



"Throughout the soft and timeless days of August  
Til now the shadows begin to grow much longer

The sunset's fire has deepened blood red

I give you this, the last rose of summer" ~ Halford/Tipton, Judas Priest

## Summer 2012

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It would appear as if our tongue in cheek weather predictions from our spring newsletter were not too far from the mark, drought, floods, wintry conditions, it must have been a busy few days for Aeolus, Poseidon Summanus and Fulgora. Despite the deteriorating global outlook, (how much blacker can a financial black hole get?) we remain busy with a variety of attendances across Europe and the near east.

Hopefully everyone will be back in the office for the forthcoming summer shipping technical lunch (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1230 onwards), flash flooding, blizzards, squalls of frogs etc permitting.

### OVID'S

A year and a half ago Fraser attended an Offshore Vessel Inspection Database course in London, and became a accredited OVID surveyor.

Since then (and also since our last update) he has now attended three vessels across Europe, and had to turn down several others. It's early days for this programme but type specific and approved surveyors would appear to be the direction the industry is currently headed in.

### Gas Free

For the third year running we attended to gas free a barge which was being used for the transportation of various sections of the new Royal Navy aircraft carriers.

Keith was the lucky chap who got to wield the atmosphere testing equipment this time, and guarantee that the barge would not explode when the hot work started.

*Photo courtesy of Phil Hall*



### Shipping and Transport Magazine

For those of you who don't receive the Shipping and Transport publication, you may be interested to know that Richard has written an article on steel replacement costs.

Even the deck orientated staff in the office found the subject interesting, and the explanation as to how the yards are able to quadruple the price of steel, riveting.

Please drop Richard a line if you have any questions about this subject, [richard.gordon@cfspencer.com](mailto:richard.gordon@cfspencer.com)

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### Engineering Problems

In addition to being published, Richard has been kept busy looking at engines that don't go suck-squeeze-bang-blow properly, welding repairs that should never have been attempted, steel thicknesses that aren't and a variety of technical issues, as well as a significant collision in the English Channel.

### The Near East and Wales

For those that come to the summer lunch, and are surprised at how tanned and relaxed Keith is, he has not discovered some new cream from L'Oreal and a sun bed. He will have just returned from a month in Turkey supervising the onward shipment of project cargo for a major development in Asia.

### Ship and Port Visit

We ran the second of our ship and port management courses in March, and we had four guests from London who gained first hand knowledge from steel stevedores who were able to show us around their warehouses and show how they handle, monitor and control the condition of the stock (cargo). We also went onboard a shortsea roro vessel, to a drydock to look at a dredger which was having its propeller changed, and to Bristol port to see how they manage their operations. The next course will be in September. Please let Fraser know if you wish to attend.

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In addition to Keith we have maintained an additional presence in Turkey since May with subcontractors, and this project should continue for several more months.

John attended multiple loadouts and transportations between Newport and Port Talbot Wales for a blast furnace which is being installed. Although not as glamorous as Turkey, at least he could understand the locals, sort of....

### Legal

John, Richard and Chris (who has very, very nearly retired) have been busy with a variety of legal cases.

One which has recently finished was essentially a loading rate dispute over the number of days a bulker could and should take to discharge.

Bulkers and their various problems are always interesting, and despite the great strides forward and the technology available, bulkers and their associated basic problems keep cropping up again and again and again.

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## Staff Specialisations

### Navigation

#### **Chris Spencer**

- Oil and gas
- Expert witness/opinion
- Arbitration

#### **John Stone**

- Expert witness/opinion
- Asbestos related industrial disease
- Bulklers, roro/heavy Lift
- River pilotage
- Roro vehicle and container combination
- Heavy lift 500 mt
- Container ships and cargoes
- Pre shipment hold and cargo inspection
- Condition surveys
- General cargoes
- Steel cargoes
- Fruit
- Reefer perishable foodstuffs
- Speed and consumption

#### **Keith Badsey**

- Port management including
  - Oil spill contingency
  - Waste management
- Dry bulk
- Oil products
- Munitions/explosives
- Speed and consumption
- Pilotage

#### **Fraser Spencer**

- Expert witness/opinion
- Dynamically positioned vessels
- Rig moves
- Semi submersible heavy lift vessels (SSHLV)
- Oil and gas cargoes
- Cable laying
- Rock dumping
- Heavy lift (11000 mt)
- Specialised load outs, skid, lift, vehicle
- Roro pax carriers
- Towage certificates
- Dry bulk

### Engineering

#### **Richard Gordon**

- Expert witness/opinion
- Fleet management & technical superintendent
- Machinery damage
- Tankers (VLCC & ULCC)
- Specialist condition surveys
- Sea trial attendances

### Naval Architecture

- Hydrodynamic modelling
- Marine design
- Survey and supervision

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