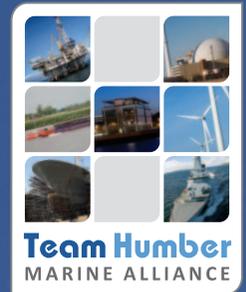


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Red-letter days

If I were a City analyst looking at what the Humber has to offer, I'd put a 'Buy' note on it right now.

The prospects certainly seem bright. First of all, we are eagerly anticipating May 9 when Hull City Council decides on planning permission for Siemens' proposed wind turbine plant, trusting of course there will be no unforeseen obstacles in the way of a development that is crucial to the Humber's green energy future.

Another red-letter day will be June 12 with a Humber drinks reception in Westminster as a precursor to the Global Offshore Wind exhibition at ExCel London on June 13 and 14.

It has been a good year so far for Team Humber, beginning with confirmation of the partnership with EEF the manufacturers' organisation, which gives us visibility at the highest level.

Furthermore, our membership figures have increased to more than a record 150 and it is also encouraging that 95 per cent of members from last year have shown their faith in THMA by renewing their subscriptions. A massive thanks to those who did, and the missing five per cent are very welcome to rejoin the fold!

This is the first THMAil to include advertising and it portrays a vibrant Humber region with the focus on what the Alliance can do for members. To this end, we have organised some successful events, including Manufacturing a Green Economy; a breakfast seminar with UKTI

USA, Barrett Steel and Alpha Energy; and a Humber Local Enterprise Partnership/UKTI inward investment round table, hosted by THMA with nine member companies.

There have been site visits to the Advanced Manufacturing Park facility in Rotherham, Tata Steel in Scunthorpe and Arco in Hull, and members' interests have also been brought to the forefront with our presence at international trade missions to Rotterdam and Copenhagen. In the coming months we will drive these activities further to help members even more as well as continue our focus on our specialist sub-groups in offshore wind operations & maintenance and manufacturing.

Not only does there seem to be real substance to the opportunities ahead and genuine work and income coming through, but the region is now moving forward together in a more cohesive fashion. Long may it continue.



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Nprime to manage Chinese project

➔ China is calling for Nprime Ltd engineering consultancy company in Sheffield.

One of its biggest projects so far involves the instrumentation of a 2.5MW wind turbine gearbox and the long-term data collection and monitoring of the annulus and gear teeth.

Working with one of the largest wind turbine gear manufacturer in the world, Nprime has been asked to manage this project in mainland China. This will verify the loads on the annulus and gear teeth and its distribution while in service.

Speaking the right languages

➔ Language is Everything returns to Brazil in June with a World Trade Centre Hull & Humber trade mission in conjunction with THMA and UK Trade & Investment.

The firm, which provides translation services, is seeking out further opportunities after becoming a preferred supplier to Siemens and Volkswagen; and being registered as a provider to Reed Exhibitions, of Connecticut.

The mission is to the boom port of Recife, from June 16 to 22, with £600 UKTI funding available for each delegate. Other THMA members on the mission include Fairburns Group, Humber Electrical and North Sea Winches.

Brazil is experiencing rapid economic growth and the itinerary will include meetings with senior business people and government officials.

Point finds the perfect partner

'Watertight' agreement makes most of specialist skills

Point Engineering is to supply flood doors and gates to the construction and utility sectors in collaboration with Flood Control International, of Tavistock.

The two companies have signed an agreement to combine their skills and take a market-leading position.

"Our manufacturing experience in the marine and offshore industry, coupled with FCI's flood control projects experience, makes absolute sense for the UK client base," said Jonathan Rollinson, sales director at Hull-based Point Engineering.

"FCI has a wealth of knowledge associated with the subject of flood defence and we have decades of experience in manufacturing and testing watertight doors and gates."

The two companies will build on recent contracts, such as the supply of specialist doors for buildings on the extension to London's Docklands Light Railway, a pumping station near Southampton and a sensitive archives stronghold.

All marketing and sales are being handled by FCI and Point will provide the specialist products.

Tim Collingwood, managing director of FCI, said: "The combination of flood protection, security and fire resistance in a single door is unique and we already have a number of contracts for UK utility companies and other clients."

– **Point Engineering is continuing to provide product support for the Scotrenewables tidal power generator in the Orkney Islands.**

Deep device to reap tidal power



Showing the changing face of the Humber, a recent arrival is becoming a familiar sight offshore from the landmark aquarium The Deep.

This Neptune Proteus tidal stream demonstrator, the result of five years' research, will soon start supplying green electricity to the region's big visitor attraction. The trend-setting technology, with its out-of-sight turbines powered by the reliable tides, is appropriate for arrays elsewhere in the UK and overseas.



All aboard the Seagull: left to right, vessel owner Sean Hewitt, John Habbergham of Myton Law and David Hamilton of the Insurance Partnership

Member setting the standard

➔ Hull's shipping expertise is supporting the UK's growing inland waterways and commercial boat industry. Myton Law has been working with the Insurance Partnership to provide a dedicated insurance scheme and standard conditions of carriage for the national Commercial Boat Operators Association.

The CBOA represents the major inland waterways operators, including narrow boat, barge and small sea going vessel owners, with its members being active in the Thames, Humber, Mersey and Severn.

Peter Hugman, chairman of the CBOA, said: "We are confident this comprehensive approach to insurance and management of contractual obligations will provide greater clarity and peace of mind for our members and their customers."

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Speed and precision

Rapid vessel perfectly equipped for offshore renewables work

A multi-purpose catamaran is quickly proving her worth in the North Sea for Precision Marine Survey, of Thorgumbald, East Yorkshire.

Operating out of Hull Marina, the 12-metre survey vessel, Precision 1, pictured right, has successfully completed a number of marine and offshore wind-related contracts.

Precision 1's work so far has included: recovery and redeployment of a coastal observation wave rider buoy off Hornsea; beam trawling off Bridlington for the Dogger Bank cable corridor; recovery and redeployment of an AWAC warning system at the Humber Gateway offshore wind farm;



and taking engineers to the weather mast at Humber Gateway.

"Given her rapid transit speed, the vessel is able to operate over a significant area and we anticipate that she will be very active within the offshore renewables sector," said Nigel Proctor, managing director.

Precision 1 was designed by the company over a two-year period and built by Catapult Catamarans of Southampton after staff travelled extensively around the UK, visiting almost every boat builder that specialised in this type of vessel.

Powered by two 450hp turbocharged Iveco diesel engines, she has a comfortable cruising speed of 20 knots and a top speed of 30 knots.

Closely involved with her design and building was David Brown, one of the company's founding partners who died just before Christmas, leaving his wife, Elizabeth and their three children.

Weighing in down under

Long-range exporter Mechan has gained a second order for its lifting equipment from New Zealand.

The Sheffield company has shipped a set of four 30-tonne lifting jacks to KiwiRail's Hamilton depot 12 years after introducing the system at Palmerston North.

KiwiRail is New Zealand's largest freight and passenger rail operator and will be using the jacks to maintain rolling stock on the North Island's mainline. Sam Reindler fleet engineer, said: "Mechan's first set of jacks continues to serve us well. Our engineers are happy working with



All right Jack: KiwiRail gets a lift from THMA

such easy-to-use equipment, and we have been very satisfied with its reliability and performance."

Mechan's sales and technical director, Graham Cofield, has retired after a 49-year transport industry career.

Right channel



Hull-based SMS

Towage has made a long-term commitment to its tug operations in the Bristol Channel. The Nobleman, Roman and Trueman are based at the Port of Cardiff to support existing and new clients at channel ports.

"This is a long-term commitment to the area and represents a significant investment, designed not only to support existing port users but also to provide support to the Atlantic Array offshore wind farm," said Paul Escreet, director.

"The tugs have just completed their first full month of operations and everything is going excellently."

SMS Towage operates eight tugs in the Humber and another tug operating on the London Array offshore wind farm.

GSA contract



Engineering design consultancy Grimley Smith Associates, part of Fabricom

GDF SUEZ, has won a major new contract with technology and licensing company, Plaxica, focusing on producing the next generation biopolymers and chemicals from renewable resources. GSA is to design a biopolymer demonstration facility to be built on Teesside.

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North Sea route change for DFDS

➔ DFDS Seaways is making several changes to its North Sea routes. The freight only ferry, Anglia Seaways, which has been operating on the Rotterdam-Immingham crossing, will now sail between Rosyth and Zeebrugge.

The Finlandia Seaways will transfer to the Immingham-Cuxhaven route replacing the charter vessel, Tor Dani, which is going back to her owner.

Offshore deals at the double

Two offshore wind contract wins in quick succession have seen ship agents Arthur Smith (Grimsby) Ltd continue its growth.

The company has been appointed as the agent for cruise ferry Regina Baltica, operated by SWE Offshore, which is now working on Scira's Sheringham Shoal wind farm off the North Norfolk coast.

Director David Smith said that Arthur Smith was acting as agents

for the vessel on-site and in port at Felixstowe and Harwich.

"We are also providing logistics and procurement services to both SWE Offshore and their customer, Siemens," said David, who added that Arthur Smith has involved local businesses as much as possible for supplies to the vessel. "They really appreciated our efforts in sourcing almost all of the provisions from within 15 miles of Scira's base at Wells-Next-The-Sea."



P&O secures first energy contract

New Team Humber member P&O Ferries has agreed a three to four-month charter of the 23,000 tonne European Seaway to Centrica Renewable Energy.

This is the first contract the ferry operator has secured in the renewable energy market, with the European Seaway providing accommodation for technicians on the Lynn and Inner Dowsing wind farm array in the North Sea.

The 180m-long vessel will be anchored four and a half miles off Skegness allowing technicians to live on board whilst undertaking operation and maintenance work. Usually operating as a freighter between Dover and Calais, the European Seaway's facilities for 100 technicians and 50 crew include satellite TV on accommodation and recreation decks – designed and installed by another Team Humber member, Hull-based Best Service.

Boxing clever lands big order from Aberdeen firm

➔ Yorkshire Marine Containers has gained its biggest order so far from Container Company Aberdeen.

CCA has bought 250 units of eight different YMC products including 10ft containers, offshore mini-containers, cargo baskets, open top containers and half height containers.

The Scottish company will sell or lease the containers to offshore oil rig operators for equipment and tool storage.

YMC's divisional director David Wilson said: "This large range of different YMC products confirms the strong bond between CCA and YMC and the high quality of the work that we have previously undertaken for them."

YMC is part of the Thurston Group, and supplies containers to the military, nuclear, offshore, shipping, transportation, and waste generation industries.



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Alpha people get to work

➔ Alpha Energy has provided a number of offshore wind turbine technicians for customers in the UK and across Europe.

The company placed project teams of turbine and blade technicians.

Bruce Mabrow, director, said that the company now has the latest XLG3 video probe technology, which is ideal for the internal inspection of rotating equipment, especially gearboxes.

Specialist law

➔ The renewable energy team of Andrew Jackson, the Hull-based firm of solicitors, is experiencing a growing workload.

"In some cases it is everyday legal issues connected to the industry, but a large proportion of the work requires specialist knowledge," said Andrew Oliver, the firm's head of offshore renewables. Andrew Jackson has also assisted an energy company in connection with disruption payments relating to the installation of a gas pipeline.

Strong signs

➔ Increased revenues, new customers and strong growth have helped On Loan Recruitment, of Immingham, to a positive start for 2012, says David Riggall, managing director. "Many companies are on the verge of starting new projects so we are hopeful of even more successful appointments," he said.

Waterfront fit for new college

Mason Clark took lead on Huddersfield project

A £2m restoration of the Huddersfield Waterfront Quarter has been completed smoothly thanks to the lead consultancy expertise of Mason Clark Associates, which carried out all the civil and structural engineering work.

The regeneration project required the demolition of a former engineering plant, and revamp of the canal side including the installation of a new lock chamber, lock gates, canal boat landing stage and vehicle bridge.

The work, which was completed at the end of March, also meant uncovering and raising a 350m-long tunnel section of the Huddersfield

Narrow Canal, which on its 20-mile journey to Ashton-under-Lyne claims the record of being Britain's highest navigable waterway, with a summit of 645ft, and for possessing the longest tunnel at more than three miles.

The new waterfront now provides an up-to-date, restored setting for the newly constructed Kirklees College and nearby development plots.

Mason Clark Associates engineer and director, Graham Helme, said that 'surprising' contamination test results on the 200-year-old site revealed only two or three old oil spills that were easily removed.



£2m restoration: part of the Huddersfield Waterfront Quarter



Client focus: Fraser Mercer and Paul Waldeck get to work

New director at Waldeck

➔ Waldeck Engineering has appointed Fraser Mercer as managing director following a spell working as a consultant to the business. He brings nearly 30 years' experience with him in design and project management.

The company's founder and director, Paul Waldeck, will now focus on key customer relationships, strategy and growth in all areas of the business.

"Waldeck has always been a very commercial, client-focused business and Fraser's approach and expertise will really enhance the client experience with Waldeck," he said.

The Team Humber member's branch network includes offices in Grimsby, Hull Lincoln and Sheffield. It was voted consulting engineer of the year at the 2011 Builder & Engineer Awards.

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ALS bears the turbine load

Abnormal Load Services International has provided port services for three onshore wind farms in Scotland. All told, Hull-based ALS has discharged 32 turbines shipped from Denmark, Germany and Spain.

This includes all 22 turbines for Drone Hill wind farm in the Scottish Borders. There were two phases of nine and 13 turbines, with mobile and port cranes discharging them into quayside storage at Blyth. The 76m turbines at Drone Hill are expected to power 14,700 homes starting later this year.

ALS has also handled ship's agency



and discharge of 10 turbines into Invergordon for two wind farm projects in the north of Scotland: at Lairg and Gordonbush. The job involved coordinating the use of mobile cranes and providing lay-down and storage facilities near the port.

ALS has appointed a new fully accredited marine and cargo surveyor.

Wind 'champions' to raise awareness

➔ Ten teachers from Hull and East Riding secondary schools have become offshore wind 'champions', having been selected to take part in a careers education programme launched by Forewind, in association with HETA, the Humberside Engineering Training Association. The programme will raise students' awareness of potential career opportunities in offshore wind energy. Forewind is the development partner for the Dogger Bank offshore wind farm.

HETA has held a successful open evening to encourage more women to join its engineering apprenticeship scheme. Of the 23 who attended, 12 applied to enter the scheme and seven have progressed to interview.

Tata shows its metal

Biggest delivery to date sees 25,000 tonnes of steel on its way to Siemens

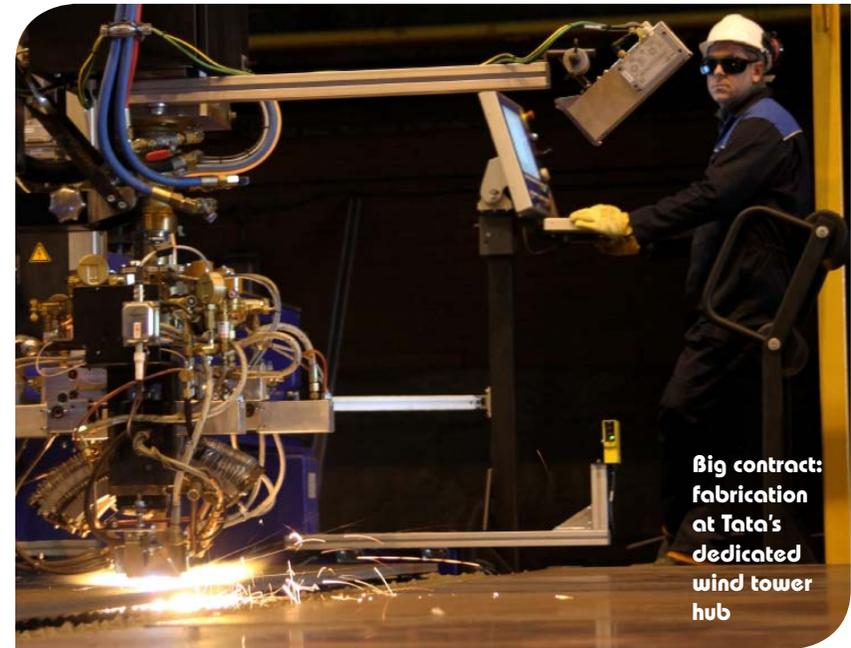
Tata Steel has delivered the first shipments of 25,000 tonnes of high quality profiled steel plate to Siemens Wind Power.

The multi-million pound order to provide steel to be used on the construction of 150 onshore wind turbine towers was agreed at the start of the year.

The order, the largest to date for Tata's dedicated wind tower hub in Scunthorpe, follows the supply of 6,000 tonnes of steel plate for similar Siemens' developments in this country and Europe.

The steel is being delivered to UK and European fabricators to form the plate into round sections for welding together to make the turbine towers. Supply is expected to continue to September.

Phil Knowles, Tata Steel commercial manager for power generation, said: "This major contract, and our position as Siemens Wind Power's nominated sub-contractor, is a direct result of the investment in our Scunthorpe wind tower hub."



Big contract: fabrication at Tata's dedicated wind tower hub

Steel plate is being manufactured at the company's plate mills in Scunthorpe and at the Dalzell works in Motherwell before being cut to size and edge-profiled at the Scunthorpe hub. Claus Loenvig Menne,

of Siemens Wind Power, said: "This supply agreement with Tata Steel will see us continue to enhance both companies' reputation for operational excellence."

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Breakfast with American flavour

➔ How to do business with the commercial and leisure shipping sectors in the United States was the theme of a THMA breakfast briefing held at World Trade Centre Hull & Humber

Niall Gordon, New York shipping consul for UK Trade & Investment, put more than 50 delegates in the picture. Bruce Marbrow, of Alpha Energy, and Donna Inkles and Dave Cleaver, of Barrett Steel Holdings, added their views on US potential.

Members take awards stage

➔ Members of THMA were well represented in the first Humber Renewables awards, held at the Deep, Hull.

HETA won the Excellence In Renewables Training or Education award and was runner-up in two other categories: Business of the Year (large business) and Engaging the Community.

Alpha Energy claimed first place as Best Renewables Start-up, with Blue Water Danbrit UK as a runner-up.

HETA won the Arco-sponsored Excellence In Renewables Training or Education, with HOTA shortlisted.

HOTA won Business of the Year (small business), with Neptune Renewable Energy as a runner-up, and was also a runner-up in the Renewables Innovation award.

Sam Pick, director at the Renewables Network, was Humber Renewables Champion with THMA itself in joint second spot.

New skills vital to reap green energy benefits

German vocational model should be the aim, says Humber LEP chairman

Lord Haskins has added his voice to calls for an improved skills base if the Humber is to derive the full benefits of green energy growth.

As chairman of the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership, he made his comments at the Manufacturing a Green Economy conference organised by Team Humber Marine Alliance, with support from EEF, the manufacturers' organisation. He said afterwards that 20 apprentices, who joined the 80-strong audience at Willerby Manor Hotel, near Hull, were gobsmacked by the potential of their careers.

But he cautioned that the UK badly needed to put teenagers through vocational training instead of being obsessed with sending children to university where the pursuit of academic skills could be fruitless. Instead, Lord Haskins advocated learning from the German experience where training was ingrained in the business mind.

Angus Townley, from Tata Steel, urged suppliers to the renewables sector to look at their position in the supply chain and find innovative ways of increasing output. "By working together, we can increase productivity and reduce the overall costs of production," Mr Townley said.

Other speakers included Andy Tüscher and Andrew Johnson from the EEF and Steve Clarke, of Mainstream

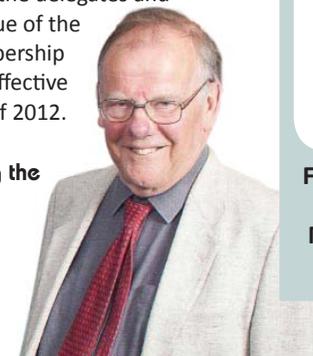


Humber opportunity: Andy Tüscher makes a point watched by Mark O'Reilly and, seated from the left, Andrew Johnson, Steve Clarke and Angus Townley

'By working together, we can increase productivity and reduce the overall costs of production'

Renewable Energy/SmartWind. Law firm Nabarro LLP and BDO LLP sponsored the conference. Mark O'Reilly, THMA director, said that the conference was informative for the delegates and showed the value of the Alliance's membership deal with EEF, effective from the start of 2012.

Recommending the German way:
Lord Haskins



Upcoming events

May 16

THMA visit to RES Offshore's operations and visitor centre at King's Langley, Herts. Cost is £80, including coach and lunch. From 8.30am to 7pm.

May 22-24

Seawork 2012 at Southampton. The THMA stand is R2 in the Renewable Energy Pavilion Showcase.

May 23-24

All-Energy 2012 at Aberdeen. THMA is on stand F51 in the Offshore Maintenance Hall.

June 12

Humber drinks reception, Westminster.

June 13-14

Global Offshore Wind at London Excel. THMA will be on stand 193 as part of a Humber delegation.

June 16-22

UKTI Brazil trade mission to the port of Recife.

For further information on any of the above events contact Mary Green on 01482 485271 or admin@thma.co.uk



LEP launched

➔ Renewable energy apprenticeships came under scrutiny as HOTA hosted chief secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, on his visit Hull to launch the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership. Mr Alexander, MP for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, is pictured, at HOTA's Albert Dock facility on March 9

Custom cat

➔ Dalby Offshore Renewables has supplied a £1.2m custom-built catamaran, the Dalby Derwent, to its North Sea project partner Mainprize Offshore, of Scarborough.

The 17.5-metre aluminium vessel will complement the work of Mainprize's other vessel, the Maggie M, and take technicians to and from wind farm sites and deliver fuel and cargo. Initially it will work on the Greater Gabbard wind farm off the Suffolk coast.

Beverley-based Dalby has also recently bought two new crew transfer vessels. The Dalby Humber has already been delivered and secured work on the London Array, working out of Ramsgate, as has the Dalby Tees, which is due to be delivered imminently.

Supply and demand

Institute recognises vital need for skilled workforce

A research visit to the new wind farm support vessel Ginny Louise has enthused Grimsby Institute students.

RES Offshore, which operates the Ginny Louise out of the port, hosted Mick Lochran and James Danby of the institute's employer responsive team.

"This gave us a further insight into some of the roles required for future employment in this exciting new sector," said Mr Danby.

"It demonstrates that as well as engineers a full supply chain of support personnel including procurement, administration, stores personnel and specialist vessel operators, will be needed.

He added that a fully trained, skilled workforce was vital to the industry and the Grimsby Institute was working closely with major employers to help ensure their requirements were met.

RES offshore used the vessel on a maintenance trip to Centrica's meteorological mast 60 miles offshore.

Mick Lochran, below left, with other members of the Grimsby Renewables Partnership including Winston Phillips managing director at Cosalt Renewables, right, and David Robinson of Balfour Beatty, centre



Well prepared with group expertise

➔ Ready, willing and able – that's the message from the new operations and maintenance supply chain sub-group set up by Team Humber members.

Formed last year and comprising 20 businesses, the sub-group will serve offshore wind energy operators around the UK.

The companies have expertise in most kinds of operations and maintenance functions, including diving, access at height, electrical and marine engineering, large-scale lifting and testing and vessel expertise.

Chris Towne, managing director, of Towne Lifting and Testing, said: "Each member has a different area of complementary expertise and skills to the group."

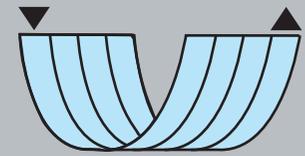
MIT's Italian link-up

➔ Marine & Industrial Transmission has formed a new working agreement with Italian-based CMC Marine.

The company, whose northern offices are at Hensall, Yorkshire, says that CMC's hydraulic and AC electric roll fin stabilisers, bow and stern thrusters are a good fit for its product portfolio.

This follows on from another new partnership established at the end of last year with Phoenix Marine Solutions, the specialist provider of super yacht hydraulic systems.

■ MIT is sponsoring the cocktail bar, now called The MIT Splash Bar, at Seawork at Southampton from May 22-24.



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This year THMA is again part of it – see us on the **Humber Renewables** stand alongside the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership and all five Humber local authorities.

Alliances to forge

'The time is ripe to highlight the region's strengths'

P&O North Sea Ferries is among a wave of new members who have taken Team Humber Marine Alliance's membership to around 150.

Sally Booker, the company's port manager for Hull and Teesport, believes the Alliance has a key role to play in boosting the region's economy.

"We hear enough about the economic challenges of the region," she says. "The time is ripe to highlight the region's strengths, and a business community like THMA projecting its merits carries a lot more punch than companies can accomplish alone.

"It is all about forging alliances, with each other and prospective new business partners, and the impressive rise in membership of Team Humber underlines that as an Alliance we've got a lot to shout about. I'm pleased to add the voice of P&O Ferries to the cause."

Another new member is law firm Nabarro, of Sheffield, where partner Martin McKervey is looking ahead to the opportunities in the energy and manufacturing sectors.

"As these are challenging but also very exciting times

in the energy sector, we are absolutely delighted to join Team Humber Marine Alliance and are very much looking forward to playing our part with fellow members in driving the economic strategy for Yorkshire and the Humber.

"We are passionate about this area and the key role it has in boosting the UK's economic prosperity."

A warm welcome is extended to the new members who have joined up since November: Dutton Moore, Euro Environmental, Goole High School, Green Marine Solutions, Humberside Reclamations, Mapa PR, Mechan, Nabarro LLP, Nprime, P&O North Sea Ferries, Riverside Property, Rollits, Salko UK, Steelridge, TEK Recruitment Solutions and Waldeck Engineering.

Passionate about the area: Martin McKervey



Coming up for air

Battling strong tides and zero-visibility 60ft below the surface of the Humber estuary, Northern Divers has completed a year-long project to cover parts of an exposed industrial pipeline.

The work saw teams of divers from the Team Humber member cover a 770m section of underwater pipeline with 1,300 special concrete fronded mattresses.

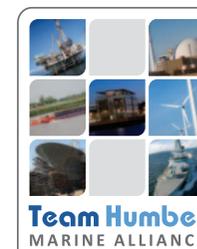
John Sparrowe, managing director, said: "We had to contend with six-knot tides and zero visibility. The divers were also working in a very busy shipping lane, so they had to be aware of large vessels passing close to them."

The pipeline was laid in a protective trench that had been eroded. The concrete mattresses were lowered to the riverbed by a floating crane, with divers working by touch to fix them in place.



Sink or swim?

➔ Andrew Jackson solicitors, from the left, Paul Newbon, Hannah Rafton and Andrew Oliver, get that sinking feeling as they face the HOTA dunker challenge. This helicopter underwater escape training simulator at HOTA is used to prepare offshore workers in emergency escape procedures and was offered as a raffle prize to unsuspecting guests at the inaugural THMA dinner dance. HOTA is planning a charity dunk day in November to help mark its 25th anniversary, where you can nominate a friend, colleague or even 'dunk the boss'. If you're up for the challenge, contact: louise@hota.org or call HOTA on 01482 820567.



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