

New Year's Greeting and Recap 2012

We wish everyone a happy&healthy new year and smooth sailing!

As the year of change, 2012, draws to a close, the year of growth and opportunity opens.

The last 12 months have seen the company bring its vision of an entry into the offshore renewable energy market to reality with the acquisition of Offshore Wind Power Marine Services in March and the delivery of the Offshore Wandelaar and West Hinder in May. Through OWPMS and the efforts of Paul Walsh and Eddie Ward, we acquired a wealth of knowledge and contacts, high quality vessels and the best crews in the industry; while with the OW1 and OW2 we were able to set the benchmark for what the boats of the future should deliver.

Our vision of cooperation evolved with the signing of a partnership agreement with Frisia-Offshore in Germany which has already produced many benefits. These include participation in the Husum Wind Energy Fair in September, cooperation at IMO and other venues to clarify our vision of the regulations for crew transfer vessels, joint tendering projects and the signing of a charter party for the Offshore Wandelaar to work on the Riffgatt wind farm in Germany in January.

2012 was not only focused on renewables, as lots of work was completed in our traditional markets as well. The Scan Carrier left management when she was purchased by Atlantic Marine in the UK. She is now the accommodation vessel for our client on the Kentish Flats project, where it is nice to see old friends such as Captain Drywa and Chief Engineer Robert again. The Seafox 6 along with the Seafox 3 were sold to their long time charterer, Coastal Energy, who have retained Workships and Workfox as the respective managers. One of our employees, Martijn Le Duc, has been busy outfitting accommodation and getting the rig through her 8th Special Survey. The Neftegaz 51 and 57 re-joined us to act as Ice Class chase boats for a seismic project off the West Coast of Greenland, a project they delivered to the satisfaction of Shell, the end client.

In 2013, we see many avenues for growth and opportunity, both in renewables and in the offshore oil and gas sector. Our latest crew vessel, the OW3 Offshore Wenduine was loaded onto a general cargo ship on 21 December in Hong Kong by Project Manager Sicco Ritsma. She will be converted in a yard in Holland and ready for service in April.

With growth comes the need for more structure to ensure that our present level of quality is not lost and new higher levels can be achieved. Therefore, early in 2013 a revised Safety Management System (SMS) and a new electronic Planned Maintenance System (PMS) will be implemented into the fleet starting with OW1, 2 and 3. Improvements in the SMS will include a more directive approach, and more explanation of why things are important. These systems will give the crews the tools they need to operate the vessels and the Operations department the oversight necessary to manage an ever expanding fleet. Furthermore, Leen Spaans, a crewing manager with many years' experience, will start based in Rotterdam. His role will be to ensure that the correct resources will be available to guarantee that new vessels are manned competently and efficiently. It is the goal of the QA Department to improve near miss and accident reporting so as to get a better understanding of the risks faced by persons working on CTVs. Through better information we can work on improving the safety of our personnel and clients as well as the industry in general.

Furthermore, we anticipate more exciting opportunities in Germany and Belgium together with Frisia-Offshore. We will continue to work with our existing clients and within our traditional markets of England, the Netherlands and Denmark to ensure that all opportunities to deliver high quality and cost effective services are delivered. We will also be spending considerable time looking at new markets in this sector including France, where their alternate energy agenda is finally getting underway.

Our thanks go to all for all their hard work and perseverance in the year of change.

We look forward to sharing the next year of growth and opportunity with our clients, suppliers and staff.