

GBLT Shipmanagement(UK) Ltd.



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GBLT Welcomes Another New Staff Member

GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) Ltd have recently added another new staff member, she is Samantha Scott and she has joined us as our new Admin Assistant, Samantha was born on 21st February 1992 and brought up in Glasgow. After leaving school Samantha was delighted to be appointed as Admin Assistant with GBLT Shipmanagement. Samantha is hoping to further her education by attending evening classes

Helen Receives ICS Award

Helen Bancewicz from GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) Ltd recently received a prestigious award from the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers for her achievements in the ICS Exams

She will received the John Jolly Quaich 2008 which is the award the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers presents to the student which achieves the highest marks in the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers examinations in Scotland for 2007.

Helen has been asked to attend the ICS Scottish branch's dinner in Edinburgh on the 28th March. She will be presented the Quaich by the ICS Scottish Branch Chairman.

Helen as well as the rest of the Chartering team are due to sit their next batch of examinations in April with the results not due to be published till August.



GBLT Staff Profile

Name: Maria Linzey
Position: Chartering Assistant
Time with Company: 1 year 2 months
Place of Birth: Perm, Russia
Date of Birth: 19 May 1982

Background: Maria has graduated from the Perm State Technical University in Russia with a Masters degree in Linguistics (English, Russian, German). She was born in a city called Perm which is situated in the region of Ural Mountains. Perm is considered to be one of the biggest trading and industrial centres in Russia. Maria has moved to the UK 5 years ago and since then she has changed three jobs within the shipping industry in Glasgow. At the beginning of last year she was offered a position of Chartering Assistant with GBLT Shipmanagement Ltd. At the end of February 2008



she was accepted to become a British citizen and was invited to attend the Citizenship Ceremony which was held in Park Circus in Glasgow. Maria is pictured (left) with Bob Speedie at her Citizenship Ceremony.

Role: a member of the GBLT Glasgow Chartering Team which assists the group by helping arrange Pre-Fixture activities for group vessels trading West Of Suez.

Hobbies: running – participating in races and running events such as the 10k

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LT CDR KEN LYALL RD RETIRES FROM THE ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

After nearly 34 years service in the Volunteer Reserve Forces supporting the Royal Navy, Ken retired on 8 December 2007.



Ken is pictured (Left) with his fellow officers in the Wardroom of HMS SCOTIA where he was presented with his HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge and his Certificate. He will be 'dined out' by the Wardroom at a later date.

Ken joined as a rating in 1972 and was commissioned in 1982. He was awarded the Reserve Decoration (RD) in 1990, the Volunteer Reserve Service Medal (VRSM) in 2000 and a Bar to the VRSM in 2005. He was also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

Over the years he specialised in Naval Control of Shipping, Seaward Defence, Headquarters Support and Intelligence.

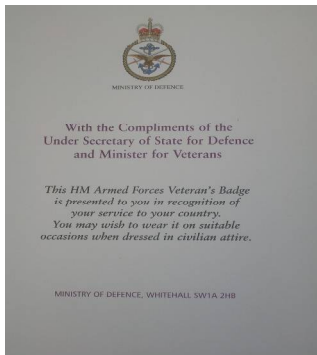
During training periods he served onboard the mine hunter HMS BRONINGTON and the frigates HMS SHEFFIELD, HMS PORTLAND & HMS CHATHAM.

He also served on exercises in Gibraltar, Naples, Hong Kong, Northern Ireland and throughout the UK. Latterly he formed part of the Army's 51 (Scottish) Brigade where he was part of the reinforcement team for civil contingency emergencies in Scotland.

One of the highlights of Ken's long career was 18 months Full Time Reserve Service where he served as a staff officer in the Ministry of Defence in London and latterly in an operational appointment on the staff of Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland at the Clyde Naval Base, Faslane.

Ken will miss the RNR - it was always something different from the day job - and particularly his fellow officers and ratings. He now hopes to devote some time to 'home improvements'.

Pictured from left to right is Ken's Award of his H.M Armed Forces Veteran's Badge, The Frigate HMS PORTLAND which Ken served onboard and Ken hosting Bob Speedie during an Employers Liaison Day.



KEN LYALL VISITS ANGLO-EASTERN CREW MANAGEMENT (IOM)



Anglo-Eastern have been the training provider for British Cadets since GBLT (UK) Ltd started sponsoring British Cadets in January 2007. They carry out recruitment, arrange the training and administer the Cadets.

GBLT (UK) Ltd currently sponsor 4 Engineer Cadets and hope to sponsor further Cadets in 2008.

Ken Lyall visited Anglo-Eastern's office in Douglas, Isle of Man in February in order to carry out an audit and to discuss future developments.

Ken is pictured with Gerry Davidson, Managing Director, David Sweet, Training & Development Manager, Jane Knowles, QA/ Administration Manager and Sara Millward.

Members of our Chartering Team Attend the London Tanker Operations Party

Recently Carol McGinty and Helen Bancewicz from the Operations section of our Chartering Department attended The London Tanker Operations Party 2008, as guests of Cory Brothers Agents, UK. The annual event, hosted by LTOPS, was attended by approximately 500 guests, who are all involved in Tanker Operations in Companies throughout the World.

Indeed, there were many guests from the Brokering side which allowed GBLT (UK) reps to be introduced to personnel with whom they had previously worked, or may deal with on future fixtures. Carol and Helen met staff from Riverside Tanker Chartering, Harris and Dixon Shipbrokers and Argent Shipping. There were also representatives from Charterers such as Shell and BP.

There were also some useful contacts made on the Agency side. Since GBLT (UK) had been invited by Cory Brothers, we were offered introductions to most of the Cory Agents attending the event. Carol had discussions with the hosts regarding the recent call of MT Prita Dewi at Cardiff port, where the vessel was attended by Cory Brothers.

All in all Carol and Helen both report that they thought the evening was a success as they were able to gain a few valuable contacts at the event.

GBLT Staff Visit MT Prita Dewi in Cardiff and Antwerp

Recently our Marine Superintendent Captain Bob Logan visited the MT PRITA DEWI twice. The first of these visits



was whilst the vessel was discharging a cargo of Low Sulphur Diesel in Cardiff. On this visit Bob was accompanied by Robert Anderson from our Chartering Department. Bob and Robert boarded the vessel whilst she was at Cardiff Roads. Due to the severity of the weather the vessel was instructed to heave up its anchor and make a lee so the Launch Craft could safely get alongside and Bob and Robert could then go safely up the Pilot ladder. Pictured top left is Bob Logan holding on tightly whilst in the Launch Craft making its way to the anchorage and pictured below left is a picture of the MT PRITA DEWI'S deck and the choppy seas surrounding her which was taken from the ships bridge.

Captain Bob Logan next visited to the M.T. PRITA DEWI was whilst the vessel was in Antwerp in order to assist the Master and Officers in the tank preparations prior to loading a part cargo of E.D-C. This involved a full Nitrogen Purge of the cargo tanks and associated cargo pipelines to be followed by the Shipper's strict Dew Point requirements in the Cargo Tanks which had to be approved by an Independent Cargo Surveyor - Nitrogen was provided from the shore and the operation was carried out promptly with no delays incurred. Good co-operation from both the Ship's Staff and the Shore Personnel ensured the operation went smoothly. Captain Logan stayed on board throughout the preparations and initial loading and this provided a good insight into the vessel operation (and a chance to taste the food).



Chartering Team Attends London IP Week 2008

On 19th February, Carol and Jordi traveled to London in order to attend two very busy events with the IP WEEK 2008.

We firstly went to the Four Seasons Hotel where SARAS, one of the leading Italian and European crude oil refiners with one of the largest plants within the Mediterranean located in Sardinia, usually organizes its annual party. There we had the opportunity to meet a number of Italian and London based brokers, Charterers and Agents.

Later on, we went to the Lukoil party traditionally organized in a small pub in Knightsbridge. Lukoil is one of the main Russian energy companies and currently dominates the Russian energy sector, with almost 19% of total Russian oil production and 18% of total Russian oil refining. During the evening we had the opportunity to introduce ourselves to various representatives of the company and many tanker brokers.

January Storms take several shipping casualties

January 2008 saw the UK battered by an unusual high amount of intense storm systems coming in off the Atlantic. Indeed January 2008 was one of the most stormiest, unsettled months on record with windspeeds regularly being recorded over 70mph or Force 11 in the Beaufort Scale.

As a result of this unusual amount of storm systems there were a number of high profile shipping casualties during the month. A selection of the vessels that have made the news are as follows:

Riverdance— The Riverdance is a RoRo Ferry which was carrying 19 crew and 4 passengers between Northern Ireland and Heysham, Lancashire when she was struck by a freak wave and ran aground off the coast of Blackpool in Gale force winds. Pictured below left is the stricken vessel on the sand and Pictured below right is some biscuits lost from a lorry onboard the stricken vessel.



Horncliffe—Liberian cargo vessel which was holed by one of her own containers in gale force winds off of the Isles of Scilly. She was carrying containers containing fruit from Costa Rica and was on passage to Dover when she ran into the bad weather. The Master and a passenger were airlifted from the vessel in gale force winds after suffering severe injuries in the rough weather. The vessel was redirected into Falmouth before heading to Antwerp for repairs. Pictured right is the Horncliffe whilst making her approaches to Falmouth.

The Ice Prince - The Ice Prince is a Greek Registered Cargo Vessel which sunk after running into difficulties off of the Dorset coast. The crew had to be rescued from her after she developed a 45 degree list. The vessel remained afloat for a couple of days after the crew were rescued from her but further bad weather hampered any salvage operation and the vessel sunk 48 hours later. The vessel was carrying over 5,000 tonnes of timber most of which was lost overboard producing a wood slick. The stricken vessel and its cargo caused noticeable Navigational problems as the stricken vessel lay in the busy English Channel Traffic Separation Scheme and its cargo of 10m lengths of wood which were reported to have washed up as far away as the Channel Islands.

