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Projects & Marine

Newsletter – December 2010

The final quarter of 2010 has continued to keep us busy with a good number of imports and exports, and also the start of enquires and bookings heading into 2011.

Of some surprise was the lack of enquires for boats from the USA when the NZ dollar was sitting very strongly against the US dollar...maybe it was a bit of a surprise to see it up so far so perhaps people simply were not ready for this. However, now that we are into summer the enquires are back up to speed again.

Also on a positive note is the fact that a number of new New Zealand built boats have been exported through Oceanbridge recently, as well as some already booked for the first quarter of 2011.

Oceanbridge Marine Exports

As an industry the New Zealand Marine Industry is always very proud of its successes and it has been a privilege to assist in the export of a number of high quality new builds recently.

Formula Cruisers recently exported another Icon 54 to Sydney. The Icon 54 is a very high quality Sports Cruiser which is proving popular in Australia. This particular one was loaded at the Ports of Auckland from a truck and on arrival in Sydney was discharged directly to water from the vessel. www.formulacruisers.com

On a smaller scale we have also shipped a number of Game King boats built by Extreme Boats to Australia. These boats are proving very popular and the market is set to grow going forward. Oceanbridge Shipping worked with the manufacturer and the shipping lines to make the shipping from Tauranga as opposed to Auckland a much more costs effective option for this Bay of Plenty based manufacturer.

A superyacht tender was shipped to the Caribbean to meet up with the mother ship. At the time of loading we were not actually 100% sure what the destination island in the Caribbean was going to be as the movements of the Superyacht were still not confirmed. Just prior to the arrival of the vessel in the transshipment port of Manzanillo the destination was confirmed as Guadeloupe and the necessary arrival paperwork and procedures was completed in time.

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Recent Shipments included:

Icon 54 loading for Sydney



Game King loading in Tauranga



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On the yacht racing scene we also handled a couple of interesting projects.

Firstly an Open 60 yacht that had been in Auckland since early 2009 was exported to Los Angeles. After withdrawing from the Vendee Globe single handed race it was sold and then went under a refit in Auckland before winning the Auckland to Suva race earlier this year.

Secondly a 54ft racing yacht, just built in New Zealand, was exported to Savannah and it will take part in a number of races on the US Eastern seaboard before being sailed across the Atlantic in time for the European racing season.

Oceanbridge Marine Imports

Oceanbridge Shipping has made good use of the Sevenstar dedicated boat shipping service lately. They have had a number of sailings into Auckland this year which indicates that our economy here is improving. By offering this service in conjunction with Sevenstar is an added string to our bow and means clients can take advantage of this service at the same time as enjoying the dedicated Marine Division service from Oceanbridge. Included on these sailings were a high value / high quality 38ft New Zealand built launch returning home from Palma, a 46ft motor launch from Florida and also an old BMW Oracle tender from the Mediterranean going to Fremantle, which gives a good idea of the versatility of this service.

New boats from Europe continue to arrive and recently Oceanbridge have assisted in a number of new yachts from European based builders. There has been an encouraging number of these this year which, once again, is a sign of improvement.

Of particular interest has been the recent arrival from Slovenia of the Greenline Hybrid motor launch. Interest in these overseas has seen the factory struggling to keep up with demand and the New Zealand distributor could not wait to get his hands on the first one after seeing the interest at the Sydney Show of one there. Despite only being here two weeks orders are already beginning to be confirmed.

www.hybridboats.co.nz

Open 60 loading in Auckland



54ft racing yacht loading in Tauranga



Greenline Hybrid on the water in Auckland



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38ft Launch loading in Palma on Sevenstar



Richard Thorpe & Chris Mann



Staff

Chris Mann has recently joined the Oceanbridge team to give sales support in the Projects & Marine Division.

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and best wishes for a successful 2011.

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