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Projects & Marine

Newsletter – December 2011

It has been pleasing that the number of enquires increased in the latter part of the year and this has resulted in a good number of bookings, some of which are already completed but also a good number of jobs “in transit” that we will be reporting on in March.

The uncertainties in Europe and a bit of a slow local economy does mean that there is still some reluctance to move forward in the purchase of boats and it is hard to predict how long this will go on for. In the past we have also enjoyed working with boat builders in NZ supplying top of the range race yachts and it is evident in the past two years that this side of the industry in New Zealand has suffered too.

A visit to the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show at the end of October did show that although things are slow there is some optimism from those in the industry to try to make the most of quieter times and try and offer affordable and first class services to those “boaties” requiring assistance and Oceanbridge Shipping is certainly a part of that.

Oceanbridge Marine Exports

Formula Cruisers have continued their successful year with the export of another Icon 54 to Australia. After being on display at the Auckland Boat Show the launch was immediately loaded onto a vessel to Melbourne. This was not the final destination however as in Melbourne the launch was discharged to water, still on its cradle, and after a few days in a marina was then re-loaded on a second vessel to Fremantle.

Smuggler Marine of Auckland exported two RIBs to Perth as well. For these smaller craft use was made of the direct Roll on / Roll off service from Auckland to Perth.

Extreme Boats have continued their success story with a steady stream of exports to Australia.

Another interesting project has been the export of a 35m mast to Antalya, Turkey. With no direct services from New Zealand to Turkey we had to ship it from Tauranga to Zeebrugge from where it was then trucked to Antwerp to load on a second vessel to Izmir from where it was then trucked to the factory.

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Recent Shipments included:

Formula Cruisers Icon 54



Smuggler RIBs ready for shipment



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On a longer scale, we also shipped a 58m mast from Tauranga to Zeebrugge on the same vessel and then had to truck it to The Netherlands.

Working on behalf of our agents in Australia, Aurora Global Logistics, we supervised the transshipment of five new Riviera motor launches at the Ports of Auckland. With a final destination of the Ft Lauderdale Boat Show they were loaded in Brisbane and in Auckland transferred to another vessel going to the USA East Coast. It was a long job starting mid afternoon and continuing through to just before dawn but at least we were entertained by the fireworks celebrating the start of the Rugby World Cup during the evening!

Oceanbridge Marine Imports

We have handled the import of two Riviera boats from Australia which were both discharged to water at the Ports of Auckland.

We also imported a Mustang motor launch from Brisbane which was shipped in on a Roll on / Roll off service. For the smaller boats it is certainly cost efficient to use these services and we work closely with the lines to ensure that the cradle designs are acceptable for the handling methods required to move them in and out of the vessels.

The steady stream of smaller boats on trailers and cradles from the USA has continued and looks to be on-going into 2012. This side of the business has certainly contributed to the 107 boats we handled in our last financial year, an increase of 22%.

Oceanbridge Projects

We have recently exported a fertilizer bowl to Perth. These originated in Christchurch and were trucked up to Auckland to meet the RORO vessel there. Due to road restrictions they had to be shipped in two parts, base and drum.

35m Mast transshipping in Zeebrugge



58m Mast on truck in Tauranga



Rivieras transshipping in Auckland





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