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## UK Flag statistics for last quarter

In the most recent quarter of the year (August - October), twenty merchant vessels joined the fleet: a total of 538,169 GT has been added to the Register since 31 December 2015.

This means that during this quarter the UK fleet of vessels of greater than 100 GT has grown by 267,005 GT overall and now stands at 15,335,306 GT and 1,337 vessels which represents the highest tonnage total since April 2014.

Amongst the companies that have flagged in this year are Atlantic Container Line, North Star Shipping, Zodiac Maritime, Gardline Shipping, Sentinel

Marine, Holyhead Towing, Northern Marine Management, GulfMark UK Ltd, Fletcher Shipping and other quality owners.

During the last quarter, the 20 vessels joining the Register includes three Bulk Carriers, two Oil/Chemical Tankers, one Cargo Ship, two Ro-Ro Passenger Vessels, five Offshore Supply Vessels, one Barge, one Workboat, three Tugs and two Commercial Vessels.

The average age of 85% of our fleet 500GT and internationally trading above, is 9.75 years.



## Non-executive chair appointed to the MCA

A non-executive chair has been appointed to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for the first time, in a move that will help keep the UK at the forefront of global shipping.

Michael Parker, who has over 40 years of commercial experience, will provide the MCA with vast experience, additional leadership and guidance as we continue to transform the agency.

Michael's 40 years of commercial experience includes being the chairman of CMA CGM Holdings (UK) Ltd.

He is a past President of the UK Chamber of Shipping and past board member of the International Chamber of Shipping. He is a Shipwright and Freeman of the City of London, Chairman of the Ellerman Benevolent Fund and trustee of the Institute of Marine Engineers.

This appointment by the Secretary of State for Transport fulfils one of the key recommendations of the Maritime Growth Study.

This announcement marked the start of the countdown to London International Shipping Week (LISW) 2017.



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## Christening for Atlantic Sea

The Atlantic Sea, the third Atlantic Container Lines (ACL) vessel joining the UK flag, was christened by Princess Anne at Liverpool's cruise terminal on 20th October.

This is the first Royal christening of a ship on the Mersey since Princess Alexandra launched the HMS Devonshire in 1960, over half a century ago.

The new G4 ACL vessel is one of a series of five innovative RORO/Containership (CONRO) and the largest of this type ever built. It incorporates an innovative design that increases capacity without significantly changing the dimensions of the vessel.

The container capacity is more than doubled at 3800 TEUs, plus 28,900 square metres of RORO space and a car capacity of 1300+ vehicles. They are greener and more efficient than their predecessors.

ACL UK Managing Director, Ian Higby said: 'The fourth generation (G4) CONROs are the world's largest and most advanced vessels of their kind in the world, each with a gross tonnage in excess of 100,000 tons.'



'Moreover, at least four of the vessels will proudly fly the Red Ensign, sailing under the UK Ship Registry. We would like to thank the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and its staff in Liverpool for understanding our requirements and supporting us.'

'It is also fantastic to see Liverpool on the stern of the ship as its home port. Few ships have carried the city's famous name in recent years and it is good to see it back where it belongs.'

## UKSR to be platinum sponsor for LISW 2017

The UK Ship Register is proud to announce its Platinum Sponsorship of London International Shipping Week (LISW) 2017.

The countdown to this event started with the LISW Launch Reception held at Norton Rose Fulbright building in London on 19 October 2016.

Many representatives from the Industry and the UK Government attended this event to learn about

the plans and opportunities for LISW 2017.

The UK Ship Register is looking to hold another special Flag event during the week.

LISW17 will be offering over 160 industry functions and unique networking opportunities for leaders across all sectors of the international shipping industry.



## MCA exhibits at the 2016 Monaco Yacht show

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) attended the 26th edition of the Monaco Yacht Show in the autumn with staff from Ensign, the Large Yacht Survey Unit, the UK Ship Register and Seafarer Training and Certification branch.

It proved to be a fruitful four days: staff were on hand every day to offer advice and answer questions regarding surveys, new build projects, UK registration and crew certificates and examinations from a diverse range of customers including yacht brokers, designers and yacht crew.

The MCA's attendance consolidated the Agency's status and reputation and commitment to the large yacht industry.

This was reinforced by a speech made at the show by Sir Alan Massey, Chief Executive of the MCA.

Ensign received a new order for a 77 metre yacht from Dutch yard Royal van Lent and the surveyors were kept busy dealing with queries regarding LY3, existing and new-build projects.

Many visitors to the stand complimented Ensign and the MCA on the quality service it provided and the position it holds within the industry.





## Extended survey delegation announced

During the Inaugural UK Shipping Summit that took place in London on 20th September, the UK Ship Register announced further delegation of survey to classification societies.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has received ministerial approval to

start the introductory phase of further delegation to low and standard risk vessels.

This new way of modernised working enables the MCA to focus its surveyor resource to higher risk vessels in order to improve safety.



## Preventing fatalities at sea: your responsibility

At the beginning of September 2016, the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) released its report on the engine room fire on board the dredger Arco Avon which occurred approximately 12 miles off Great Yarmouth and resulted in severe burns and the subsequent fatality of the third engineer.

Low pressure fuel systems are commonplace on UK vessels, and one of the contributing factors to this incident was the lack of periodic inspections for the components within such a system.

This is of concern to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) because in June 2009 the International Maritime Organization (IMO) published 'Guidelines for measures to prevent fires in engine-rooms and cargo pump-rooms' (MSC.1/Circ.1321), which if followed, may have helped to prevent this fatality.

These guidelines explicitly highlight to ship owners, ship designers, ship masters, inspectors and surveyors, the importance of the design, construction, testing, installation, inspection and maintenance of systems containing flammable oils in order to reduce the risk of fire.

The MCA would like to remind UK owners and operators that it remains their responsibility, through their International Safety Management (ISM) obligations, to review and appropriately consider the contents of best practice guidance that may be published by the IMO, MCA or other relevant industry bodies.

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## Merchant Shipping Notices

Click [here](#) to go to the Gov.UK website which contains current Merchant Shipping Notices from where you can access those that are relevant to you and your organisation.

## Officer trainee award

The Officer Trainee of the Year was awarded to Robert Bellis by the Shipping Minister on Wednesday 12th October at the MSSC Annual Court.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) received the highest ever number of nominations this year since the award began in 2007 and its success continues to grow.

The judging panel took the unprecedented decision to award a special commendation to Jordan Small who was considered to be a worthy and very close runner-up.

Jordan Small was given his award by Alan Massey, the Chief Executive of the MCA, on 3rd November at the City of Glasgow College.



## Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

from all of us at the UK Ship Register

The next newsletter will be issued in February 2017  
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