

# C F Spencer & Co Ltd

## Newsletter

Summer 2010



*Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.*

*-- Sam Keen*

### **Out & About**

Quite the opposite of laziness John, Chris and Fraser have all visited Pireaus in the last couple of months.

John was a guest lecturer on the Shipshape Training Course, organised by Jim Walsh of Overseas Maritime Limited. As well as giving a couple of presentations, John took the attendees on ship visits to a RoRo passenger ferry, refrigerated cargo ship and floating drydock.

Chris and Fraser also spent four days marketing to the various solicitors, P&I clubs and shipowners in this maritime centre.

Additionally John and Fraser gave presentations to the Standard Club in London on a couple of topics and Chris gave a presentation on Tanker Vetting to Hill Dickinson.

Chris attended Cambridge and gave a presentation on Ships and their Operational Problems as part of the Cambridge Academy of Transport lecture programme.

Keith has been kept busy at meetings and dealing with consultation regarding the proposed Hinkley Point "C" development and associated Harbour Empowerment Order. He continues to enhance his port management skills attending the UKHMA's Spring Seminar, Bristol Channel VTS user group meeting and SW Ports Association AGM, as well as giving a talk on the Port of

### **Rig Moves**

We continue to act as marine representatives on jack up rig moves and have successfully completed numerous moves around the North and Baltic Seas.



### **Sea Trials in Baku**

On behalf of our client we attended a new build pipelay barge to ensure that sea trials were carried out correctly and that the barge was delivered as per specification.

This varied from ensuring the pipelay gear could move and handle the pipe in the relevant time period, to checking the accommodation facilities, to monitoring the anchor handling and cross tension tests.

Fraser spent four weeks in attendance both onshore and offshore. Unfortunately when he was ready to leave the Eyjafjallajokull volcano left him stranded in Dubai for a week.

## Gas Free Certification



We recently attended at the Appledore shipyard on the North Devon coast, for Henry Abrahm & Sons Ltd, to carry out gas free inspection and certification; this was prior to the loadout and sailaway of the bow sections of the first of the new Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft carriers, on the barge Osprey Carrier.

Photo courtesy of [www.bdbnews.com](http://www.bdbnews.com)

## Pleasure Craft

In addition to attending big ships and cargoes when requested, we attend small craft, for valuation, code of practice and pre purchase surveys. As the weather has improved we have also been quite busy, looking at nearly one million pounds worth of yachts and motor boats so far this year for private clients.

## Opinion Work

Appointments continue, for both John and Chris to a variety of cases including cargo disputes, personal injury, speed and consumption and unsafe ports.

John has recently provided an expert opinion regarding asbestos claims. Keith and Fraser are both providing excellent support in speed and consumption and tanker claims.

## Wining & Dining

C F Spencer's hosted a table at the rescheduled Annual IIMS Dinner. This year due to the disruption caused by the Icelandic volcano the venue had to be changed from HQS Wellington to Trinity House.

## MARPOL

We are delighted to announce that Fraser has been accredited as a MARPOL surveyor by the MCA.

## Vehicles

We continue to provide European Port Captaincy coverage for a worldwide car carrier company.

As the world economy improves, recent attendances have taken our surveyors to Sweden and Belgium (twice) as well as to ports in the UK.

Following a request from one of our associates, we attended a local factory to investigate possible damage to a hydraulic press which had shifted in transit.

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