

PT Karimun Sembawang Shipyard Celebrates 1st Anniversary

It has been just over a year since the Grand Opening Ceremony of PT Karimun Sembawang Shipyard (KSS). In this short period of time, KSS has successfully repaired more than 60 vessels.

Following maiden repairs to the vessels **Athinais P** and **Mihalis P**, KSS has extended its line of expertise to other areas of shiprepair, conversion and fabrication works. To date, KSS has successfully carried out drydocking, pipework, steelwork, engine repair, blasting and painting to a wide variety of vessels. An expanding international clientele includes countries such as Japan, USA, Greece, Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom and Cyprus.



Searex VIII owned by Sedco Forex Offshore, France

De Sal 11 (owned by Transportadora De Sal, Mexico) was the first conversion project. KSS was required to convert the existing dump barge to a self-unloading barge. This involved modification to existing structures and fabricating an additional 350T of steelwork for the conversion. The barge was successfully completed and delivered to the owners on time.

KSS has also established its own "niche" market for steel fabrication, aiming to provide good quality workmanship at competitive pricing and on-time delivery to its customers. This policy has resulted in KSS securing the **Pipe Rack Fabrication** from

Sembawang Utilities which involved 1,600T of steel fabrication. Soon after the completion of the Pipe Rack Fabrication, KSS was awarded **Hatchcover Fabrication (Stage 1)** requiring 850T of steel. And before completion of Hatchcover Fabrication (Stage 1), KSS was awarded **Hatchcover Fabrication (Stage 2)** which required another 850T of steel fabrication. This is expected to be completed in June '98.

Western Kourion, managed by Hanseatic Shipmanagement, Cyprus, needed to be refitted to **IACS as Unified Requirements (URs)**. The refit required the transverse corrugated bulkhead of No1/2 hold to be

reinforced with shedder and gusset arrangement and double strips covering the lower and middle portion of the bulkhead. An additional 50T of steel was added to comply with IACS as Unified Requirements (URS). In addition to the refit, 5 of the cargo holds underwent full blasting to SA 2 covering an area of 24,000 square meters.

The rig **Searex VIII** owned by Sedco Forex Offshore, France, was sent to KSS for a complete refit before embarking on its new assignment at Irian Jaya. The refit involved hydrojetting of all ballast tanks to 10,000psi, followed by 2 coats of epoxy paint. In addition, the piping system was completely renewed and the accommodation upgraded.

The successful repair of more than 60 vessels serves to reaffirm KSS' commitment to provide good customer service, quality workmanship and on-time delivery at competitive pricing. KSS eagerly looks forward to all challenges ahead.



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August '97, in particular, was a very busy month for KSS with 7 vessels in the shipyard at one time. A look now at highlights of projects done successfully.



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Other ships repaired by KSS



Delfini From Uniship Marine, Greece



Pacific owned by Glory Shipmanagement, France