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P&I Residential Week

Maria Linzey and Jordi Maymi recently attended the P&I Insurance and Loss Prevention residential week with the North of England P&I association in Newcastle.

The course is an annual residential course which gives maritime professionals insight into the P&I and various other insurances in preparation for sitting their Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers examinations. Helen Bancewicz from the Glasgow office attended the course last year.

The week long course covered a large range of topics and also allowed students to visit Teesport where they got the chance to visit and observe the operations of a real working ship during cargo operations. They were allowed to board a Capesize Bulk Carrier which was discharging Coal brought over from Brazil and a Ro-Ro Car Carrier which was doing regular coastal trade between Newcastle and Belgium.

Both Jordi and Maria feel that the residential training week met all their initial goals, that the course was well run and the NEPIA course materials covered everything they will need to learn on P&I rules.



It is also felt that the course was an excellent networking opportunity as they were able to spread the companies name to many people involved with other companies in the maritime industry.

ICS Exam Results

GBLT would like to congratulate Helen, Carol and Maria on successfully passing the first part of their Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Examinations.

UK STAFF PROFILES



Name: Darren James McEwan

Position: Operations Assistant

Time With Company: 8 Months

Place of Birth: Haverford west, Pembrokeshire, Dyfed, Wales

Date of Birth: 13 August 1985 (Youngest Member of staff at GBLT (UK) office in Glasgow)

Background: Darren is a former Deck Officer Cadet with Anglo-Eastern Crew Management where he gained sea-going experience.

Darren comes from a family with a lot of history in the Maritime industry, Darren's father served in the Falklands war with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and was rewarded for his service with the British Empire Medal. Darren's grandfather is a retired Fishing vessel Master with over 40 years experience in the fishing industry.

Role: Darren is employed to assist Marine Controller Ken Lyall in the day to day running of the Technical Department and deputise for Ken in his absence.

Hobbies: Darren's spare time is mainly taken up looking after his 4 month old son Nathan but when he does get some free time he enjoys Sea-Angling, Golf and Football.

GBLT (UK) Summer Staff Outing



The Staff at GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) Ltd recently participated in a day of outdoor activities at Perthshire offroad. The first of these activities was a offroad session in a Land Rover and in a 8 wheel drive ATV. Staff then did some novelty driving in a reverse steering Land Rover and some quad biking.

After the days activities members of staff were treated to lunch at the Famous Beinn Inn which was located quite nearby the Perthshire Offroad Site.

GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) Ltd would like to thank both Perthshire Offroad and The Famous Beinn Inn for there hospitality and contribution to making this years Staff outing a success as all members of staff who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Pictured below (right) are from left to right: Svend, Bob Speedie, Jordi and Ken dressed in High visibility overalls prior to quad biking, and pictured below (left) is Carol whilst Quad Biking.



GBLT Sponsor Local Football Team



GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) ltd have recently started sponsoring a local youth football team. The team come from the Stepps area of Glasgow which is near the proposed location of the new office premises and have been supplied with company logo training tops and kit bags.

The team play in the local Under 13's league. And can be seen (Left) with there new training tops shorly after they were presented to them by GBLT (UK) Managing Director Bob Speedie.



Harsanadi Ship Visit

Marine Controller Ken Lyall recently travelled to Dubai to perform a monitoring visit on the Harsanadi whilst the vessel was in port in Jabel Ali. As part of GBLT (UK) operating procedures the Marine Controller is required to do monitoring visits on all GBLT group vessels in an 18 month cycle. As it was approaching 18 months the vessel received a monitoring visit the Harsanadi was due to be revisited, (this was the second time the Harsanadi has been visited with just the Ratih still to receive a visit). The Ratih is due to receive a monitoring visit in early September.

Ken has already visited the Fatmarini, Frabandari, Harsanadi (twice), Hartati, Nogogini and the Nolowati. During his visits Ken has been warmly received and has been given nothing but full co-operation from the crew.

Commercial Training week

Maria Linzey recently went to Jakarta to participate in the in house BLT commercial training course, There she was joined by Chartering personnel from Mumbai and the head office in Jakarta, the course is run in the Jakarta office running for two weeks between Monday 2nd July and Thursday 12th July with the final exam for the course taking place on Friday 13th July.

Whilst in Jakarta Maria was able to do some sight seeing with the others in her group. She visited a host of local attractions which she enjoyed as this was her first visit to Jakarta.

Maria also received some on the job training with Operations in Jakarta for a couple of days. Maria has stated that she felt that the training course and its contents were very helpful in enabling her to fulfil her role with GBLT Ship-management (UK) Ltd.



GBLT UK Cadets join the Tribuana

GBLT (UK) is pleased to announce that the first of the UK cadets have joined their first vessel. George Palmer (17) and Jonathan Martinez (24) are both Engineer Officer Cadets who have successfully completed phase 1 of their cadetship at Warsash Maritime Academy near Southampton on the south coast of England.

Both cadets visited the GBLT office in Glasgow prior to joining the vessel the Tribuana and both received a in-house Tanker Familiarisation course, the course was taken by GBLT (UK) Marine Superintendent Captain Bob Logan, The cadets were also briefed on the procedures GBLT has in place to monitor there progress.

The Tribuana is one of BLT's Pan Union managed Oil Tankers which has a crew of Indian senior Officers with the rest of the crew made up of Filipino's. The Tribuana is also used as a training ship for cadets from other nationalities, currently there is 2 Indonesian (1 Deck, 1 Engine) and a Chinese Engine cadet onboard.

The Cadets flew out to Singapore and joined the Tribuana whilst she was loading in Singapore on the 11th August. The vessel then headed for Ningbo in China to discharge and then headed to Qingdao in China to dry-dock.

The Cadets are due to do approximately four months on board before going back to college in January for the next stage of their training.

Pictured Below (Left) are the cadets with Marine Superintendent Captain Bob Logan whilst they were in Glasgow to be briefed before going to sea and also pictured below (Right) is the Tribuana which is the vessel the UK cadets will serve on.



2 New UK Cadets Join GBLT (UK)

GBLT is pleased to announce that the company has two new UK cadets due to start their Cadetships in September.

The first of these cadets is Sean Bryant who is 19 years old and comes from Sunderland in the North-East of England. Sean recently started at Warsash Maritime Academy on the 3rd September.

The second is Angus Maclean who 18 years old and comes from the Isle of Barra in the Scottish Western isles. Angus recently started at South Tyneside college on the 10th September.

Both cadets are Engineer cadets and all going well will do there first time at sea about April of next year.

Surya Family Glasgow Visit

The Surya family recently visited us here in Glasgow as well as enjoying a family holiday in Scotland.

Siana and Captain Choy visited the Glasgow office to discuss with the Directors the growth and progress GBLT Shipmanagement (UK) Ltd has made since their last visit and also to discuss the future plan's that the Directors have for the company

After work Pak Hadi and the rest of the Surya family joined members of staff at dinner at a restaurant in Glasgow.

GBLT (UK) hopes that the Surya family enjoyed their holiday in Scotland and we look forward to seeing them again in the near future.

Short History Of Scotch whisky

Whisky has been produced in Scotland for hundreds of years. It is generally agreed that monks brought distillation with them along with Christianity in the fourth and fifth centuries. The first taxes on whisky production were imposed in 1644, causing a rise in illicit whisky distilling in the country. Around 1780, there were about 8 legal distilleries and 400 illegal ones. In 1823, Parliament eased restrictions on licensed distilleries with the "Excise Act", while at the same time making it harder for the illegal stills to operate, thereby ushering in the modern era of Scotch production. Two events helped the increase of whisky's popularity: first, a new production process was introduced in 1831 called Coffey or Patent Still (see in section below); the whisky produced with this process was less intense and smoother. Second, the Phylloxera Beetle destroyed wine and cognac production in France in 1880.

Types of whisky

Malt whisky must contain no grain other than malted barley and is traditionally distilled in pot stills. Grain whisky may contain unmalted barley or other malted or unmalted grains such as wheat and maize (corn) and is typically distilled in a continuous column still, known as a Patent or Coffey still, the latter after Aeneas Coffey who refined the column still in 1831. While there are scores of malt whisky distilleries, only seven grain distilleries currently exist, most located in the Scottish Lowlands

Whisky Regions

Scotland was traditionally divided into five regions: The Highlands, Lowland, Islay, Campbeltown and Speyside. Speyside encompasses the Spey river valley in north-east Scotland, once considered part of the Highlands, has almost half of the total number of distilleries in Scotland within its geographic boundaries; consequently it is officially recognized as a region unto itself. The Islands including the Northern and Western Isles are an unrecognised category and is categorised by the SWA (Scottish whisky association) as part of the highland region

Islands—This area includes all the Western Isles (excluding Islay), Orkney and Shetland. Famous brands from these area's include Isle of Jura, Highland Park and Talisker

Lowland— This area is the area south of the Central Belt. Only three distilleries Auchentoshan, Bladnoch and Glenkinchie.

Highland— This area is the area north of the central belt but doesn't include Speyside in the north east which is an independent production area. Famous distilleries include: Glenmorangie, Oban and Dalwhinnie.

Islay— This area is all distilleries on the West coast island of Islay. Famous Distilleries include Bowmore, Bunnahabhain, Lagavulin and Laphroaig

Speyside— This area is the area in and around the Spey river valley. Famous distilleries include Aberlour, Glenfiddich, Glenlivet and The Macallan.

Campbeltown— This area around the town of Campbeltown in the south of the Mull of Kintyre on Scotland's West Coast. Once home to over 30 Distilleries it now has only three open they are: Glengyle, Glen Scotia and Springbank.

GBLT (UK) Ltd currently stocks two different types of whiskies with GBLT labels which it gives away as Corporate Gifts to our current clients and companies which we hope to do business with in the near future. These whiskies are 70cl bottles of 21 year old Glen Garioch malt whisky which is made in Aberdeenshire in the North-East of Scotland which makes it a Highland whisky and miniature bottles of 5 year old Isle of Skye single malt from the island of Skye in the Scottish Western Isles. This puts it in the Islands unofficial category.

