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Projects & Marine

Newsletter – September 2011

The past three months during winter has seen a quieter period than what we have experienced in the past. There is obviously still some uncertainty in the marine industry, whether it is companies or private individuals looking to ship boats privately.

A visit to the Sydney Boat Show at the end of July showed us that there is certainly still a lot of interest in boating across in Australia but like in New Zealand, getting that final commitment remains the challenge.

However, it is not all doom and gloom as we have had enough on the go to keep us busy and with the Auckland Boat Show in mid September and a good number of boats in the process of shipping from the USA and Europe to New Zealand, as well as exports from here too, we are looking forward to a positive end to the year.

Oceanbridge Marine Exports

At the Sydney Boat Show Formula Cruisers proudly showed off their latest Prowler Catamaran. This was completed just in time to do a quick sea trial and be loaded on to a Roll on / Roll off vessel from Auckland to Port Kembla. On arrival in Port Kembla, and after clearing Customs and AQIS Formalities, it was craned into the water and motored up to Sydney Harbour and into the boat show.

Another New Zealand brand that has enjoyed recent sales success in Australia is the Extreme Boats Game King range. There has been a steady flow of these across to New South Wales and Victoria with some continuing on to Tasmania.

We had one particularly busy night when we had two superyacht tenders and two yacht masts, all for different destinations in Europe, loading in Tauranga on the same vessel. Pulling all the logistics together in moving all the freight from Auckland to Tauranga in the two days prior to loading was certainly a challenge the team at Oceanbridge rose to and delivered on!

From time to time we are asked to ship to some places we really do need to use Google Maps for. This was the case when we were asked to quote

Exclusive agents in New Zealand for



Recent Shipments included:

Formula Cruisers Prowler being prepared for shipment



Extreme Game Kings



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for a RIB to Noro in the Solomon Islands. It was not simply a case of quoting to the well known port of Honiara and leaving the rest to the locals up there, we had to find a solution to Noro itself. No challenge is ever too great and a solution was found shipping via Melbourne and the RIB is now on its way!

Oceanbridge Marine Imports

As previously mentioned the import side was quieter than usual, despite the exchange rates, and over and above a few smaller boats from the USA the only really outstanding imports were a couple from Asia and Australia.

From Asia we imported the hull of a 75ft yacht. Our agents did a fantastic job in getting the hull shrink wrapped and barged up to the port of loading in a professional and timely manner and the yacht is now being completed in New Zealand.

We took care of the discharge to water in Auckland of a Riviera 58 from Brisbane. Co-ordinating with the owners, Customs and MAF and the vessel operator and stevedores is always a challenge in these situations. The boat needs to be prepared for the lift to water with battery and systems checks while the stevedores work around the boat unloading containers to make the discharge to water possible. It is always a relief to have the boat motor away from slings with all parties happy with how things have gone.

Oceanbridge News

NZ Marine Export Group

Richard Thorpe has recently been voted onto the NZ Marine Export Group Board. Richard put his name forward as he believes his role at Oceanbridge Shipping over the past 7 ½ years has given him a broad view of what all the members of the Export Group desire from their membership and his now in a position to hopefully use this experience.

Tender loaded on vessel as break bulk



Tender on Flat Rack on vessel



Rib being loaded onto Flat Rack





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Australian Agents

Aurora Global Logistics who Oceanbridge Shipping have had an excellent relationship with for many years have recently been appointed as the Peters & May agents in Australia. We look forward to continuing our relationship now as part of the Peters & May family!

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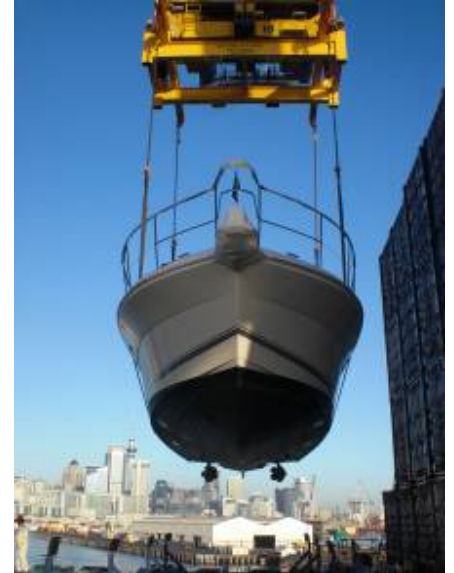
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