

C F Spencer & Co Ltd Newsletter

Spring 2010



Greetings to you all.

2010 begins as a year of development and progress for us.

Cargo Surveys

Steel coil pre-load surveys

Louise and Keith have completed the in-house training with regard to steel pre-load surveys and have carried out surveys in Welsh ports for several of our clients.



Arbitrations

Chris continues his work in arbitration. He is currently involved in several cases; these include crane damage, speed and consumption disputes, delay prior to berthing, sufficiency of bunkers for voyage, and loss of vetting approvals amongst others.

Chris has also been contracted by the HSE to provide a report on safe access at a fishing harbour following a fatal accident.

Bridgwater Harbour

Captain Keith Badsey joins us as a full-time member of staff and has taken over the duties of the Deputy Harbour Master. With the upgrade to the Hinkley Point power station approaching we anticipate activity for the port, both physically and administratively, to increase.

Vessels are piloted along the river Parrett by Andy Newman, Chris and John as required. Keith has also commenced training as a pilot for Bridgwater.

Hatch Surveys

We have recently purchased a new ultrasonic hatch testing set. This was tested when Fraser and Louise travelled to South Wales to carry out a hatch inspection of a post panamax bulk carrier. The equipment proved to be quick to set up, giving clear and accurate results.



Training

At the end of March Louise will be attending the Cargo Surveyors Course run by Cambridge Refrigeration Technology. The course covers all aspects of refrigerated shipping.

Rig Moves

Fraser spent Christmas and New Year as the client rep on a rig move offshore Denmark. Then in February he was the client and diving rep on a jackup vessel in Dutch waters.

He also co-ordinated two more rig moves, a rig condition survey and a vessel CMID survey undertaken by our subcontractors around the North Sea.



Out & About

In January Chris was invited to give a speech to the Geneva Propeller Club. His talk on Tanker Vetting Inspections raised a few laughs and probably more tears with his insight into tanker vetting clauses.

Fraser has been raising the profile of the company by visiting our clients and potential clients in London, Aberdeen and Newcastle.

At the end of February we entertained several of our clients aboard the HQS Wellington, London, enjoying one of the vessel's famous curry lunches.

Damage Investigations

Steel coil damage

John and Louise have been involved in an investigation into damage to a cargo of steel coils exposed to wetting on passage. This has involved surveying the vessel and visually inspecting the coils externally, unwrapped and finally unrolled. John also travelled to one of the receiver's warehouses to inspect coils that were previously thought to be undamaged.

Quality difference in jet fuel

Chris and Keith have been involved in an investigation into the alleged reduced quality of a cargo of jet fuel discharged in the South West.

Reefer Failure

In February John and Louise spent a day at a warehouse in Worcestershire. Here they were investigating damage to a consignment of fruit following alleged reefer container failure.

Expert Witness

The expert witness work continues in a number of fields with both John and Chris busy with a number of instructions.

Their case load consists of collision and allision, personal injury, liquid cargo contamination, charter party/vetting disputes, and damage to a hold caused by the cargo.

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