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## Newsletter – April 09

We have had a good start to the year with a lot of enquiries and a good number of boats being shipped, this despite the talk of the doom and gloom out there.

We receive many comments from people who have read that the Baltic Index has crashed and that the shipping rates are at an all time low. Sadly for those wishing to ship at bargain rates this is not the case here in the New Zealand market. The Baltic Index affects the trades where the “tramper” vessels ply their trades but for the New Zealand container and reefer services this is not the case. As we write this the container lines to Europe are full and the liftings elsewhere are better than could have been expected.

### Oceanbridge Marine Imports

The drop in the value of the New Zealand dollar as we began the year has affected the enquiries for imports although the few we have had have been serious ones which we continue to work on while at present we have a small number due to hit NZ shores during April. Always of interest is the Dockwise “Float on / Float off” service and we were involved in five launches that arrived on the January sailing from Brisbane.

### Oceanbridge Marine Exports

The exports have been healthy as we begin 2009. Continuing on from a strong finish to last year we have already shipped three more Oysters to the UK and a Friendship to the USA. On top of this there was also a new RIB for a superyacht heading for Spain and a superyacht tender heading to Germany. There have also been a number of private boats to Australia and Fiji.

### Recent Shipments included:

Paprec Virbac is lifted from the water



Paprec Virbac alongside the vessel for loading





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The high rates of attrition in the Vendee Globe Round the World Single Handed, non-stop race meant that some of the yachts retired into Auckland. Although it was sad for the skippers, their teams and their sponsors to have to withdraw from such an event Oceanbridge Shipping were pleased to be able to assist a couple of the teams in getting the yachts back to Europe, these were namely Paprec Virbac and BT. (While we were handling these in Auckland our other European agents were organising to ship a further three back to Europe from Fremantle!).

## Oceanbridge Projects

With the emphasis on investments in infrastructure Oceanbridge Shipping have actively been quoting on a number of large projects due to start in New Zealand in the coming months.

We have recently been involved in two projects to Australia; a water filtering system to New South Wales and a large dairy tank to Victoria.

## Oceanbridge involvement in local yachting

The Oceanbridge Auckland Anniversary Regatta took place at the end of January. This is the second year that we have been the named sponsor of this prestigious event and the vast number of yachts out on the Waitemata Harbour, plus the tug boats of course, and the weather on the day, made it all the better.

While the Louis Vuitton Pacific Series was taking place in Auckland, NZ Marine also ran the 2009 Millennium Cup Regatta. Oceanbridge Shipping was proud to be a sponsor of this event.

To cap off a great start to the year we are also proud to announce that our crew on the Oceanbridge Platu managed to win the New Zealand Platu National Championship for 2009!

## Recent Shipments included:

Superyacht Tender loading to a flat rack



Oyster 54 loading



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