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The 2008 SSBA Dinner

On Tuesday 11th November GBLT (UK) staff attended the 2008 SSBA Dinner at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel. Also joining GBLT (UK) at our table for the dinner were guests from Royal Bank of Scotland, Anglo-Eastern, E.A Gibson Shipbrokers, Barrie Scott, RVB Shipbrokers, North of England P&I, SSY, Wilhelmsen Ship Services, Oceanair Travel and Chembulk. This was the second year GBLT (UK) has had a table at the event after its initial attendance in 2007.

The Scottish Shipping Benevolent Association was constituted within the Christian Institute in Glasgow on 10th February 1899 as the Glasgow Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Association. That initial meeting was attended by many Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' - some of the names of which you would still be able to recognise today.

The decision was made in 1999 to broaden its geographical limits to embrace Scotland as a whole as up until then the Association only served the shipping community in Glasgow.

The Annual Dinner has been held since the Associations inception (Out with war years) and is usually held in Glasgow during the month of November. The event is highly successful and is attended by most if not all of Glasgow's Shipping Community. The dinner is the main fundraising event held and therefore raises a majority of the funds needed to meet the Associations functions. The main function of the Association is to be able to provide funds to members of the shipping community in times of need. It also provides grants to various other Marine and Nautical organisations which serve a similar function.

For further photographs from this years event please visit our website:
www.gblt.co.uk/ssba_dinner.shtml.



Please continue to visit the GBLT (UK) Website for regular updates: www.gblt.co.uk



BLT Cadet Training Project

Over the past 20 months GBLT Shipmanagement – Glasgow has been assisting BLT – Jakarta and their Crew Managers KBA – Jakarta in an upgrade of the training facilities in Indonesia and the design of a Training Programme in conjunction with Glasgow College Of Nautical Studies – Captain Logan has made two visits to Indonesia and assessed four of the Government Marine Training Centres and a M.O.U. was signed with GCNS earlier this year which provides for the Advanced Training of Indonesian Lecturers (Deck and Engine) in Glasgow coupled with extended visits to the Indonesian Training Colleges to assist in upgrading their teaching / training methods.

The first Indonesian attendee, Captain Bambang, has just completed his Advanced Training at GCNS and is now carrying out training at PIP Semarang to BLT / KBA Cadets and Officers, further attendees will be arriving in Glasgow in January. Captain Bambang is pictured below left presenting a lecture at GCNS and below right with GBLT (UK) at our Glasgow office.

We are particularly pleased to note that the first of the dedicated BLT / KBA Training Classrooms was inaugurated at PIP Semarang on the 19th November (Above you can see Mr Sigit—the Director of KBA Crew Management and Manning is pictured top left officially unveiling the new BLT Classroom at PIP Semarang and top right exchanging gifts at PIP Semarang)

BLT and its wholly owned subsidiary KBA are committed to upgrading the training and training facilities for their Seagoing Staff, this is a major ongoing programme with the stated aim of ensuring all our Seafarers can meet the highest International Standards.



BLT Global Commercial Meeting



In November, Jordi, Maria and Colette from the GBLT UK chartering department travelled to Amsterdam to meet with representatives from BLT Jakarta, BLT Dubai, Chembulk Netherlands, Chembulk USA, Chembulk Singapore and CBL Tankers Brazil. A global commercial meeting was conducted during office hours and social entertainment was arranged for the evenings by the Netherlands office (you can see us all here, at the height of fashion, in our fancy new shoes!). It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience which allowed members of staff from worldwide locations to meet face to face and discuss the future of BLT/Chembulk.



Prita Dewi Ghent - Egersund Transit



Ken Lyall and Robert Anderson recently sailed on the MT Prita Dewi for the short sea voyage between Ghent, Belgium and Egersund, Norway. The ship had come from Chile and Peru loading Fish Oil in Callao, Chancay and Chimbote for discharge in Ghent and Egersund. The main purpose of the trip was to have a look at tank cleaning practices and to experience the ship operating at sea.

We joined the vessel in Ghent on the morning 03/09/08 and were welcomed onboard by Capt Wasis Kusni. We sailed with the vessel that afternoon after completing discharging and proceeded down the Ghent-Terneuzen canal to the River Scheldt estuary, before heading out into the English Channel.

The next day we were able to spend time with the C/O Dian Ismaya to discuss tank cleaning and other operational issues, which was very interesting and gave a good insight into the daily problems the ships face. Later on in the afternoon, and on Ken's insistence, I took the opportunity to get my hands dirty and carry out some chipping and painting which brought me right back to my days as a Deck Cadet and also allowed me to meet some of the crew and find out about life onboard.



The following day we arrived in Egersund early morning, where we disembarked, and headed to nearby Stavanger to catch our flights home. The trip was worthwhile and very interesting and the ships crew and officers looked after us very well and were more than willing to assist us with our questions.



UK Cadets Join Chembulk Savannah

UK Engineer Cadets Jonathan Martinez (despite some last minute VISA problems!) and George Palmer recently flew to Houston, Texas to join the Chembulk Savannah. Both George and Jonathan are on their second sea phase after spending their initial phase onboard the Wallem managed vessels Tribuana and Trirasa. George and Jonathan are due to spend the next 4 months onboard the vessel before heading back to college to complete their cadetship, all being well both George and Jonathan will be able to sit the Oral Examinations for an Engineer Class IV (OOW) certificate of competency by the end of 2009. George and Jonathan will then become the first two GBLT (UK) sponsored cadets to have successfully completed their cadetship. Also this month Deck Cadets Marcus Jones and Paul Usher have returned home after serving their first sea time onboard another Wallem managed vessel the Barunawati, details of their experiences onboard will be contained within the next newsletter due to be published in March.

Jordi Visits MT Purwati



Recently Jordi Maymi from our Chartering Department travelled to Rotterdam to visit the MT Purwati whilst she called at Rotterdam. The vessel was discharging a full cargo which she loaded in Argentina, this was Jordi's second visit aboard one of the 'P' Class vessels after previously visiting the Pertiwi. GBLT(UK) staff regularly visit vessels when they call at Western European ports.

Ken Visits Chembulk Houston



Ken Lyall paid a short visit to the Chembulk Houston whilst the vessel called at Dublin on 4 November 08. The vessel is on timecharter to Shell and is trading around the European coast.

The visit was to meet the officers and crew and evaluate the vessel for possible UK Cadet training.

Ken is pictured with Captain Ivassenko.

QE II Clyde Visit



The QE2 returned to the River Clyde, where she had been built at John Brown's famous shipyard at Clydebank in 1967, for the final time on Sunday 5 October before commencing her last cruise to Dubai where she is to become a Hotel.

Ken Lyall took this photo from his parents house as she passed inbound accompanied by ferries and numerous small boats.

GBLT RECEIVES FOSNNI AWARD



Ken Lyall attended a reception at Glasgow City Chambers on 29 September 08 to receive GBLT (UK)'s Certificate of Support in acknowledgement of the company's support to the Reserves of the UK Armed Forces. This prestigious award is presented on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence and the Chief of the Defence Staff.

Ken is pictured with Rear Admiral Martin Alabaster, Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland (FOSNNI) and Flag Officer Reserves.