



Ward & McKenzie

Marine Surveyors, Technical and Legal Consultants

NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2017

During the course of this year we have attended various Conferences and Seminars and also the Cannes, Southampton and Monaco Yacht Shows. As ever it was interesting to see a number of "our" yachts at MYS including "Bliss" and "St David".

Technical

This year has continued to throw up some challenging matters. Chris has been busy continuing to provide Expert evidence in several disputes, including ones involving a Moonen 30m and a Derecktor 30m. We have undertaken surveys on some interesting vessels including a Heesen 50m, Mangusta 50m, Italy Yachts 43m, a Benetti 35m, a substantial yacht charter fleet in Croatia and three Leopard 24s. Both Chris and our Small Craft Surveyors (less than 30m) have been extremely busy.



We have also been retained to provide New Build project management services for a San Lorenzo 52m and two Lagoon 77s. We are also involved in the preliminary stages of three possible New Build projects – 45, 50 and 60 metres, and a refit of a Feadship 75m.



Consultancy

A busy year so far dealing with several big new build contracts and advising on the purchase of a number of second hand yachts, including a Benetti 36m, 40m and two 50/60 metre yachts.

Malta continues to attract vessels for Commercial registration where there are valuable financial advantages. Under their Yacht Leasing Scheme the VAT savings are considerable and anyone contemplating a new build or second purchase should consider this option. In association with our Legal Team in Malta and our Transport Malta accredited Surveyors we have registered several yachts in Malta utilising both of these options this year.



Social Security issues in France are now emerging. Please contact Ian if you have any queries on this topic. The rules for establishing Temporary Admission have changed. It is no longer "paperless"! French Customs continue to be vigilant!



Palma Office

At the beginning of the year Nick Tringham joined the team in our Palma office. Tragically Nick recently passed away after a short illness. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his wife, Johanne, at this sad time.

Daren Bartlett who runs our survey office in Palma has had a busy season. He is always available to undertake pre-purchase inspections, Tonnage Measurement Surveys, Coding, valuations and the like.

French Office

For a number of seasons we have been without a resident representative surveyor based in the South of France. However, we are delighted to announce that Phil Duffy, a highly experienced yacht surveyor based in Grasse, has agreed to represent us in the South of France/Italian Riviera. We have worked with Phil and his team for several years and very much look forward to developing our relationship further for the benefit of our mutual clients.

MCA

The MCA have just issued new regulations relating to the registration of yachts in the UK. The whole matter is going to be "simplified". Liz Girling in our office spent many hours with the MCA providing consultancy advice on how to improve the system. Advice which has been adopted. A substantial feather in her cap.

In the meantime we continue to provide a comprehensive service to our clients, be they Buyers, Owners, Insurers or Bankers, including Yacht Conveyancing/Registration/VAT and ancillary matters and, of course, Technical Inspections/Surveys/Valuations and New Build and Refit Project Management.