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## Newsletter – December 09

As we come to the end of the year the New Zealand shipping market is still bucking the trend in that space is still at a premium for both import and export trades.

We have found that we need to be making initial enquires to the lines for space three to four weeks out from an intended shipping date in order to ensure the space is kept available for us.

### Oceanbridge Marine Exports

Interesting shipments we have handled recently include out of gauge flat racks to the Middle East and yacht moulds to the UK.

The flat racks were shipped to Abu Dhabi via Tanjung Pelepas in Malaysia and the port of Jebel Ali. Despite the short distance between the UAE ports of Jebel Ali and Abu Dhabi, for taxation purposes it was imperative that the cargo arrived by sea into Abu Dhabi. This shipment was part of a large refit for a luxury yacht and many Auckland based companies are involved in many aspects of the project.

We have also shipped some large yacht moulds to the UK. In order to minimise the transport on roads in New Zealand and the UK they were shipped to Felixstowe in the UK. This required transshipment through the port of Tanjung Pelepas as well, which meant good and clear communications were required between the shipping line offices in Auckland and Malaysia and also between Oceanbridge Shipping, Peters & May in Singapore and the UK as well as the two marine survey companies we had employed. The moulds are now safely on board the second vessel from Malaysia to Felixstowe.

At present we also have two superyacht tenders in transit to The Netherlands. Being of high value they need to be surveyed at every point of the trip, firstly while being loaded on to the flat racks in Auckland at the factory then while on the Tauranga wharf before being sighted while actually loaded on to the vessel itself.

Other recent exports also include another Oyster 54 yacht to the UK plus RIBs to Sydney and the USA.

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Recent Shipments included:

Flat Rack Loaded for Abu Dhabi



Moulds Loading for the UK



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## Oceanbridge Marine Imports

The USA has continued to be a strong market for us, especially in terms of second hand boats. At the time of writing we have four in transit to New Zealand from the East Coast which arrive on four consecutive sailings so there will be no down time during the Christmas / New Year period. At the same time we have two in transit from the West Coast.

Europe is showing some positive signs of economic improvement with the number of enquires increasing and a number of boats booked to leave around the end of the year.

## Oceanbridge Projects

We have tendered for a number of medium to large size project movements, all of which we wait for decisions to be made in the New Year. Some are imports and others exports which is encouraging for the economy looking forward.



Oceanbridge Shipping is a member of the GPLN Network. It is a group of nearly 200 independent freight companies that specialise in project cargos. With members on every continent we can confidently offer services for any out of gauge / project cargos to or from just about anywhere on the planet! [www.gpln.net](http://www.gpln.net)

## Oceanbridge Shipping Boat Show Logistics

As 2009 comes to a close the team at Oceanbridge Shipping are once again proud to have been involved in the logistics of the NZ Marine exhibitor's freight to numerous shows this year.

Starting with Dubai early in the year, then for a few, Sanctuary Cove in May, the "Boat Show Season" starts for the Oceanbridge team in July when the container is despatched to Monaco. In August the container is loaded for Fort Lauderdale and, just as exhibitors are returning from Monaco, the container for METS is being packed. After the Monaco show some of the freight returns to Auckland while some is sent north to METS, and more is airfreighted to Fort Lauderdale. After Fort Lauderdale the

RIB on the way to Sydney



Oyster 54#12



Superyacht Tenders waiting to load





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container is packed for Auckland while some pieces are sent, very urgently, to Amsterdam to make METS. After METS the container is packed for Auckland and, some years, freight stored in Europe before being sent to Dubai. Then it is in to another year!

As well as the seafreight service a couple of weeks before each show an airfreight consolidation is also offered to exhibitors.

With each show being a little different, over the years Oceanbridge have learnt the pit falls of each show and work around these for the good of the exhibitors. For the past six Ft Lauderdale shows Richard Thorpe, Marine Manager, has been present at the pack up.

“Working in the FLIBS pack up environment can be challenging but we have always succeeded in getting the urgent freight to METS and the rest on the way home! This shows the level of our commitment to the marine industry...we treat it like our own!”.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and successful New Year.

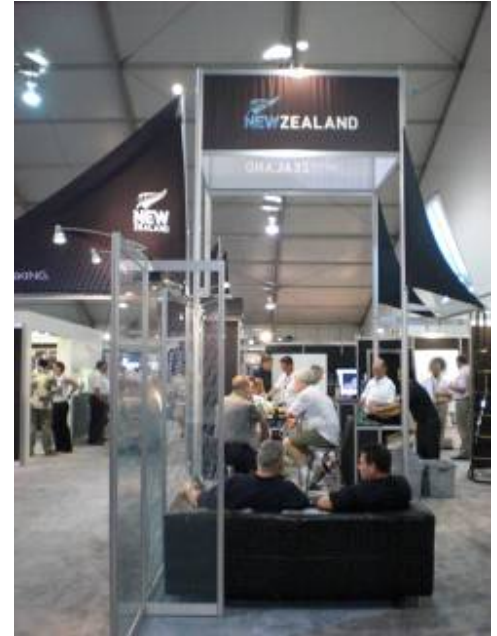
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NZ Marine Stand at Fort Lauderdale Boat Show 2009



Show Pack Up

