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1997 Sales and Charters

Marcon is pleased to note that we were involved in the following sales/charters in 1997.

SAUSE BROS. OCEAN TOWING, INC, Coos Bay, Oregon has sold its 241' ocean deck barge 'NECANICUM' (242'x60'x16', built 1977 by Zidell, US Flag) to T&C BARGE Sitka, AK. The barge was modified at the Seller's facility (installation of wood wear deck, chip bin & ramp) and delivered to the Buyer as an ABS Ocean Chip barge for service in SE Alaska / Pacific Northwest region. Marcon acted as sole broker in this transaction. Seller has one close sister barge remaining for sale on the S&P Market.

CENTRAL AMERICAN LINE S.A. of Panama has sold the research vessel "BLUE SKY 1" (Built 1976, Gdynia Shipyard, Poland, 295' x 50' x 22' with 4800 BHP/1 x Sulzer) to UK interests.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICE of Seattle has sold the BARGE 19 (Built 1955, 49,635 BBL ex-Ocean Tank barge, 290' x 50' x 20') to CENTRAL AMERICAN LINE, S.A. of Panama. The barge will be re-named the NEW YORK 5 and trade in the carriage of oil products in Panamanian waters. The BARGE 19 had recently worked the Los Angeles bunker trade. Marcon was the only broker involved in this transaction.

VENECIA SHIP SERVICE, C.A. Panama has purchased the single screw tug 'PORT ANTONIO' (built 1980 Hoivolds Norway, 97.4' x 26.2' with 2875bhp / EMD16-645E7) from the PORT AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA for coastal/harbour service in So. America. The vessel is a sister to the 'MONTEGO BAY' which same Buyers also acquired earlier in '97. The two vessels were replaced with newbuilding units by the Port Authority.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICE of Seattle has sold their 200'x50' and 170'x50' inland deck barges "C-44" and "ATB-95" plus the 700HP 58' triple screw, shallow draft tug "KERN" to Westview Dredging of British Columbia, Canada. All three units were brought out of the arctic where they had worked for many years at Prudhoe Bay.

GIMROCK CONST. CO., Hialeah, FL has leased w/purchase options the 2250BHP twin screw US flag tug 'PACIFIC TITAN'. The 97' X 27' X 15' vessel was built in 1977 at Pacific Towboat, Co.. She was designed extra stout for service in Alaska and was fitted w/ large skegs on either side of the keel enabling the tug to remain upright on ground when the tide receded. Richmond, California based Seller's had moved the boat from Long Beach, CA to Larose, LA for the purpose of selling this boat plus another similar tug. Marcon was the only broker involved in this transaction.

NAVEGACION y TECNOLOGIA MARITIME, Argentina has purchased the 176' tug supply boat 'AVA GUAYAKI' (Ex-Lubeckertor, Built 1968 J.G. Hitzler, 2xMWM with 2740bhp) from PARANAVE, S.A., Paraguay. The vessel had been trading in fresh water for the past 7 years, and will now be placed into the new Owner's service offshore Argentina.

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McKEIL MARINE of Hamilton, Ontario has sold their 300' x 90' 10,000dwt ocean deck barge "MARITIME TRADER" (ex-RSB-2) which was built in 1976 to private interests to convert to a platform for a power generation plant. In February 1997, Marcon arranged the purchase of this barge for McKeil for a specific contract from Chr. Hoyer of Denmark. After the initial purchase, she was chartered on the spot market for a while in Europe before being towed across the Atlantic to Eastern Canada where she was sold to present Owners.

LOWLINE, LTD., UK has sold its ROV/Submersible support vessel 'LOWLAND SEARCHER' (ex-Auricula) to Buyers T.L. GEOHYDROGRAPHICS SDN BHD, Malaysia for service in the Far East/SE Asia region. The LR Classed vessel was built in 1980 by Ferguson, UK and was once a UK Ministry of Defense Vessel. Her basic details are as follows: 195.6' x 38.7' x 19.7' depth, 2 x Mirrlees (1300bhp), 5' moonpool, quarters for 27, 10mt A-frame, etc. The vessel just came off charter in the North Sea and is enroute to the Far East with Seller's supplied crew on board.

COULSON MARINE, Port Alberni, BC has sold the support/work vessel 'COULSON MARINE NO.1' to SUPPORTWORX B.V., The Netherlands. The vessel was originally built as the 'FRANK BRODERICK' in 1965 at Yarrows Shipyard, Vancouver, BBC. She was then modified/rebuilt to her present configuration in 1980 for upwards of CAN \$20 million as part of the extensive Arctic Oil rush acting as an ice class geophysical survey / support / coring vessel. Once the lights in the Arctic were turned off she remained fairly idle for several years until sold into helicopter logging service (via Marcon) in 1995. She will now serve in the North Sea for her new Owners in Oilfield related survey / support work. The vessel measures 295' x 42' and is powered by 2xEMD16-278A's with a total 2880BHP. The vessel is fitted with 5-point mooring, a tweendeck storage area (120'x39') with bow doors/ramp, a 12' x 12' moonpool and helipad. Extensive quarters for 19 crew and 27 supers with very nice accommodations. Marcon acted as the sole broker in this transaction.

MNM BOATS, INC., Golden Meadow, LA has purchased the 192' supply boat 'POLAR VENTURE' from NORTHLAND SERVICES, Seattle, WA. The vessel was built in 1976 by BLOUNT MARINE, Rhode Island as the 'STATE EBONY' (192' x 40' with CATD399's, 141'x31.5 clear deck). She was purchased by the Seller in the early 1990's and converted at BURTON S/Y for service in the container feeder trade in Alaska. The vessel worked in this service until the middle of August, and was just delivered to the Buyers in Seattle for mobilization to the US Gulf, where she will be placed into Oilfield service. Marcon International, Inc. was appointed exclusive broker on this business and, as a true sign of the market conditions, will note that she was on the market for no more than 3 days before being placed into contract.

VENECIA SHIP SERVICE, C.A. Panama has purchased the single screw tug 'MONTEGO BAY' (built 1979 Hoivolds Norway, 97.4' x 26.2' with 2875bhp / EMD16-645E7) from the PORT AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA for service within its extensive fleet in So. America. The vessel had just returned from drydocking in USA, and her delivery was effected to the Buyers shortly thereafter. Marcon International, Inc. can still offer for sale the sister vessel to the above (except built 1980) with delivery October 1997 (after newbuild arrives). Full details available on request.

KOCH INDUSTRIES, Inc., Wichita, Kansas (dba REISS MARINE) have sold the tanker 'REISS MARINE' to BUNKERS de MEXICO, S. A. The 150' x 40' - 8,000 BBL tanker was built by Blount Marine, R. I., in 1978 and designed as a bunker tanker to top off Great Lakes ore carriers in Duluth Harbor. She is a twin screw vessel driven by 2 GM12V-149 diesel engines. New owners plan to sail the vessel to Veracruz, MX via the NY State Barge Canal. The vessel will be employed there in bunker service.

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TAMPA BAY MARINE, Tampa, FL has sold its 25,000bbl. coastal tank barge 'MYAKKA RIVER' to MARINE SUPPLY, C.A., Caracas, Venezuela. The barge (built 1967 by Gretna Machine, 236' x 50' x 14.6' depth, GRT/NRT - 1372) was deleted from the US Registry and will be exported to Venezuela where she will be employed in bunkering service. She is currently being cleaned and modified with fendering, in-line blending system, etc. to perform her bunkering duties. Marcon acted as sole broker in this business.

DENTON INTERNATIONAL, Liberia has purchased the twin screw tug 'RIVER EARN' from CTW TERMINAL TRANSPORT PTE.; LTD., Singapore. The tug (116' x 32.8' built 1976 Singapore with 2 x EMD12-645E2 for a total of 3,000bhp) will be employed on the North Coast of South America in the Owner's existing operations / fleet. The vessel was delivered in Saudi Arabia to the new Owners after recently undergoing various drydocking/tailshaft work for ABS Class, and she is now being delivered to Venezuela by the ex-Owner's crew under contract.

CARIBBEAN EXPLORATION SHIPPING LTD. of Tortola, British Virgin Islands has purchased the ex-oil field supply boat "VERONICA M" (ex-Cheramie Bo-Truc 16) from a group of Alaskan fisherman. The 166' x 36' boat was built in 1968 by American Marine Corp. of New Orleans and powered by a pair of CAT D398A's for a total of 1530BHP. Buyer's intent is to use the vessel in their inter-island trade in the Caribbean after drydocking, making some repairs and delivering south.

J&L, CIA of Esmeraldas, Ecuador has purchased the 1990 Neuville built crewboat 'NAVAHO'. The 47' x 15' aluminum vessel will be modified for service as a pilot boat in Ecuadoran ports. This is the 2nd vessel of this type that Marcon has brokered to J&L. Seller's were the International Wildlife Coalition, of E. Falmouth, Mass., who used the boat for whale watching.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICE, Seattle has sold the "BARGE 18" to Salmon Bay Barge Line, of Seattle. The 59,000BBL ocean classed black oil barge will be cleaned and modified for service as an inland sand dredge. In addition Salmon Bay purchased from Crowley the 260' 24,000BBL inland black oil barge "BARGE 50" which will also be cleaned and converted to inland deck service.

GATEWAY MARINE of Tampa, Florida has sold their 52' x 18' 730BHP twin screw Caterpillar powered tug "INDUSTRIAL STATE" which was built in 1968 in Bayou La Batre, AL to private Central American interests.

BAY TOWING CORP. Norfolk, VA has purchased the 2200bhp single screw tug "SEA WOLF" (121.4' / 115.2' x 32.0' x 16.5' depth / 15.5' loaded draft built 1965 by Pacific Engineering, Alameda, CA. 1 x EMD 16-567DE 2200BHP. Falk 4.536:1 gear) from CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, Seattle, WA. The vessel will work in the Norfolk, VA region in the new Owner's fleet alongside her close sister 'DARING', which the company purchased earlier this year.

WESTVIEW DREDGING LTD. of Richmond, BC, Canada has purchased the 137' x 34' inland deck barge "H-29" & sister barge, built in 1944 from CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES of Seattle, WA.

SAUSE BROS. OCEAN TOWING, INC, Coos Bay, Oregon has sold the single screw tug "TILLAMOOK" (EX PACIFIC RANGER) to INTERNATIONAL SHIPBREAKERS, INC, of Brownsville, TX, who will use the tug to tow scrap vessels to their breaking facility. The 123' tug was built in Tampa in 1948. In 1971 the boat was substantially rebuilt and repowered with a 16-645 EMD providing 2875 bhp @ 900 rpms. The boat has seen many years of service on the West Coast, originally working under FOSS MARITIME colors and later for SAUSE BROS. towing deck & oil barges up & down the coast, to Alaska, Hawaii and various other Pacific ports. SAUSE BROS. has sold the boat in accordance with company policy of eliminating single screw boats from their fleet.

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HVIDE MARINE, INC., Ft. Lauderdale, FL has purchased the m/v 'AMERICAN EMPIRE' (ex-'JEAN LAFITTE') from VENTURE PACIFIC MARINE of Seattle. This is the fourth vessel of it's class to be sold to HVIDE by VENTURE PACIFIC within the past 9 months - all of which were brokered through Marcon. The 194' x 40' x 17' vessel was built by Halter in 1974, and converted from oilfield service to a crab fisher/processor in 1989. Like her sisters she will be re-converted back to supply boat configuration and operated by HVIDE subsidiary, SEABULK OFFSHORE. Propulsion power is from CAT 3606 engines. Owner's are unsure at this time whether or not to lengthen the boat to LOA of 225' as is currently being done with her sister's.

RED AND WHITE FLEET of San Francisco has sold their 200' x 54' 19,000BBL inland tank barge "PS-203" built in 1966 and their 1530BHP 110' twin screw "AVENGER" which was built in 1958 by San Diego Marine to NEIGHBORHOOD SHIPPING of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Buyers will sail both units from California to the Caribbean where they will be reflagged, converted and put into service hauling gravel and other bulk material deck cargoes. This is the third tank barge of this class that Marcon has sold into deck service.

RED AND WHITE FLEET, San Francisco has sold the tank barge 'PS-205' to American Pacific Marine, Oxnard, CA - a wholly owned subsidiary of American Oilfield Divers. The 200' x 54' x 16' former deck barge, will be re-converted back to Ocean deck barge service. New owners plan to install a mooring system and beef up the deck to support a crane.

DOLPHIN WORKBOATS, LTD. of Morgan City, LA has sold the utility boat 'HOPE D' to International Construction Services, inc., of New Orleans. The 110' x 26' boat was built by Master Boat Builders, inc during 1981. New owner's reportedly will place the boat on charter to one of the major oil companies for platform supply service in the US Gulf.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES of Seattle, WA sold their 19,000BBL 200' x 50' inland tank barge "PS-206" which was built in 1966 to RASMUSSEN EQUIPMENT CO. of Seattle, WA. Buyers intend to convert the barge to an inland deck / crane barge to be used in the marine construction industry. Marcon acted as sole broker in the sale.

Dunlop Const. Co. Seattle, WA. has purchased the inland crane barge "H-1" from Hurlen Const. Co., Seattle, WA. New owner's will primarily employ the 60' x 20' wooden barge in pile driving and dock construction work in Lake Washington.

AQUA CLEAN SHIPS / GENERAL WASTE of Vancouver, B.C. has purchased a 48' x 16' inland deck barge from Florida Owners for use as a garbage scow servicing cruise ships in Florida. Marcon acted as sole broker.

The tug "SHAVER" (105'x30'x13.75', built 1976 by Halter, US Flag, 2 x CAT 399TA with 2250BHP) was sold by SHAVER TRANSPORTATION CO., Portland, OR to HAWAIIAN INTERISLAND TOWING, INC., Honolulu, HI. The new Owner will employ the tug in its current fleet of vessels in the Hawaiian Island chain and abroad in various dedicated towing business (i.e. ocean tank barges, ocean deck barges, etc.). Marcon acted as sole broker in this transaction.

DAWN SERVICES, INC. of Harvey, LA has purchased the tugboat "FRANCES J" from a Marianas based company. The 1700 bhp boat, driven by CAT 399's was built by Maine Iron Works, Houma, LA in 1996. Hull dimensions are noted as 94' x 27' x 9.10'. New owners plan to extensively rebuild the hull and to re-engine with 2xGM16-149N. The vessel's new name will be "GULF DAWN", and she will be employed towing barges in support of the US Gulf offshore oil industry.

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SHAVER TRANSPORTATION CO., Portland, OR has purchased the 21,000 BBL. single skin barge "AUGUSTA L" (264' x 50' x 10.6' depth with 9.75' loaded draft. Built 1977 by Nabrico) from LORD'S SHIPPING, INC., Long Beach, CA. The barge (after being cleaned and made gas free) will be moved from Southern California to the new Owner's facility on the Columbia River where it will serve as a dock barge moored via spuds. Marcon acted as sole broker in this transaction.

OCEAN BULK LIMITED of Auckland, New Zealand purchased the 15,999dwt self-discharge ABS ocean hopper barge "HAWAII" from CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES / RED AND WHITE FLEET of Seattle, Washington. The 430' x 80' barge was originally built by Kelso Marine in Galveston, Texas for Hilo Transportation of Hawaii. She was designed by Schuller and Allan, Inc. of Houston, Texas to carry fertilizer in bulk and other dry bulk cargoes in the cargo house on the main deck of the barge and liquid fertilizer in cargo tanks below. Discharge of dry products is handled by a 36" conveyor system on the centerline. After making one last trip hauling urea from Alaska to California, OCEAN TOWING AND SALVAGE took possession of the barge in Astoria, Oregon on 25th March 1997. The barge, renamed "OCEAN BULK 1" is scheduled to promptly depart Astoria in tow of the 2,500HP 140' New Zealand flagged tug "RAUMANGA" for a 7,800 mile voyage to Auckland with a stop in Honolulu to refuel. The tug is one of two single screw Lloyds Classed sister-tugs owned by OCEAN TOWING & SALVAGE which were built in 1963 and powered by twin Mirrlees turbo-charged diesels. Once the barge arrives in New Zealand. modifications will be made to her loading and discharge system. She will then go into service for Coal New Zealand hauling coal from Westport, New Zealand to Port Kembla, Australia. Marcon acted as sole and exclusive broker in the sale and worked closely with the Buyers on this project for over six months to select the "right" barge.

MANKE TUGBOAT CO., Shelton, WA has sold its 1600bhp 112' x 25' single screw tug "PACHENA" (ex-Andrew Foss) which was built in 1941 by Jakobson Shipyard, Inc. of Oyster Bay, New York to INSIDE PASSAGE MARINE, Juneau, AK for service in Southeast Alaska. The tug was powered by a single EMD 16-645C. Marcon acted as sole broker in this transaction.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, Seattle, WA has sold the 885bbl. self-propelled inland tank barge "CINNABAR" (94' x 22' x 4', Blt. '54 with 1 x GM8V-71), the Inland towboat "TANANA CHIEF" (64' x 29', Blt. '66, 4 x GM6-71 with 660hp), and the landing craft "AGLOO" (73' x 21', Blt. '54, with 2xGM12V-71/680 hp) to Canadian Buyers on private and confidential terms. Marcon acted as sole broker in this transaction.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, Seattle, WA has sold the inland bunker barge "BARGE 2" to BUNKERS SANTO DOMINGO, of the Dominican Republic. Buyers took delivery of the barge in San Juan, P. R., and plan to tow her to D. R. for use in bunker service. The 11,117 bbl. capacity barge is 50 years old. Her dimensions are 218'x 35'x11'.

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CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES of Seattle, WA has sold their 165' x 36' x 15' tug supply vessel "*RIG ENGINEER*" to ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL LTD. of Galliano, Louisiana. She is powered by twin EMD 12-645E5 turbo-charged totaling 4300BHP. New owners took delivery in Seattle and will sail the vessel back to the U.S. Gulf returning her to offshore oilfield service departing the third week in February. The boat, renamed "*LOUIS EYMARD*" was built 1967 by Mangone Shipbuilding for Crowley to provide service to rigs in offshore drilling fields. In the last couple of years the vessel has primarily been involved in project tows and cargoes to in the Western Pacific and to the East Coast. Marcon acted as sole and exclusive broker in the sale. This is the sixth U.S. flag supply boat which Marcon International sold within the last six months back into the U.S. Gulf "oil patch".

MCKEIL MARINE LIMITED, Hamilton, Ontario has purchased the 300' x 90' x 20' ocean deck barge "*RSB-2*" (built 1976, BV Class and 10,000dwt) from Danish Principals. The barge will be mobilized to the Canadian East Coast and employed within the Buyer's fleet. Marcon International, Inc. acted as sole broker in this transaction.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, Seattle, Wa has sold its twin screw tug "*FAJARDO*" (95.5/89.4 x 29' x 11' built 1966 Equitable, 2xCAT398A 1530BHP twin screw to ADMIRAL TOWING and BARGE, Cleveland, OH.

CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, Seattle, Wa has sold its two single screw sister tugs "*TITAN*" and "*TROJAN*" (Dims:65'x17.1' with 660bhp each powered by 4 x GM6-71's to single shaft) to WEST MARINE TUG & BARGE, LTD., British Columbia. The tugs will be changed to Canadian Registry and employed in various services (log towing, etc.) in Western Canada.

The JORE GROUP of Seattle, WA has purchased the U.S. flag artubar style integrated tug - Ro/Ro barge unit '*STRONG/AMERICAN*' from Kadampanattu Corp. of New York, New York. The integrated tug and barge was originally built for Coordinated Caribbean Transport, Inc. with the 150' 6,840BHP tug being built in 1978 by Marinette Marine Corp. and the 568' x 85' barge by Seatrain Shipbuilding Corp. in 1982. Both have been laid up in Norfolk, VA since last in service when chartered to the Military Sealift Command during the Gulf War. New owners will repair the tug, which suffered a partial flooding during lay-up, and convert the barge to meet their specific requirements. No shipyard has been chosen yet to effect repairs. JORE has not reported their plans regarding future utilization of the "*STRONG/AMERICAN*". Buyers were represented by Marcon International, Inc. of Coupeville, Washington and Sellers by Jacques Pierot, Jr. Inc. of New York.

L&M BOTRUC BOAT RENTALS, of Golden Meadow have purchased from the JORE GROUP their two sea going tug supply boats, the 3900BHP 'C TRUC #4' (ex-*ALASKAN VICTORY*, ex-*ACADIAN VICTORY*), and near sister 3080BHP 'C TRUC #5' (ex-*HAWAIIAN VICTORY*, ex-*ACADIAN PATRIOT*). Principal dimensions of the 1974/75 built, ex oilfield boats are 176' x 38' x 13.5'. Both boats were originally sold out of the offshore petroleum industry in the mid-80's by then Acadian Marine and have been trading between Seattle, Hawaii and Alaska towing container barges. The '*ALASKAN VICTORY*' was repowered with two EMD16-645E2 diesels in 1988, replacing the original Polar Nohabs. The new owners plan to re-enter the boats into the U.S. Gulf oilfield. Present plans call for stretching, and repowering the '*HAWAIIAN VICTORY*', and using the '*ALASKAN VICTORY*' 'as is', but adding bulk and liquid mud capacity. JORE is replacing the '*HAWAIIAN VICTORY*' and the '*ALASKAN VICTORY*' with conventional model bow tugs of greater horsepower. Marcon International, Inc. acted as sole broker in this sale and also arranged for a tow-of-opportunity of a 260'x48' barge from Tacoma, Washington to the Panama Canal to assist in paying for the cost of mobilization around to the U.S. Gulf.

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Crowley Marine Services has sold the 1600HP single screw tugboat '*GEORGE S.*' to Salmon Bay Barge Lines of Seattle. The tug was built at Calumet Shipyard & Drydock to US Army YTL specification in 1943, and was repowered by CMS with an EMD16-567BC engine in 1972.

Marex S.A. of Guatemala City, Guatemala has bought the 1945 built 98' single screw 2150BHP tug '*SEA HAWK*' from Crowley Marine Services. Vessel was originally built as a U.S. Navy YTM, but was repowered in the '70's and the pilothouse and accommodations modernized. Delivery was taken in San Francisco where the vessel will be prepared for the voyage to Central America within the next few weeks.

Last year Marcon was involved with a total of 45 sales and / or charters. Other sales are pending and expected to conclude within the next 30-60 days.