when combined, reflect our services to the Commonwealth, teaming and values. The stockless bower anchor is perhaps the most iconic of maritime symbols with the port and starboard anchors reflecting the partnership of our two companies working together to deliver for the Commonwealth and industry.

The announcement follows the recent Maritime Industry Day in Sydney during which Babcock and A&P engaged with almost 300 current and future suppliers. Our offering builds on the existing capability of both companies to ensure RMP-E is not a stand-alone program but is also connected to both Babcock and A&P's broader local, regional and international capabilities as well as the other Regional Management Centres being established across Australia.



Babcock's Managing Director - Defence



### **HMAS CHOULES DEPARTS FOR SEA TRIALS**

In November, HMAS Choules departed Sydney for sea trials in what is the final stages of the largest ship repair project to take place in recent times.

Refit Period 21 has spanned over 12 months at an estimated production cost of \$100m and has been delivered by over 50 suppliers and 650,000 hours of labour.







66 HMAS Choules departure for sea trials is a significant milestone for A&P Australia and the Royal Australian Navy.

I would like to thank our own team and our suppliers for their total dedication and commitment to RP21 over the last year of intensive production activities and the 2 years of planning for this project before that.

This refit and the culmination of the SEA3030-2 Capability Assurance Programme highlights how far A&P Australia has come in our ten years in Australia, the relationships that have been forged between Defence, A&P and our suppliers is what has enabled us to deliver on this scale and through such challenging times.

A&P has built an Australian supply chain of over 300 business all of which uniquely help to support Choules. With this, A&P has achieved close to 90% Australian Industry Content - a tremendous achievement for a vessel built oversees.

I would like to congratulate all of those who have played their part in the refit programme 21 and we wish HMAS Choules and her crew well as she completes her sea trials. \*\*J

**Scott Willey** 

A&P Australia's Managing Director

### CASE STUDY Q



### A&P TYNE COMPLETES MULTI-MILLION PRYSMIAN CONVERSION

A&P Tyne has completed its largest conversion project in recent years with a multi-million-pound contract with Prysmian on the cable laying vessel the Ulisse.

Prysmian is a long-standing customer of A&P North East's Tyne facility, and the Ulisse a frequent visitor to the facility. The conversion project encompassed extensive fabrication works ahead of the vessel's dry docking, including the fitting of two azimuth thrusters providing a self-manoeuvring system and extension of the vessel's lifeboat facilities. Significant mobilisation works were also carried out on the vessel in preparation of its next cable laying project in Germany.

A&P North East's Tyne facility, fabricated two thruster compartments, a mezzanine deck, three skegs and two electrical control rooms. The thruster compartments were integrated in two of the vessel's existing water ballast tanks and were fully outfitted with all associated equipment including coolers, heaters electrical panels, hydraulics, insulation, and painting.

The mezzanine deck was installed at the midship on the main deck to provide real estate for two new generators that will provide the power for the forward thruster. The existing aft end mezzanine deck was amended for two generators to power the aft thruster. Original skegs were also removed and new ones installed.

A&P removed the two existing spud legs, extended them to 30m, before refitting them to the vessel. A new midship spud leg was also installed with very tight tolerances. The team also fabricated new lifeboat platforms to support a planned increase in persons on board to 68, along with new lifeboat davits, lifeboats and associated equipment.

In order to mobilise the Ulisse for its cable laying project in Germany, A&P installed a wide range of equipment including: a cable spread, an 80 tonne pull ahead winch and hydraulic power unit (HPU), Water pumps and pipework for providing jetting water to the cable laying tool, a crawler crane, a ballast; a new static tank to increase cable capacity as well as the installation of new distributor arms and cable loading arms and finally various cable engines were installed with associated hydraulic packs & two cranes.



66 The A&P project team completed the programme of works to the highest standards and the Ulisse has now been deployed to her next project in Germany. 55

#### **Peter Watson**

Installation Manager at Prysmian Group

66 A&P Group is exceptionally proud of its longstanding relationship with the Prysmian Group, which has resulted in the A&P project team developing a thorough understanding of the Prysmian fleet.

The recent conversion of the Ulisse drew upon A&P's fabrication and ship repair capabilities and facilities, and enabled A&P to showcase its life extension expertise.

A&P operates the largest dry-dock on the North East coast and also boasts one of the largest fabrication and construction faculties in the region. Our ambition is to make A&P Tyne a centre of excellence for conversion work and we look forward to working with ship owners and OEMs to fulfil this goal. \$55

Mike Wappett

Marine Director

## SUBSEA CHOOSES A&P FALMOUTH

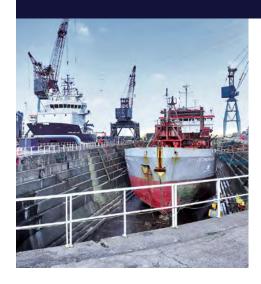
A&P Falmouth welcomed two Subsea 7 Offshore Vessels to the facility this year. Both vessels underwent significant work packages as part of their first ever visit to the facility.

Seven Pacific, a construction / flex-lay vessel, arrived in Spring for a special survey docking. The programme included works to the propulsion units (this included full overhaul of 6 Thruster units), cranes, as well as a significant blasting and painting programme.

Seven Sisters subsequently arrived in Summer where A&P Falmouth carried out a name change, helideck repairs, thruster and crane works and paint preparation on the hull.



### **NEW ARRIVALS AT A&P TEES**



A&P Tees enjoyed a busy October 2022 with two vessels in drydock for major shiprepair works.

Fletcher's Firefighting Vessel, the Standard Duke, arrived at A&P Tees' no.6 dock for a major reactivation. Undergoing a name change from The Highland Duke to The Standard Duke, the vessel's programme of works includes a full paint scheme including a new livery.

The A&P team also installed a Ballast Water Treatment Plant, replacing the vessel's anodes and removing, overhauling and refitting the ships side valves. Other works include assistance to OSC for the overhaul of the vessel's Thruster and Propellors, and the repair and replacement of Shaft seals.

The Standard Duke is a new visitor to A&P Tees and we were delighted to welcome her to the facility.

Tarmac's dredger, the City of Chichester, spent three weeks in dock no.5 undergoing her 25 year special survey.

Works include the inspection of all tanks on board (including fuel, fresh water and water ballast), the removal, overhaul and refitting of the FWD and AFT Bow Thruster, and two full sets of propellor blades removed and refitted.

The vessel's upper dredging equipment has been removed, overhauled and refitted, while the port & stbd rudders are inspected, shaft removed with a new seal and refitted and 34 discharge over board valves removed and refitted. All of the vessel's box coolers and various pipework cooling systems were also removed, cleaned and refitted.

### RT PETER

A&P Tees has recently carried out the first UK docking of RT Peter, a river tug owned by Boluda Towage. Due to the shape of the vessel and the position of the thrusters, a complex dock prep was required three days prior to the vessel's arrival.

RT Peter's programme of works included the removal of all propellers from the thrusters, anchor chains ranged, surface preparation and tank cleaning. The team also altered access to the vessel's funnels to carry our maintenance on the ER fans.

Other scope of works included opening sea valves and air bottles for inspection, the replacement of hull anodes, an electrical survey and works to the Gear box and aft winch.

### **2004 IVERO**

### Survey boat 2004 Ivero has recently departed A&P Tees after a 21 day docking period.

The vessel's main scope of works included the prep and paint of the ship's hull and sides, the cleaning and inspection of three sea chests, the vessel's bow thruster inspected with grids removed, thruster blades inspected and cleaned.

The ships tank surveys was also carried out, with the ships conventional anodes, hull & sea chest ICAF anodes removed and replaced. The A&P team also conducted an extensive engineering and electrical scope, steel repairs and engine room pipe works.

### **NEW GROUP APPOINTMENTS**

# CHRIS DAVIES APPOINTED AS A&P GROUP & CAMMELL LAIRD GROUP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEAD

Chris Davies has been appointed as Group Business Development Lead (Commercial Ship Repair) at A&P and Cammell Laird in a newly established position across both businesses.

Chris joined A&P Group as Business Development Manager Marine in 2018 and has a wealth of connections across the maritime sector. Over the last four years, Chris has been responsible for bringing a range of new customers to A&P from both the commercial and offshore sectors.



both A&P and Cammell Laird, I have been striving to introduce greater collaboration between key functions of both businesses. This new appointment will deliver significant value to A&P Group and Cammell Laird customers, providing greater flexibility and dock availability to ship owners and managers.

David McGinley
CEO

## KATHY BAYLIS JOINS A&P GROUP & CAMMELL LAIRD AS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LEAD

Kathy Baylis has been appointed as Group Business Improvement Lead at A&P and Cammell Laird in a new position designed to increase collaborative working across the two businesses. Kathy will now identify areas where both businesses can share knowledge and expertise in order to work collaboratively to achieve best practice, adding significant added value to customers.

Kathy joins A&P and Cammell Laird from Risk Management and Quality Assurance Company DNV and has a strong track record in transformational management.

Originally training as a Navigation Officer, Kathy's career has taken her around the world and has resulted in her specialising in safety culture, business transformation and energy efficiency projects. Her key areas of responsibility also included safety/production/quality, finance/results, and driving large scale transformation within the organisation, both the UK and worldwide.



66 A&P and Cammell Laird's key areas of focus include first and foremost the safety and health of all working within our organisation: the recruitment, retention and development of all our people, with specific focus on talent development and apprenticeship programmes which run across the group: sustainability, and end to end process management - sectors which I am extremely passionate about.

I have always had tremendous regard for both A&P and Cammell Laird. I am now looking forward to developing and implementing a transformational strategy which will enable A&P and Cammell Laird to remain powerful players not just in the UK, but across the globe. 99

Kathy Baylis

Group Business Improvement Lead at A&P and Cammell Laird

### **CELEBRATING OUR EMPLOYEES**

## A&P FALMOUTH DOCKS POLICE AWARDED PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

As part of the Jubilee celebrations in 2022, the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal was awarded to serving frontline members of the police, fire, emergency services, prison services and the Armed Forces who performed their duties for over five years.

Congratulations to Police Sergeant Joe Mulgrew, and Police Constable Peter Coombes, who were awarded The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for their service and dedication to the police force.

Joe Mulgrew joined A&P as a Police Constable in April 2003 and has over 19 years service. In January 2004, Joe was appointed Police Sergeant and Port Facility Security Officer.

Peter Coombes originally joined A&P Falmouth in 1977, and has worked as Police Constable since November 2000 - he has over 40 years' service within the company and 21 and a half years as part of the police. Peter Coombes retired in 2022.



## RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS FOR FALMOUTH'S CURRENT LONGEST SERVING EMPLOYEE



A&P Falmouth's current longest serving employee retired in September 2022 after 47 and a half years of continuous service.

Philip Godolphin first started working for A&P (formerly Falmouth Shiprepair) in February 1975 in the paint department, where he remained for the entirety of his career with the company.

Philip was congratulated by Managing Director Steve Jones where he offered his thanks and presented him with a retirement gift on behalf of the company for all his years of service. Philip is planning a trip to the Philippines for his holiday of a lifetime.

Pictured left to right is Chris Nicholls, Phil Godolphin, Steve Jones, Graham Phillips & Scott Cowie.

### ALAN WEBSTER DOCKS 1,000 SHIPS IN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Alan Webster, Docking Services Manager, has recently celebrated over 40 years of service at A&P Tyne. During his time at the facility, Alan has docked over 986 ships.

Alan began his career in 1979 as an Apprentice Plater, and since then has held many job roles over the years including Quality Assurance, Steel Chargehand, Steel Section Leader, Project Manager and Services Section Leader. Alan was invited to a presentation where he was gifted £400 worth of love2shop vouchers.



### **MV BALMORAL**

## A&P GROUP WELCOMES CRUISE SHIP MV BALMORAL ACROSS ITS FACILITIES

A&P Falmouth and A&P Tyne have both welcomed cruise ship MV Balmoral to its facilities for ship repair works in 2022. The 218 metre cruise ship, carries 1325 passengers and is operated by Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

The Balmoral initially visited A&P Falmouth for a programme of works which included steel inserts, ship side valves, tunnel thruster overhaul and underwater paint. The cruise ship subsequently visited A&P Tyne for works to a cracked propellor and other small work packages.



We are delighted that Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has chosen to take advantage of A&P Group's ship repair facilities. A&P Group is the UK's largest commercial ship repair operation. The combination of our three strategic locations, seven dry docks, fabrication services and wide-reaching skills and capabilities makes our facilities a first-class choice for cruise customers who operate in the UK and beyond.

A&P Falmouth is strategically located next to the English Channel whilst A&P Tyne is superbly situated to support Fred. Olsen's North East cruise calls. Both locations offer drydocking facilities to medium size cruise ships and offer excellent on site fabrication and machining capabilities.

Falmouth's International Cruise Terminal is a firm favourite with some of the world's leading cruise companies, with vessels visiting the port for transit and turnaround calls. Our ambition is now to make A&P Falmouth and A&P Tyne a centre of excellence in cruise ship repair, minimising the downtime of customers vessels and enhancing the availability of their fleet.

#### **Chris Davies**

Business Development Lead at A&P Group and Cammell Laird





66 It has been fantastic to welcome Fred. Olsen's Balmoral into both A&P Falmouth and A&P Tyne. Contracts such as these help us to sustain our workforce, apprenticeship programme and supply chain which drives prosperity and adds real social value to the South West of England and beyond. 35

David McGinley

our smaller ships regularly call into Falmouth as part of our UK sailings, and it's a town that we know our guests love to visit with us. We are really pleased to be expanding this relationship with both A&P Falmouth and A&P Tyne by working with them for dry dockings to maintain our elegant Balmoral.

As a family-run cruise line, we know how important it is to support local communities. By docking in both A&P Falmouth and A&P Tyne, we are pleased to be supporting both the local communities and the wider supply chains. We look forward to an even stronger working relationship with A&P Group both now and in the future.

**Peter Deer** 

Managing Director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

## RFA LYME BAY COMPLETES DRY DOCK PHASE OF REFIT PROGRAMME 22

## Bay Class ship, RFA Lyme Bay has completed the dry dock phase of her Refit Programme 22 (RP 22) at A&P Falmouth.

RFA Lyme Bay returned to her maintenance base in Falmouth for her current refit programme in June, following 18 months of deployment in operational theatres across the globe.

RFA Lyme Bay's RP 22 forms part of the mid-life update for the vessel, which includes a ten-week spell in dry dock.

RFA Lyme Bay's latest work package is part of the continued planned maintenance strategy for the Bay Class vessels which is delivered through A&P's Cluster Contract. RP 22 is the third refit to be completed on RFA Lyme Bay at A&P Falmouth and will prepare the vessel for the next five years of service.

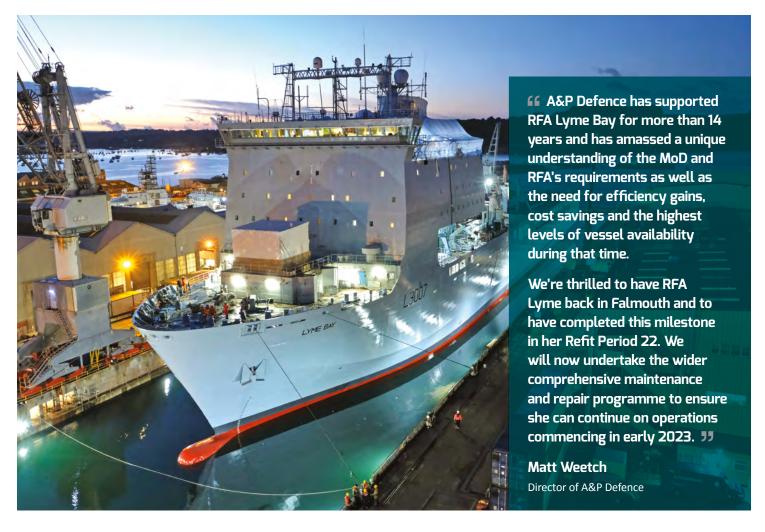
RFA Lyme Bay's programme of dry dock works has included routine servicing to propulsion and manoeuvring systems, along with adjustments to auxiliary services Hull coating surveys, repair and topcoat paint works were also undertaken.

RFA Lyme Bay then moved alongside Queen's Wharf, to complete required modifications to the vessel's interior and accommodation areas. Works includes the replacement of the galley, updates to the laundry and extensive works to the crew accommodation including the cabins and wet rooms.

The work package has included mid-life alterations to prepare Lyme Bay for the second half of her service life and contribution to Navy operations around the world.

A&P Falmouth is widely recognised as a centre of excellence for through-life support, thanks to two ten-year In-Service Support contracts with the MoD to provide global maintenance support to the Bay Class vessels - RFA Mounts Bay, RFA Cardigan Bay and RFA Lyme Bay as well as RFA Argus. Ocean Survey Vessel HMS Scott was added to the Cluster in 2018.

RFA Lyme Bay's stay in Falmouth will make a significant contribution to the local economy and marine sector and involve more than 200 A&P personnel, including apprentices and specialist subcontractors.



### **GLOBAL REACH**

### A&P DEFENCE SUPPORTS HMS SCOTT DOCKING IN GIBRALTAR

A team from A&P Defence visited Gibdock shipyard, Gibraltar to project manage essential maintenance on HMS Scott as part of the vessel's Fleet Time Support Period (FTSP).

The vessel's programme of works included crane overhauls, generator maintenance, cathodic protection re-cabling,

We've achieved a huge amount during this life extension docking period. The team have worked diligently alongside their A&P counterparts and the ship is now in an excellent condition to deploy for another record breaking period of military data collection. 55

**Commander Tom Harrison** 

**HMS Scott Commanding Officer** 

engineering system firmware upgrades and engine room painting. HMS Scott had recently completed her life extension and docking period at A&P Falmouth, undergoing major works including blasting and painting of ballast tanks, overhaul of salt water pumps, HVAC health check and main engine maintenance. The team also carried out a large external paint package including underwater areas, as well as the clean and survey of steering gear.

### RFA CARDIGAN BAY ACP COMPLETED IN ASRY

66 A&P Defence provides around the globe maintenance and support to the RN and RFA fleet - underpinning vessel availability whilst in operational theatres. Our ability to deliver complex global maintenance to the flotilla is due to the strength of our relationships with our international strategic partners.

I would like to congratulate the A&P Defence project team and our counterparts at ASRY who completed this scope of works ahead of schedule. We wish the captain and crew of RFA Cardigan Bay well as they continue their deployment. \*\*\*

**Matt Weetch** 

Director of A&P Defence

### A project team from A&P Defence has been working in Bahrain, to complete RFA Cardigan Bay's Annual Certification Period at ASRY Shipyard.

The planned programme of works included the full annual recertification package which was completed with class authority in just three days.

Lifeboat maintenance, steel work, pipework, crane, life and ramp maintenance as well as a propulsion converter survey was also completed.



### **RFA ARGUS & MOUNTS BAY MEET IN CYPRUS**



RFA Argus and RFA Mounts Bay are pictured together alongside in Limassol, Cyprus where A&P Defence co-ordinated Fleet Time Support contractors to carry out essential maintenance to both vessels whilst alongside.

A&P Defence has also deployed a Design team to visit RFA Argus in Limassol to undertake surveys for planned work which will be completed when she returns to Falmouth in early 2023.

### **A&P FALMOUTH HOSTS CELTIC SEA APPG**

#### A&P was delighted to host the Celtic Sea APPG visit to Falmouth which took place in July 2022.

Key members of the Celtic Sea floating offshore wind sector attended a networking lunch at the National Maritime Museum in Cornwall before receiving presentations from Cherilyn Mackrory MP and Selaine Saxby MP, James Brown from Hexicon TwinHub, Kerry Hayes from Simply Blue Group / Blue Gem Wind, Matt Hodson from Celtic Sea Power and Drystan Jones, Director Port Development and General Manager FDEC from A&P Falmouth.

As lead industrial partner, A&P was then pleased to provide a tour of the facility with RFA Lyme Bay and Subsea 7's Seven Sisters as a fantastic backdrop as shown in the images below.

A&P's vision is simple - to help make Falmouth a prime hub for the floating offshore wind sector - offering fabrication, construction, maintenance, port and marine services to



### TUG UPDATE - MORE MILESTONES FOR MERCIA

It was a busy year for A&P's Tug Mercia, as she has assisted in over 25 shipping movements around the Port of Falmouth. Mercia and her crew have carried out the deadship tows of RFA Argus, RFA Lyme Bay, HMS Mersey - Storm Cover for RFA Tideforce in Plymouth and two ship assists in Falmouth Bay for breakdowns

The team also assisted with the berthing of Type 23 frigate HMS Kent, Fred. Olsen's Balmoral into dry dock no.2, Cowes Chain Ferry undocking from dry dock no.4, SD Powerful alongside the County Wharf Pontoon and Commodore Clipper departing North of Queens.

From August, Mercia and her crew linked up with the A&P cargo team to load and deliver local rock armour from the Falmouth area to an essential coastal defence project for a regional marine civils contractor, this involved over 12 back to back barge movements to and from the Isles of Scilly which is a 128 Nautical mile round trip.

### **CRUISE**

## RECORD BREAKING CRUISE SEASON FOR FALMOUTH

October marked the end of A&P Falmouth's busiest cruise season yet, with the arrival of Viking Cruises' Viking Venus.

A&P Falmouth's International Cruise Terminal has welcomed a total of 31 cruise ships and 19,950 passengers in the six months since April. Visiting Cruise Liners included vessels from Princess Cruises, Saga Cruises, Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, MSC Cruises and many more.

Passengers enjoyed tours including a scenic Cornish Drive, picturesque St Ives, Pencarrow House, Hike Lizard Peninsula, Poldark, Tregothan Tea Estate and The Lost Gardens of Heligan.

31 CRUISE SHIPS

19950 PASSENGERS

CRUISE 57 PLANNED VISITS SHIPS 57 FOR 2023

season for Falmouth's International Cruise
Terminal and guests have been delighted
with the fantastic welcome A&P Falmouth
and our cruise ambassadors have provided
on their arrival to Falmouth.

Drystan Jones
Port Development Director & General Manager FDEC

### JESSICA WESTLAKE - CRUISE COORDINATOR



Jessica Westlake is A&P Falmouth's Cruise Coordinator, who joined the team in January 2020.

Jess works throughout the year to ensure Falmouth's International Cruise Terminal schedule works like clockwork. Jess works throughout the winter months before the cruise season starts booking and organising shuttle buses, security and volunteers in preparation for arrivals.

Once springtime arrives and the cruise season begins, Jessica ensures everything runs smoothly by keeping the port safe as well as supporting the Falmouth cruise ambassadors with greeting guests.

66 My favourite part of the job is definitely the cruise day itself, I get to meet people from all walks of life. We always receive such positive feedback from passengers about the warm welcome we offer. I also enjoy the process of helping to develop the terminal with banners and branded signs.

It can however be challenging when we have multiple cruise visits in the same week, there is a lot to take into consideration, last minute planning and thinking on your feet. "

Jessica Westlake

A&P Falmouth's Cruise Coordinator

### **NEW CHARITY COMMITTEE RAISES THOUSANDS**

In 2022 A&P Group launched a new Charity Committee, which seeks to raise money for the Group's charity of the year, The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNBT).

RNBT provides financial assistance and support to Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel and their families in times of need. The committee raises money through a variety of events including cakes sales and sponsored walks. The idea is to encourage healthy competition across different departments within the business to hopefully raise as much money as possible for the RNBT as well as other local charitable causes.

Steve Jones, and his wife Hazel recently completed a sponsored walk in Falmouth, raising a fantastic £1,500 while A&P Tyne's Christmas fundraising efforts raised over £2,000! Throughout 2023, more departments from across A&P Tyne, Tees and Falmouth are set to host a variety of fundraising events in partnership with Cammell Laird for the charity.





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