1994 Sales and Charters

This year Marcon can report the following sales / charters we have been involved with:

New York based Fairfield Industries purchased the R/V "DIGICON EXPLORER" from Digicon Geophysical. The 180' vessel was built by Modern Marine S/Y in 1980. Prime movers are 2 X Wichmann diesels producing total 2700 bhp. After some repair work and extensive modifications the vessel will be put in seismic service in the U. S. Gulf.

The 154'x56' SWATH style dive support vessel "TWIN DRILL" (ex-Jarmac 57) was sold on private and confidential terms. The 1967 Dutch built vessel served as a multi-purpose support vessel in the offshore market conducting core drilling, surveys, ROV/Dive support, sub-sea maintenance and inspection, etc., and had also served as a support vessel to the 8,300' depth, manned submersible "PICES VI". Vessel will be converted to Buyer's service.

OLYMPIC SHIPPING, U.A.E. purchased the straight supply vessel "SEAWIND" (199'x38' built 1969, 2 X CATD398) from GULF OFFSHORE MARINE, USA. Vessel will be registered under U.A.E. Flag and placed into service on contract in the Mid-East after delivery from Singapore.

STAR SHIPPING of Tortola, British Virgin Islands purchased the Panamanian flag 2250BHP 185' x 40' "SKY SEAL" from CENTRAL AMERICAN LINE S.A. of Panama. The vessel was originally the 1978 built seismic survey boat "BLACK SEAL" which was purchased from the U.S. Maritime Administration in 1990 and refurbished / converted to haul containers in the Caribbean by Burton Shipyard of Bridge City, Texas.

The KRS Corp. of Jackson, Mississippi has purchased the 3375HP river towboat "YAZOO" from the American Boat Co. of Alto, IL. The "YAZOO" is a triple screw, shallow water boat driven by 3-CAT D398TA engines. She was built in 1955 in Vicksburg and lengthened from her original 90' to 108' in 1965. New owners will transport the vessel via submersible heavy-lift ship from New Orleans to the River Plate in Argentina for service on S. American Rivers.

PACNAV DE MEXICO of Mexico City sold their 17,779dwt ocean hopper barge "PACNAV PRINCESS" (ex-Caribbean Sea) to private Canadian interests. The Panamanian flagged 475' x 78' barge was originally built by Bethlehem Steel in 1966 and was owned by Moran Towing for most of its life before being sold to Mexico. Barge was towed to Canada by the 7200HP Russian tug "YASNIY". Marcon previously sold another 8000 ton ocean hopper barge and 3000HP tug supply boat same Owners.

RTZ MINING CO. of Brazil purchased the 5600 BHP quadruple screw towboat "JOE / NUT" from the AMERICAN BOAT CO. of Alton, Illinois. The 162' x 45' shallow draft vessel was originally built by St. Louis Shipbuilding in 1956 as the MISSOURI and is powered by four EMD12-645E2 diesels. She will be shipped to South America by submersible barge or ship for service on the Parana and Plate Rivers pushing iron ore barges.

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TOWBOAT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT, Hawaii has purchased the two - 40' crew boats “SEA RUBY” and "DENISE C" (en-bloc) from VALDEZ MARINE TRANSPORTATION, Valdez, AK. The vessels have been shipped via barge from Alaska-Seattle-Hawaii, and will be used in conjunction with the Buyer's existing operations in Hawaii.

Mid-east Buyers have purchased the 132' 1984 built "ASTRO CURIMA" from ASTROMARITIMA NAVEGACAO of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Vessel will departed Rio on her own bottom.

HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES sold the three 185’ 2200HP supply vessels "DAPPER DAN" & "JOHN HENRY" "OMAHA" built 1973, in an "en bloc" deal to ARIES MARINE CORP. of Lafayette, LA. The vessels have been renamed "CHRIS V", "SHELBY C", "LAUREN E" respectively and were into immediate service in the U.S. Gulf Coast offshore oil market.

MARQUETTE TRANSPORTATION CO., INC. has sold its 3900BHP push boat "CRISTINA ECKSTEIN" to CAVALIER SHIPPING INC. for intended service in South America.

CENAC TOWING CO., INC. has sold four (4) inland tank barges (2-15,000BBL. and 2-27,000BBL. units) to CAVALIER SHIPPING INC. for intended service in South America.

CANADIAN MARINE DRILLING of Calgary, Alberta, Canada has sold their 130' x 44' 2250BHP multi-purpose tug supply/coring vessel "CANMAR SUPPLIER V" to ANYA HOLDINGS of Cape Town. After being laid-up/ mothballed since 1986, the vessel is being prepared by the Buyers for the voyage to South Africa.

WIRANA PTE. LTD. of Singapore purchased the 376' drillship "CANMAR EXPLORER" from CANADIAN MARINE DRILLING of Calgary. The 17,400BHP ice breaking tug supply boat "CANMAR KIGORIAK" towed the "EXPLORER" out of McKinley Bay in the Canadian Arctic and handed her over to the Russian tug "NEFTEGAZ 70" off Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Is., Alaska. "NEFTEGAZ 70" continued the tow to the Far East where the drillship will be scrapped.

TAMPA BAY PILOTS have sold the all aluminum, 53' pilot launch “TAMPA” to the Pilot/Port Authority of Nassau, Bahamas for pilotage service in that region.

COASTAL TOWING, INC. of Houston, TX sold the two inland oil tank barges "COASTAL 3381" and "COASTAL 3581" (30,000 bbl.) to Latin America clients for operations in Argentina. The units (dirty service) will be placed into clean service in the inland river systems, and were transported via heavy-lift submersible ship out of New Orleans.

Newport Petroleum of California bareboat chartered from TIDEWATER MARINE of New Orleans the 121' x 34', twin screw tug "MR. FRED" for one year with options. "MR. FRED" was built by Halter Marine in 1975. Main engines are Alco model 12-251C producing a total of 4100 BHP. NEWPORT will employ the tug to tow their several barges including the 65,000 bbl. tank barge "N-67", which Marcon sold to them in 1993.

E. N. BISSO & SON, INC. of New Orleans has sold the 1700HP 97' twin screw tug "SUSAN W" (ex- El Mulo Grande) to Dominican buyers.

The SAN FRANCISCO BAR PILOTS ASSOC. has sold its 50', 1980 built steel pilot boat, the "P/V OAKLAND" to CAL-BAY INDUSTRIAL, INC. of Benicia, CA. The vessel will be used to transport supplies and line handling personnel to local oil refineries in the SF Bay Area.
GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORP., of Bellingham, WA has sold their 1976 Built, 272'x70'x18', 7142 dwt ABS Ocean Classed chemical barge "ELAINE D" to MANKE LUMBER of Tacoma, WA. The barge will be converted for use in the ocean deck barge trade for the company's operations in Pacific Northwest.

Moby Marine Corp. of Miami has chartered a 4000dwt US flag ocean hopper barge for 6 months.

McDONOUGH MARINE SERVICE of Louisiana sold the two 272'x50' inland deck barges "M-571" and "M-572" to South American buyers to haul logs.

CANADIAN MARINE DRILLING of Calgary, has sold the 184' 5200BHP ice classed tug supply boat "CANMAR SUPPLIER VI" to INTERSHIP LIMITED of Kingstown, St. Vincent & the Grenadines. The vessel, renamed "SUPPLIER VI", towed the 315' x 105' ocean barge "ARCTIC BREAKER" about 7,000 miles from Vancouver to Manila, Philippines before proceeding on to the Arabian Gulf to work.

The 168', 3000BHP tug supply vessel "CHAMPION" was chartered for a period of one month on private and confidential terms for operations in the Pacific Northwest.

C & P Towing of Virginia Beach, Va. sold the tug "GEMINI" to Louisiana based buyers. The 75' boat was built in 1981 and is powered by 2-GM12V149 engines. This is the second C & P tug sale that Marcon has brokered in the past 12 months.

Alaska Marine Lines of Seattle purchased the "BIMA" barge at auction. The 360 x 98 x 21' hull was built in 1979 as the world's largest dredge. Dredging equipment had been removed leaving a large floating platform.

Big Creek Enterprises of Belize has chartered the US flagged 4000dwt hopper barge "DBL-40", which will import pine stumps from Belize to Georgia.