# Sailing



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#### **Stanford Marine Review**

It is my great privilege to open the third issue of *Sailing With Stanford* as we draw to the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012 and I am very pleased to announce that we have continued the superb performance witnessed in 2011 thus far this year.

A continued focus on client satisfaction from our vessels and crews is evident in the high level of operational efficiency and HSE awareness demonstrated across the fleet, ensuring the expectations of our new and existing clients are met, and often exceeded. This is very much the result of the fantastic team spirit and hard work on daily display in our offices- and which of course extends onto our vessels.

For me, working as Operations Manager for a company with such a diverse and substantial fleet represents a daily challenge, and one I could not accomplish without the continued support of every employee of Stanford Marine ashore and afloat. I very much believe that none of what we achieve at Stanford Marine would be possible without the people who work for us in our four major offices, the crews of the 37 vessels of our own fleet and the additional cross-chartered vessels.

In relation to this, it occurred to me reading the last edition that we should encourage participation from our crew members. To that end I am pleased to announce a spotlight feature on Capt Domo Hogge of the MMPL Merlin and Oiler Floro Pesador of the Stanford Puma in this edition.

Both of these gentlemen are worthy of inclusion, but Mr. Pesador is especially noteworthy as being the longest serving crew member with Stanford Marine. I hope you will enjoy hearing a few words from them on their experiences of working for Stanford Marine.



**Darren Reeves**Operations Manager

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Hudhud
received
appreciation
from Fugro
Survey for its
performance
during the
ROV
operations

#### Ready... Get Set... Go!



Stanford Caracara 58M, DP1 PSV

Occidental Petroleum of Qatar awarded a three year contract to Stanford Caracara and a call off basis contract for Stanford Goshawk.

These vessels will act as Construction Support vessel for the OXY's operations at PS 1 field and is equipped with a Sormec M460 Crane with an SWL of 20T@ 12 m Radius and 5 T @ 36.5 m radius.

Major modifications were made on these vessels to suit OXY's requirements.

Modifications include extension of forecastle deck, installation of 2 x 20ft fully furnished Office containers, extensions and installations of additional bollards, and tank and hatch covers were leveled up in order to provide smooth trolley movement.

FRC on the vessel will be used for passenger transfer therefore a pilot ladder was specifically designed for embark/disembark of passengers from the vessel through rescue zone. Additional fenders were installed on FRC and due to frequent usage tyre fenders were installed at the rescue zone to minimize the damage to FRC.

Modifications were necessary to increase the accommodation and messing capacity of the vessel

An incinerator and marcenerator were installed for waste management and a Prayer Room was made by redesigning the chemical store. Breathing Air cascade system is installed onboard with 2 men manifolds each at bridge/engine room and several 12 men manifolds at rescue zone and muster stations.

#### Health, Safety and Environment

The first quarter of 2012 has seen many changes and improvements to the HSE Department. The most exciting of which has been the introduction of our behavioral safety project. The centre of this is our 'Eye on Safety' Observation Cards. These have been embraced by our crews and our clients. Our continual efforts to improve our crews' safety awareness are showing through in the excellent quality of cards and high numbers we have received so far. We will continue to promote this by highlighting the best cards throughout the fleet.

As our initiatives and fleet expand so does our need to provide safety support to our vessels. In order to ensure continued compliance with our safety management system we have added Coordinator, Rajan Hot, Department, he will provide both administrative and on the job safety support to our Department and our crews. Rajan has many years of experience and will be a valuable asset in the continual improvement drive of performance.

In safety news from our fleet one of our crew boats was involved in bringing an overturned coast guard vessel to safety in February. During heavy weather the coast guard boat was struck by a large wave causing it to capsize. Fortunately our vessel was in close proximity and was able to recover the boat and tow it to safety. Our vessels actions helped to prevent pollution and avoided the necessity of a more dangerous search and rescue in worsening weather conditions. Our Captain, crew and their effective response was made possible through regular drills and training; they managed the situation safely and efficiently and did Stanford Marine proud.



Mr. Rajan Hot



'Eye on Safety' observation card

#### **Chartering Desk**

The year 2012 started on a good note with new fixtures and commencements of long term contracts awarded in 2011.

**Stanford Service**, a 35M Utility Vessel, started a one month charter in January with Maritime Global Services operating in Offshore Oman; followed by a charter with BGP Survey supporting seismic operations in Qatar for 4 months with options to extend.

**Stanford Swift**, a 33M Crew Boat, secured a 2 months charter which began in mid of March 2012 from Bakhri Navigation for a project in Saudi Arabia.

The recently acquired FSIV "Stanford Maya", a 42M Crew Boat with 83 pax seating capacity, has been granted a four month contract with Saudi Aramco having an option to extend for another 4 months.

**Stanford Swan**, a 41M - 4050BHP - 58 pax Crew Boat, commenced its new contract with Zadco in February and will continue working in Zakum Field till August 2013.

Stanford Harrier, a 40M Crew Boat with 60 pax seating capacity, was released from a long term charter with Zadco which commenced in January 2004. Currently she is on a three year charter with Dubai Petroleum which started in March 2012.

**Stanford Caracara** and **Goshawk** commenced their long term contract with Occidental Petroleum of Qatar on 1st Jan 2012 and 1st March 2012.

National Marine and Dredging Company extended the contract of the 2008 built 48M

Utility Vessel, **Stanford Provider** for a further period of one year. The vessel is supporting NMDC with the cargo supply and passenger transfer duties.

**Firecrest**, a 36M - 4050BHP Crew Boat, has been awarded a four month contract beginning in May 2012 by Hyundai Heavy Industries. The vessel will be supporting the IGD DAS Construction Project in the UAE.

**Stanford Hobby**, a 87M PSV, has been awarded a 2 year contract in Mexico which started on March 1, 2012.

We completed few successful cross charters in the first quarter 2012 with more medium to long term charters in the pipe line. The tug "Blenda" was chartered in for a Rig Move with Dubai Petroleum. The tugs "Duma", "Bofors" and "Kamarina" were chartered in for a rig move with Sagadrill Inc. "PB Provider" along with "Stanford Pride" successfully completed the move of rig "Jumana" in Abu Dhabi for National Drilling Co. (NDC). The "Dynamic Kareem" was chartered in to replace "Stanford Service" for the charter with Maritime Global Services for the operations in Offshore Oman.



Stanford Service, 35M Utility Vessel

#### **Stanford Marine Staff Day Out**



Stanford Marine day out is a yearly event where all employees are invited to spend an entertaining and amusing day out of work. The event took place on March 17 2012; it started with a softball game at the Dubai Softball Grounds followed by a luscious dinner buffet at Rotana Towers.

Continuing the fun and excitement, a raffle -with the names of the employees who were at the game- took place on March 18 2012 at the Stanford Marine Head office. Five lucky employees got the chance to win a generous and thoughtful gift voucher.



However one exceptional employee won a special token for being the best softball player of the season; Congratulations to Ershad Latheef for his distinguished softball

Last but not least we would like to congratulate our three hardworking employees Anand Menon, Gopala Krishnan, and Shunmugham Kuppuraj who were awarded in the Annual day for their outstanding performances during the year 2011

Stanford
Marine 's
managed
vessel Ocean
Amber and
Aderson Tide
complete
1year LTI free
with RasGas

Stanford
Marine will be
joining the
softball league
commencing in
April

# Stanford Hobby 87M, DP2 PSV with Diesel Electric Propulsion was delivered on February 2012

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Marine

Purchased a

new built 42M

crew boat

Stanford Maya

## Interview with Crew Members: Mr. Hogge and Mr. Pesadro



Mr. Domagoj Hogge

" Hi, my name is Domagoj Hogge, a Croatian happily married with three kids. I'm the Master of MMPL Merlin (70M, 5000BHP, DP2 Platform Supply Vessel).

When not at work, I try to spend as much time as possible with my family. I try to keep myself fit by hitting the gym daily and playing football twice a week with friends.

I started my career in 1990 working on merchant ships and cargo vessels. After 12 years I moved on to the offshore business working with companies like Tidewater, Emas Offshore and Harms-Bergung Offshore.

On September 28, 2010 I Joined Stanford Marine. It was first recommended by my brother Kris, who was working on MMPL Kestrel.

It's an amazing experience working with Stanford Marine, seeing the company grow and improve. A lot of emphasis is given on the health and safety concerns of the employees and the development of the working environment. The company takes into consideration the requirements of its crew and plan things accordingly. The fact that all the vessels are employed shows us that the shore management is doing their job with a high level of professionalism and assures me of a bright future in this company.

The strengths of the company which has helped to retain the crew are -

- Salary is always paid on time.
- High level of safety maintained on the vessels.
- All efforts are made to conduct crew changes as per schedule, or as soon as is possible afterwards.
- Good quality of food served on time.
- Outstanding cooperation and communication between shore base and the vessel.
- Spare parts are always available on time or are arranged at the earliest.

"BRAVO" to all the shore staff. When I give the shore staff an excellent evaluation, I expect them not to lose motivation and power. Every day is a new challenge and we need to improve ourselves constantly at work, we need to stay professional and highly motivated in what we do. We all need to work on becoming better every day, every month and every year.

In the future, I would like to see Stanford Marine growing with good performance and safe working conditions. In addition to the entertainment facilities currently provided, I would recommend a gym and permanent internet (V-Sat) for crew.

After working with Stanford Marine for almost two years in Qatar, I can say that I'm quite happy. The most important thing for me is the healthy and safe working environment the company provides us with. "



Mr. Floro Pedrosa Pesadro

"Hi, this is Floro Pedrosa Pesadro, a Philippine national married with two kids.

I joined Stanford on September 15, 1997 through SOLKYST, a manning agency in Manila. They sent my CDC after completing my contract with GMMOS and I was lucky enough to be accepted at Stanford Marine.

I have seen a lot of changes in Stanford Marine in the past couple of years as the company was and is still growing. The company now has improved policies, rules and regulations.

When I first joined this company I was assigned on board of Stanford Star, a supply vessel working for Qatar Gas in Halul Oil Field. After the completion of the contract I went to Stanford King working in the same oil field. As the company was growing in fleet size, I was fortunate to work on various other vessels like the Stanford Explorer, Stanford Express, Stanford Hawk, Firebird and Sea Robin. Currently, I am the Oiler in Stanford Puma working with Dubai Petroleum.

My advice to all the shore staff is to have a sense of responsibility, hard work, self determination and dedication, patience, understanding, adapting to the company's rules and policies and last but not least follow your superior.

Loyalty is a personal and private decision. The growth of the company is a great sign of success and with it comes new challenges.

I wish Stanford Marine more and more success for the benefit of everyone involved with the company especially the ones who need to support their families back home. "

#### **Medivac**

A medivac (medical evacuation) training program was conducted March 24, 2012 on our Stanford Buzzard in conjunction with helicopter contractor supporting BG charter in Tanzania.



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