

BC SHIPYARDS Update

By Fred McCague

The shipyards are now feeling the effects of the recession as work slowed down significantly in August and September.

ABD Aluminum Boats

ABD Aluminum is working on a 21.95-metre (72-ft) expedition trawler with a limited crew. The company has also done some work on a hatch and mast for the Washington Yachting Group.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd. has completed Phase 1 of a refit program, part of the federal stimulus package, on the Coast Guard's 40-year-old **Bartlett**. While the ship remained alongside, the yard was awaiting the results of an RFP on Phase 2.

The old 60.96-metre (200-ft) coaster **Klassen**, now owned by Gemini Marine, was alongside waiting her turn in the drydock. Earlier, Allied was busy with drydocking and four-year on the **Smit Capt. Bob**, a four-year on the tug **Tiger Wolf**, and some hull work and painting on **Tymac 21**. Port Metro Vancouver's patrol vessel **Takaya** drydocked and had an engine change-out, while the **Cindy Mosel** paid a visit to the Dollarton yard.

Point Hope Maritime Limited

Point Hope Maritime worked on the pilot boat **Pacific Scout** in September and has the charter yacht **After Eight** due in.

Vancouver Drydock Company

Vancouver Drydock Company had a quiet September, but is back on track with the barge **Seaspan 940** and has K-Sea and Northland Transportation barges scheduled for October and a tanker planned for November.

Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd.

Vancouver Shipyards had the **Seaspan Corsair** and **Seaspan Navigator** in for surveys and mechanical work. The 71.93-metre (236-ft) flat deck barges **Seaspan 190** and **191**, tank barge **Seaspan 827** and the big 121.92-metre (400-ft) **Seaspan 920** plus the **Norsk Pacific 70** were all in for surveys with some receiving additional steel repairs or tank work.

An interesting small job for the yard's Heavy Forming Division lead by Vernon Henrikson, was fabricating lifting clamps for the Port Mann Bridge project.

Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd.

Victoria Shipyards launched and prepared the third Sea Bus, **Burrard Pacific Breeze**, and delivered the vessel early October (see separate story), while wrapping up the major refit of the frigate **HMCS Ottawa**. Prepara-

tion work continued on the submarine **Chicoutimi** as construction of the new submarine maintenance facility foundations continued through September in preparation for erecting the walls in October.

In September, the yard was awarded a \$19.6 million contract to build five 47-foot lifeboats for delivery by March 2011. Two of the new lifeboats will be stationed in BC., while the other three will be based in Eastern Canada. [H&S](#)



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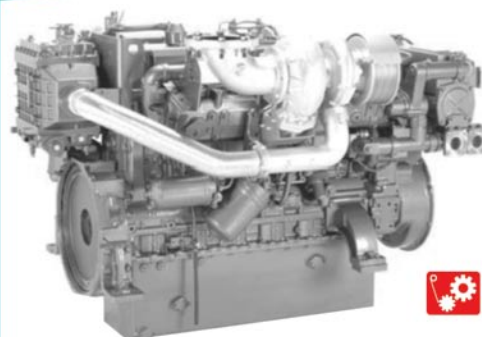
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