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Projects & Marine

Newsletter – March 2010

The year has started positively for us with a large number of potential clients contacting Oceanbridge for pricing on a range of boats from the USA and also to and from Europe and Australia. We have been pleased with the number of these converted into bookings.

In regards to the market from the USA we believe the magic number is 70. This is the US cents to the NZ dollar and enquires stop and start as the exchange fluctuates around this figure. We would certainly encourage potential buyers to still check shipping costs with us when it is below this mark as there are still bargains to be had from the USA.

In the past couple of weeks the peak export season has started from New Zealand. Even those just wanting to ship a normal container are having to book well in advance so we recommend planning ahead. Despite this we are pleased to say that any out of gauge freight to northern Europe can move through Oceanbridge on fruit reefer ships with no problem.

Oceanbridge Marine Exports

An urgent call in mid December had us packing up the cradle for the Maxi yacht, Alfa Romeo and getting this on a vessel to Port Kembla so she could be repainted immediately after the Sydney – Hobart race.

In mid January we had the pleasure of shipping the yacht Pendragon to Long Beach. With the yacht coming by road from the South Island and the mast and a container from Auckland there was some logistical shuffling required in Tauranga to ensure she was ready to ship, keel on, within four days of the yacht reaching Tauranga.

Also in January we shipped a 47ft Sunseeker back to the UK. We organised to have it lifted from the water and onto the wharf in Tauranga where it was fitted to the cradle and shrink wrapped, all in a matter of 4 ½ hours, ready for loading.

Other recent exports include a mast to Sydney and a yacht boom to Europe and as this newsletter is being written we are busy organising a number of shipments, some high profile, departing these shores in March.

Exclusive agents in New Zealand for



Recent Shipments included:

Pendragon



Sunseeker loading for the UK



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Oceanbridge Marine Imports

We could write the same as we did in December for the USA as it continued to be strong coming into early 2010 with three arrivals and a number still on the water.

From Europe we have handled four new builds that will be on show at the Auckland International Boat Show this month as well as a couple of second hand boats. Enquires from Europe continue to be higher than last year, once again giving hope that the tide is turning.

Imports from Australia included a large second hand boat mould requiring a break bulk lift, out of gauge flat rack plus a 20ft container from northern NSW. Working closely with the new owners and their agents everything was co-ordinated to perfection once the one hour time difference was taken into account between the two states!

Oceanbridge Projects

We continue to offer pricing to a number of the GPLN members who are bidding for projects coming into New Zealand.

Klein Water Treatment Plant Project

With landfill capacity for sewerage sludge becoming problematic for the Christchurch City Council Bromley water treatment plant, their engineers embarked on a world wide search for a solution, finally settling on a specialised drying plant manufactured by the German manufacturer Klein Engineering GMBH. When fully commissioned, the innovative drying plant will reduce the mass and weight of the sludge to be disposed of by 80%.

As part of the GLPN Network, Oceanbridge were contracted to facilitate the delivery of the 8 x 40' & 1 x 20' over dimensional flat racks, 4 x 40' open tops, 15 x 40' GPs plus 3 x 20' GPs split over 4 vessels plus provide MAF accredited personnel and arrange for approval of a temporary facility with MAF.

The shipments were delivered on time with the operation running smoothly once the flat racks that were over a metre too high for the normal road route had snaked their way over the Port Hills in Christchurch at the dead of night with power lines being lifted out of the way.

New Jeanneaus arrive in Auckland



Luhrs 35 arrives in Tauranga



Klein Water Treatment Project





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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

Oceanbridge Auckland Anniversary Regatta 2010

On Monday 1st February Auckland celebrated the 170th running of the Auckland Anniversary Regatta which Oceanbridge has now had naming rights to for the last three years. The conditions were challenging to say the least with quite high winds during the day but those out on the water competing or watching, and all those on vantage points around the beautiful Auckland Harbour had a day to remember.

From modern sailing yachts to classics (two of which had sailed from Australia), Tall Ships, wakas, tug boats and radio controlled yachts there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Oceanbridge Shipping is very proud of its association with the Auckland Anniversary Regatta which is just part of the support we offer to sailing and the marine manufacturing and service industry in New Zealand.

Personnel Change

Some of you would have dealt with Helen Craig in the past when contacting us for quotes. Helen has been promoted and is now the Senior Trade Assistant for the export freight team.

We welcome on board Taryn Rabi who will be giving sales support to the Projects and Marine Division going forward. She will be up to speed in the near future and waiting for your enquiries.

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Oceanbridge Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta



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