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LIVERPOOL BRANCH



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

Liverpool Branch Annual Dinner 2018

The Branch Annual Dinner was again held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Liverpool and was attended by 260 Members and guests who were served an excellent 3 course meal before the formal speeches from Sir Michael Bibby Bt, DL, FICS and the Branch Chair Alyson Loughlin FICS began.

In commencing her speech Alyson thanked the Lord and Lady Mayoress for accepting our invitation to attend our Dinner. She also thanked Sir Michael Bibby for agreeing to be our Top Table Guest Speaker.

The Chairman continued by saying that it has been a challenging year as a whole for all port users both globally and locally. The unexpected early rise in port costs and changes in tariff rules has added an extra financial burden to ship owners and charterers in particular when commodity trading has already been secured for 2018. The Branch is now working with the Port Authority to ensure Liverpool and the Manchester Ship Canal are maintained to a high standard.



New warehouses are being constructed to handle the growing demand in the UK for Cocoa and Coffee. Almost 65,000 tonnes of Cocoa Beans – more than two thirds of the UK's demand – arrives via Liverpool each year.

Along the coastline is the Port of Garston which currently handles around 600,000 tonnes of cargo per annum, welcoming around 280 ships per year. ABP have invested £10 million over the last 3 years on their infrastructure including new lock gates, the latest handling equipment and high quality storage for their feed and food customers. Further investment continues in their equipment and staff.

She continued by saying that, as a Branch, we hold a number of events throughout the year. This ranges from educational 'Open Days' to our Annual Golf Day. We worked with ICS London in hosting a local 'Open day' to promote and guide current and future students on the ICS courses available to them. She thanked the Maritime and Transport Department at Liverpool JMU for their help in providing us with a venue to host the recent extremely successful event.

In June we held our first Social evening on board the Daniel Adamson. Alyson believed the evening was an overall success with around 70 guests attending. The event brought in some new faces and raised the profile of the Branch outside our usual circuit. She thanked our three sponsors – World Fuel Services, Kotug Smit Towage and Sheerington Associates.

The Annual Golf Day held in September was another successful event and the winning team was again MA Logistics. Thank you to Barry Stokes and Seb Gardiner for organising another exceptional day. This years Golf Day would be held a little earlier than normal on the 4th July.

Also the Branch will be hosting a First Thursday event with the Propeller Club on 6th September. The Propeller Club has been around for almost 4 years however their maritime networking First Thursday events actually pre-date the Club. Their aim is to promote co-operation and understanding of the maritime industry within their local community and across the global Propeller Club network.

Moving on to education, Alyson congratulated the students who sat their examinations in the last academic year. Charlotte Kelly from Frank Armitt & Son attained the Foundation Diploma in Port Agency. New Branch members were Zara Giles from Peel Ports and Mike Akoh. She welcomed them to membership of the Branch.



As we approach our examination season we, as a Branch, took the opportunity to work alongside London and take part in this years matched funding scheme for Spring 'PREP' at Warwick University. The scheme is intended to help students who would benefit by attending but otherwise could not. This is the first time for a number of years that the Branch has been able to take part and support our local students. This has only been made possible due to our education fund being supported, right here, last year by your support for the Raffle. Thank you from myself, the Committee and our students who have, and will, benefit from this in the future.

In the forthcoming weeks we have 8 more students sitting their exams in Liverpool and I wish them all the best of luck.

As mentioned earlier tonight, the Branch will support 3 local children's charities this year – KIND, Stick 'n' Step and Northern Lights. On behalf of the Charities Alyson thanked everyone who paid their money and took part in the Heads and Tails. This raised an excellent £2400 which will be shared equally between them. They greatly appreciate the contributions we make.

Before finishing, Alyson thanked our sponsors for tonight's Dinner – Clarkson Port Services and Normac Shipping. The Branch greatly appreciate your support.

In conclusion, Alyson thanked the Branch Committee for their support and gave special thanks to her Vice Chair Vikki Whitfield and Roy Cooke for their help during the last year and for organising tonight's Dinner. She then presented a bouquet of flowers to the Lady Mayoress.

Once the formal speeches were concluded we were entertained by local comedian John Evens who kept the audience laughing with his jokes and stories.



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Liverpool Branch Social Evening

The ICS Liverpool Branch is arranging another Social Evening on board the restored steam tug Daniel Adamson whilst berthed in the historic Albert Dock complex in Liverpool.

The event will be held on Thursday 26th July 2018 and you will find further details attached.

To make bookings please email Roy Cooke FICS at roycooke7@icloud.com or Alyson Loughlin FICS at alyson@ewchartering.co.uk

We are also offering the opportunity for local Companies to sponsor the event and anyone interested should contact the above persons.

We hope that you can support this event and look forward to seeing you on board the vessel in July.

All Aboard!

Thursday 26th July, Albert Dock, Liverpool



The Branch will be holding a social evening on Thursday 26th July on board the recently renovated and restored steam tug *Daniel Adamson* whilst she is moored in the historic Albert Dock, Liverpool.

The evening will commence at 6pm with a drinks and canapés reception and there will also be a cash bar.

The Daniel Adamson Preservation Society will have someone on board during the evening to answer any questions about the history of the vessel.

The cost for the evening is £15.00 per head and bookings should be sent to either the Branch Chair, Alyson Loughlin FICS at: alyson@ewchartering.co.uk or the Branch Secretary, Roy Cooke FICS, at: roycooke7@icloud.com

THREE NEW PILOT BOATS NAMED

UK marine contractor **Briggs Marine**, hosted an official naming ceremony for three new pilot boats at Albert Dock, Liverpool on Wednesday, 25 April.

The company currently employs approximately 80 personnel in the North West of England, with plans to increase this number in the coming months.

Briggs Marine Managing Director, Collieson Briggs commented: “We are delighted to announce these latest additions to our fleet; they have been well received by all stakeholders and are fully integrated into the service. Their quality and capability bring a further significant improvement in the Liverpool Pilot boat



service. “The naming ceremony is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase Briggs’ capability and commitment to the region. Our guests will have the opportunity to tour our new vessels and gain a fuller understanding of our service offering, not only in Liverpool but also on a global basis.”

Briggs Marine and Environmental Services supply services to a range of industries in the

marine sector. Their service offering includes vessel charter and management, submarine cable installation, repair and maintenance, diving services, operation and maintenance of Aids to Navigation, Marine ecological and physical survey, salvage and wreck removal, oil and gas terminal operations and environmental consultancy.

The company also provides an International emergency oil spill response service. Established in the 1970s, the Briggs Group has a strong reputation within the marine and coastal sectors, which has also allowed the company to expand into the renewable energy sector over the last ten years.

The Briggs Group has head offices in Burntisland, Fife as well as further operations in Aberdeen, London, Liverpool, Southampton, Hull, Peterborough and international offices in Baku, Azerbaijan. **Source:** [maritimejournal](#)

New Bigger Liverpool Cruise Terminal

By Harry Kemble

Agents have hailed Liverpool City Council’s decision to approve outline plans to build a new, bigger cruise terminal, saying it will boost business. The £50 million facility, which could open as soon as 2020, will enable the port to handle turnarounds by vessels as large as P&O Cruises’ 3,600-passenger ships. The port’s current limit for turnarounds is 1,200 passengers.

The terminal will be built on a suspended deck on the River Mersey, replacing the existing terminal on Princes Parade, which handled 61 ship visits in 2016. Agents in the northwest said the terminal will help attract new-to-cruise passengers to sail from Liverpool rather than drive five hours to Southampton. John Cooper, brand director at Liverpool-based Vision Cruise, said: “The existing cruise terminal has been able to take some smaller ships like those of Fred Olsen and Cruise & Maritime Voyages, but now the port wants to get the bigger ships in. “It is good news for the whole industry, from the Midlands to Scotland. It is great news for the city because it means we do not have to go down to Southampton.” Carol Kirkham, of Preston-based agency Kirkham Travel, said: “You cannot always sell a brand to a client. It is sometimes easier to sell an embarkation port. “Hopefully, it will mean that people who have not cruised before will want to cruise from Liverpool.” Elaine Barnes, of Andersons Travel Worldchoice in Birkenhead, said ex-Liverpool sailings accounted for about 10% of its cruise business. She said: “We are short of itineraries out

of Liverpool. If we can get Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises and Cunard, we could be going up to 60% or 70%.”

In addition to the £50 million to fund the terminal, £32 million will be spent upgrading the A565 road to support the new terminal. Liverpool is set to host 23 ships this year, including Cunard’s Queen Elizabeth, Disney Cruise Line’s Disney Magic and CMV’s Magellan. The design of the new terminal is subject to final approval. [source : travelweekly.](#)

Iconic QE2 finally set for debut as floating hotel

By Phil Davies

The long awaited opening of former Cunard flagship QE2 as a floating hotel in Dubai is expected next Wednesday. Local reports point to April 18 being a soft launch date, followed by a more formal opening later in the year. According to an updated website, QE2 has 224 refurbished rooms and suites, 13 restaurants and nightlife venues, a shopping arcade and 25 meeting rooms and conferencing facilities.

The 13-deck ship is docked permanently at Port Rashid in Dubai as the first floating hotel in the Gulf region. Guests will enter the ship from a terminal, which has been turned into a maritime museum featuring artworks from the ship, which was sold by Cunard to Dubai government investment company Istithmar World in 2007. QE2 Shipping and PCFC Hotels are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Government of Dubai’s Ports, Customs & Free Zone Corporation. PCFC Hotels, with investment in the hospitality, retail, real estate and technology sectors, is the operator of the QE2.

The website says: “Docked permanently at Dubai’s Mina Rashid, she has been lovingly restored to her former glory – revitalized with all the latest in smart technology. “Step aboard and relax in her comfortable rooms and suites that offer an imposing backdrop of Dubai’s iconic skyline or the ocean beyond. “Embark on a culinary journey across her 13 restaurants, bars and entertainment venues. Immerse yourself in her rich past at the onsite QE2 Exhibition. “We’ve curated a seamless and unforgettable journey that blends old-world sophistication with a new level in hospitality.” [source: travelweekly](#)

Here Is the World’s Largest LEGO Ship

Hong Kong-based cruise line company **Dream Cruises** has built a huge replica of its **WORLD DREAM** cruise ship out of LEGOs to mark the delivery of the ship.



The large-scale replica was built by over 1,000 cruise guests and members of the public under the guidance of Greater China’s first LEGO certified professional, **Andy Hung**.

The ship was constructed using more than **2.5 million LEGO blocks**. The ship model weighs over **2,800 kg** and measures 8.44 m (27.7 ft) in length, 1.33 m (4.36 ft) in width and 1.53 m (5 ft) in height, according to the information shared on Guinness World Record webpage.

The model was officially unveiled at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal after two months of the construction process. Following the final measuring, the endeavour was declared successful, ensuring the company official Guinness World Records certificate.

The new 18-deck, 151,695-ton cruise ship, was delivered to Dream Cruises, a subsidiary of Genting Hong Kong, in October 2017. The ship can accommodate 3,376 passengers and is 335 meters long, 39.7 meters wide and can reach a speed of more than 23 knots. This cruise ship also carries a small deep-sea submarine that can take guests down to a depth of up to 200 metres. *Source: Guinness World Record*

ITIC Warning

The International Transport Intermediaries Club (ITIC) has warned Ship Agents about the re-emergence of a scam whereby they are being used by people-smugglers to cover the movement of illegal immigrants.

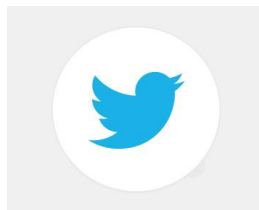
The basic pattern of the scam is for Owners or Managers to ask an Agent to attend a vessel's call and to provide assistance with crew changes. Usually the Owner or Manager will be previously unknown to the Agent. The approach is a sham, but the Agent's involvement will provide cover for the migrants' arrival in the country. The migrants will then promptly disappear, and the Agent will be left with the unpaid hotel bills and may face fines from immigration authorities as well as being liable for detention and repatriation costs if the migrants are caught.

ITIC has reminded all Agents worldwide to be vigilant when being approached to carry out crew changes by Owners or Crew Managers who are unknown to them.

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Contact Us

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