SOFTWARE

Wah Kwong to implement DNV GL fleet management software package

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Wah Kwong Ship Management (HK) is to adopt DNV GL’s ShipManager integrated fleet management software package to assist in the management of its fleet of 26 vessels, and nine upcoming newbuilds.

Wah Kwong says that it intends to use the new systems to optimise its operations through fleet-wide data collection and analysis across its bulk carrier, tanker and LPG ships.

“We are entering into this project with the same aspirations we have with regards to everything we do in ship management,” said Tim Huxley, CEO of Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings.

“We aim to continually improve efficiency and safety and strive to be ‘best in class’ when it comes to operating our fleet. By streamlining our processes across all ship management functions, we will relieve the documentation burden, particularly for those at sea, whilst better monitoring and improved data quality will assist in all key decisions we make.”

Sanjeev Verma, vetting manager at Wah Kwong and project lead for the software evaluation, noted that the company was initially primarily focused on finding a software system to support QHSE processes when it began this new project, but that the scope expanded as the various capabilities available become apparent.

“It quickly became clear to us that with an integrated solution across our different ship management functions, we can achieve much greater efficiency gains,” said Mr Verma.

“We were impressed by DNV GL’s professional consultation in the evaluation period. In addition to its software, we feel very confident in DNV GL as a provider who can ensure successful project implementation and support us for the future.”

The entire integrated ShipManager package, comprising Technical Management, Drydocking, Procurement, Document Management, Risk Management, Safety Management Reporting, Crowing and BI / Fleet Analytics, will be implemented by Wah Kwong over the next 18 months.

Belfast Harbour goes live with KleinPort

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Saab reports that it has commissioned its first Port Management Information System in the UK, with Belfast Harbour Commission commencing live operations with its KleinPort system.

The Harbour is using KleinPort to manage and track its vessel operations and services, record cargo data, generate billing and execute data analysis and reporting.

Belfast Harbour Commissioners selected Saab as the system supplier after a public tendering process for a new port management system.

Please visit www.marorka.com for more information on Marorka Online.

Nordic Tankers to implement cloud based energy management system

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Nordic Tankers has signed a fleet agreement for the Marorka Online energy management system.

Marorka Online includes a dashboard which will allow Nordic Tankers’ staff on shore to manage their vessels use of energy more efficiently by creating visualisations of fleet information.

The contract is based on a yearly subscription fee for the cloud-based solution, with no installation of hardware or software required. The data used is taken from noon reports and imported from a third-party provider.

In addition, Marorka Online will automatically combine collected data from vessels equipped with the company’s own Marorka Orhboard system (used for automated data collection) with the manual noon report data.

This will create a single online performance system for all Nordic Tankers vessels in the fleet, irrespective of ownership or whether vessels are operating under commercial management.

“Nordic Tankers’ commitment combined with internal training and onshore management will introduce a continuous improvement cycle that we expect to bring significant savings,” said Carsten B. Ostenfeldt, senior vice president at Nordic Tankers.

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www.Q88.com

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INTERTANKO’s Vetting Committee re-established its ‘Questionnaire 88 Working Group’ under the chairmanship of Capt Ashley Cooper of Scorpio Ship Management, which has worked to ensure that the Questionnaire, the established industry standard for information on ships for commercial screening (vetting) purposes, is kept topical.

“This latest revision incorporates all the necessary information currently required for making a ship assessment and will ensure that the Questionnaire remains the industry standard for vetting/screening assessments,” said Capt Cooper, marine director at Scorpio Ship Management.

The Q88 was last revised in 2008, and this latest revision takes into account new questions and brings in changes which address recent regulations and industry requirements such as MLC and EEDI certification.

The Questionnaire will continue to be transferable between various parties’ internal systems through the use of the XML data format. All existing Q88 data will automatically be migrated to the new format; however, owners/operators are urged to check their ships’ data to ensure that it is correct and up to date.

This revision has been carried out with the assistance of Q88 LLC which operates the www.Q88.com website.

“This revision incorporates recommendations and feedback that we have had from our subscribers since the last revision in 2008, demonstrating that the revised Q88 is a collaborative effort for the benefit of our industry,” said Fritz Heidenreich, president of Q88 LLC.

Planned maintenance deal for Gosport Ferry

www.marinesoftware.co.uk

UK based Marine Software reports that it has supplied Gosport Ferry with its OPMWin - Office Planned Maintenance System to streamline maintenance planning for the company’s Class IV, V and VI passenger ferries.

Built between 1966 and 2015, the 30m/32m vessels have Twin Schottel/Veth Z-Drive propulsion systems and operate daily between Gosport and Portsmouth Harbour.

The OPMWin software will be installed ashore and used to centrally manage ongoing fleet maintenance for Harbour Spirit, Spirit of Portsmouth, Spirit of Gosport and Gosport Queen.

“We selected the Marine Software OPM Software in order to better organise extremely able and competent staff in the ongoing scheduled maintenance of our vessels,” said Gosport Ferry.

“Ultimately, when the system databases have been correctly populated we should be generating daily work cards for engineering staff to better utilise their time and to provide timely reminders of essential and non-essential maintenance tasks.”

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