

Shipyard round-up

We take a look at the recent and ongoing work at shipyards from across the globe, and hear from leading figures on the state of the industry and what the future holds

1 Grand Bahama Shipyard – The Bahamas



November 2014 saw the completion of a US\$75 million drydock refit on the **Carnival Pride** cruise ship at the Grand Bahama Shipyard. The project saw the addition of Fun Ship 2.0 dining and entertainment features, as well as the start of a programme to install exhaust gas scrubbers.

2 Gibdock – Gibraltar, Spain

A six-day programme of wet docking works was recently completed on the **Thomson Dream** at Gibdock. This follows on from work carried out to its sister vessels – **Thomson Celebration** and **Thomson Destiny** – at the Gibraltar yard.



“Passenger ship repair and refurbishment work poses a large and complex logistical challenge. With the Thomson Dream, over 1,000 people were involved. With the works combining standard scheduled repairs in conjunction with hotel facility upgrades, the yard had to accommodate the owner’s sub-contractors and crew alongside its own team. Gibdock has the facilities to enable these projects, in terms of the dock space needed and the capabilities in project management that are essential to success. The ethos of the yard is centered on delivering a quality product, on time and in a safe manner. We work closely with our clients and understand their needs – getting the vessel back on time and doing a quality job in a safe manner.”

Richard Beards, managing director, Gibdock

3 Damen Shiprepair – Rotterdam, Netherlands/Dunkerque, France

Damen Shiprepair recently welcomed the cruise vessels **MSC Magnifica** and **Saga Sapphire** to its Rotterdam dock for refit projects. The company has also welcomed seven ferries to its Dunkerque yard for class survey, refitting and maintenance in the last six months. These include ferries from P&O, DFDS and My Ferry Link. Work has also been carried out on ferries at the company’s yards in Brest, France, and Flushing, US.



“Going forward, we will be working on cruise refit projects next April and also next winter, which means before and after North Sea cruise season. On the ferries side, we are also working on scrubber fitting for four ferries from Brittany Ferries and P&O Ferries. We expect that more companies will adapt their ships to the new sulphur rules emission.”

Khalil Benjelloul, head of marketing and sales, Damen Shiprepair Dunkerque



4 Shipyard De Hoop – Lobith, Netherlands

The **Amadeus Silver II River Cruise Vessel** was successfully launched in January 2015. This is Shipyard De Hoop’s 11th vessel build for Lueftner Reisen and is equipped with innovative onboard features and cost-effective operating systems. The vessel is scheduled for delivery in April 2015.



“Shipyard De Hoop aims to be a one-stop-shop for clients. One of the ways of achieving this is through De Hoop Shiprepair, a facility that focuses on ship repair, maintenance programs and vessel conversions. Due to our location, the majority of these services are carried out on inland vessels. The services provided by De Hoop Shiprepair range from quick response repair jobs all over Europe to larger renovations and conversions, as well as maintenance tasks. By offering preventative long-term maintenance programs at various service-cycle levels, it is possible to plan ahead and therefore keep the life-cycle cost of the ship low, while maintaining its good condition.”

Patrick Janssens, CEO, Shipyard De Hoop

5 Lloyd Werft – Bremerhaven, Germany



Phoenix Reisen’s **Artania** vessel completed a 71-day drydock programme that included the installation of four new Wartsila 12V32 engines. A new generator, fresh water pipes, and a number of new balconies were also put in place.

6 Blohm+Voss – Hamburg, Germany

Three Fred Olsen Cruise Lines ships – **Black Watch**, **Braemar** and **Balmoral** – all visited the Blohm+Voss shipyard for work ahead of the 2015/16 cruise season. **P&O Aurora** also underwent a major refurbishment at the shipyard in December 2014.

7 San Giorgio Del Porto – Genoa, Italy

The renamed **Costa neoClassica** had a 40-day major refit in December 2014. Work was carried out on the hull, engine and hotel sections of the vessel and saw the installation of a new reverse osmosis system and the replacing of a compressor fridge. Work has also been carried out on board Costa's **neoRomantica**, **Grand Holiday** and **Grand Celebration** vessels at the yard.



“Our big news is the reopening of Dry-Dock 10 in Marseille on 1 September 2015. The biggest dry-dock in the Mediterranean will be newly in operation with a new dock-gate and a revamping of adjacent equipment and facilities. Dry-Dock 10 will become one of only a few facilities of this type in the western Mediterranean. San Giorgio del Porto and Chantier Naval de Marseille, having signed a long-term concession with the Port of Marseille, will be the exclusive operator of this unique infrastructure.”

Manolo Cavaliere, commercial manager, San Giorgio Del Porto

8 Remontowa – Gdansk, Poland

January 2015 saw the beginning of a series of upgrades to the **Stena Germanica** at the Gdansk Ship Repair Yard Remontowa. These include the introduction of a modernised automation system and the vessel's main engines being converted to run on methanol and marine gas oil.

9 Besiktas Shipyard – Yalova, Turkey

Finnlines' **Euroferry Egnazia** vessel underwent an extensive renovation project at the Besiktas Shipyard. Completed in December 2014, the project included the creation of new accommodation blocks and the installation of new cabins.

10 Sembawang Shipyard – Singapore

A US\$80 million revitalisation of **Royal Caribbean International's Voyager of the Seas** was completed in December 2014, and saw the introduction of a series of features and amenities first found on the company's Oasis-class of ships.

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