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LIVERPOOL BRANCH



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Branch Golf Day

The Branch Annual Golf Day was held at Heswall Golf Club on Wednesday 13th September.

A total of 10 teams of 4 players entered the competition and, despite a few heavy rain showers, everyone had a good day's golf even though their scores might not have been as good as they would have liked.



The day was completed with an excellent evening meal and a few celebratory drinks at which the prizes for the various categories were presented. A total of 60 golfers and their guests attended the evening.

For the second year in succession the team competition was won by MA Logistics. In second place were Quality Freight and in third were Weightmans.

The winner of the Mike Armit Cup was Tony Magee of Clarkson Port Services.

Barry Stokes of Clarkson Port Services won the Keith Duncan Salver, which is presented to the ICS Liverpool Branch Member with the best score on the day.



Many thanks to Seb Gardiner and Barry Stokes for making all the arrangements for an excellent day.

PRESS RELEASE

Next year's Annual Dinner will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Liverpool on Thursday 26th April 2018. Further details will be announced once all the arrangements are finalised.

Education

The next examination session will be held between 13th and 23rd November 2017 and for those students in the Liverpool Branch area these will be held in the offices of Bibby Line Ltd, 105 Duke Street, Liverpool, L1 5JQ

We will be contacting all local students with further details prior to the examination sessions beginning.

Liverpool2

The second phase of the expansion programme at Liverpool2 is now underway, the port's owners, Peel Ports, have announced.

The latest phase will include the installation of three more ship to shore cranes and 10 cantilever rail mounted gantry cranes which will add to the five ship to shore cranes and 12 gantry cranes installed as part of phase 1, which opened in November last year.

Liverpool2 can handle two 380m long container ships simultaneously. Additional reefer points will be installed to allow the terminal to handle even greater quantities of refrigerated containers.

Mark Whitworth, Peel Ports chief executive said "We are currently preparing the outline designs and would look to be in a position to appoint construction partners in the spring of next year, with a view to beginning construction shortly after. We anticipate a completion date for Phase 2 in 2019."

Launched in November 2016, the Liverpool2 development has provided a river terminal and represents an investment of £400mn. *Source Sea Breezes*

Branch AGM

The Branch AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th November at the Khrua Thai Orchid Restaurant, 103/105 Barnston Road, Heswall, Wirral, CH60 1XF at 6.30pm and will be followed by a Thai Banquet.

Further details and a Booking Form will be available shortly.

ITIC urges shipbrokers to check internal communications systems

International Transport Intermediaries Club (ITIC) says communications failings within shipbrokers' organisations can result in important instructions from principals being overlooked, leading to potentially costly claims.



FMT Bergama in the River Mersey
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In the most recent issue of its Claims Review, ITIC cites an incident in which an off-duty member of a tanker broker's operations staff received an individual phone and email message over the weekend from a colleague in a different office, asking for important instructions regarding the amount of cargo to be loaded to be passed on to a tanker owner. The operations person took no action, having wrongly assumed that the message had also been sent to the company's general operations email address and that an on-duty colleague would deal with it.

The message detailed a request by the charterer to change the discharge port rotation to avoid severe congestion at what was originally scheduled to be the first port of call. This revised rotation required a reduction in the vessel's draft to enable it to discharge at what was now intended to be the first port of call.

Because of the failure to pass on the message, however, the wrong quantity of cargo was loaded and there was no option but to remain with the original rotation. A significant amount of demurrage was subsequently incurred, which was passed on to the broker and ultimately reimbursed by ITIC.

ITIC says a large number of claims caused by messages not being forwarded involve communications between different offices of the same broking company. It urges brokers to ensure that they have systems in place to prevent such errors occurring in their business.

Arbitration as your next career?

If you are interested in Arbitration as a new career the ICS is happy to introduce members to the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) or help organise the LMAA to make a presentation to the Branch or a group.

If you are interested in learning more please contact the Secretary whose details can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

New Polar Research vessel for Britain

A major feat of engineering took place in August when the "stern section" of the new polar research ship for Britain, the RRS Sir David Attenborough, was transported by barge from Hebburn-based shipyard A&P



Tyne (Newcastle), part of A&P Group, to the Cammell Laird's shipyard in Birkenhead.

The new ship is a major UK Government investment in frontier science. Commissioned by NERC, and built by the world famous marine engineering company Cammell Laird Shiprepairers & Shipbuilders Ltd. The vessel is a Rolls-Royce design, and will be operated by British Antarctic Survey when the ship enters service in 2019.

John Syvret CBE who is the CEO of both Cammell Laird and A&P Group said: "The construction of the blocks by the A&P Group, as a contractor to Cammell Laird, is a tremendous showcase for British shipbuilding and engineering. Whilst both organisations are fierce competitors who very much 'compete where they must', they also on an arm's length commercial basis 'cooperate where they can'. *Source Cammell Laird*

Clipper Round the World Race

A decade after the famous race was first launched in Liverpool, the race set sail again from the Albert Dock on Sunday, August 20.

And in 11 months' time it will return.

The spectacle - which attracted thousands of visitors - saw a dozen 70-foot modern racing yachts sailed by more than 700 amateur crew members set sail on their round the world journey.

The crews come from more than 40 countries, making it the biggest ocean race to circumnavigate the planet.

On the starting gun, crowds of crew, fans and spectators saw the fleet set sail from our historic Merseyside waterfront.



What is it?

The Clipper Round The World Yacht Race will celebrate the eleventh edition of the biggest ocean race for Amateur sailors.

Exactly 712 crewmembers representing 41 nations will be participating in the entire race. There are 361 British crewmembers with 16 hailing from Liverpool and the North West.

The amateur crews are largely novices - 40% of them have never sailed before starting their training. Every yacht is under the command of a professional skipper.

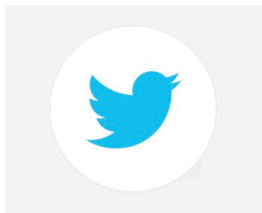
The eight-leg race route will be visiting six continents and it will take eleven months to complete.

Good luck to all the crews and we look forward to welcoming you back in July next year.

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Contact Us

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