

ACA Leaders look to 2015

Almost 150 of the Alliance's programme leaders came together in Rosyth last Thursday for a conference to reflect on the successes of 2014, lessons learned and to outline the key collective challenges for next year.

Hosted by Rosyth Site Operations Director, Sean Donaldson, there was a two-hour health and safety interactive presentation from Safety Health and Environment (SHE) lead Andy Forbes, which included a hard-hitting training session using actors to role play real life scenarios.

Ian Booth, ACA Managing Director then kicked off the afternoon with a review of the year and a call to arms for making sure everyone has an **every day counts** mentality as we close-in on our delivery schedule. Ian also unveiled the publication of the 2015 Management Plan, which outlines key deliverables for all the work streams and can be used to track our progress.

Other presentations included Jon Pearson, Ship 1 Delivery Director, who gave an update on plans for meeting the delivery schedule for HMS Queen Elizabeth (QNLZ) and the terrific progress being made with outfit (see other article in this update).

Angus Holt, Ship 2 Delivery Director, also outlined the lessons learned from QNLZ to support the improvements made in terms of being ahead of plan for HMS Prince of Wales (PWLS).



Last but not least, Captain Stephen Thomson (RN), Client Director, gave a strategic overview of the QEC programme and how the MoD will undertake acceptance of the ships.

Ian Booth commented: "Although everyone is incredibly busy and it's a big commitment to take the top 150 leaders of the programme out for a day, it's invaluable that we come together as colleagues and define and agree the actions that we will collectively commit to. It was also a great opportunity to look back with pride. 2014 was a very important year, as we not only had the naming ceremony and the honour of hosting Her Majesty the Queen in Rosyth, but also flood-up of QNLZ and the start of the assembly of Prince of Wales, which is now more than 40% complete."



First Sea Lord's Digital Media Award

The Aircraft Carrier Alliance has been awarded the inaugural First Sea Lord's Digital Media Award, which recognises the person or team that has done the most to raise awareness of maritime issues through excellence in website design and the use of social media channels.

The award was handed over at the Maritime Media Awards, which aims to inspire and honour writers, film-makers and communicators whose work enhances public understanding of Britain's dependence upon the sea. The panel praised the ACA's affirmative message online and interviews with those involved in the project.

An engraved bell from Britain's oldest manufacturing company, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, was handed over to the communications team by Gillian Wettren, the widow of the Daily Telegraph's celebrated former naval correspondent Desmond Wettren.

First Sea Lord Admiral Sir George Zambellas KCB DSC ADC DL said: "I am particularly delighted to inaugurate the First Sea Lord's Digital Media Award this year. As the 21st century unfolds, we must all embrace 21st century technologies if we are to make the most of the opportunities for modern understanding which lie ahead."

Pictured below are Stephanie Davies (left) and Adam Rang from the BAE Systems Naval Ships Communications Team. Stephanie and Adam worked together during the HMS Queen Elizabeth naming ceremony to develop our website with employee profiles and also our social media channels with 100 day countdown facts and daily tweets - a tremendous and invaluable amount of work that we thank them both for.



HMS Queen Elizabeth making 'outstanding' progress



While HMS Prince of Wales (PWLS) continues to come together in the dry dock at a rapid pace, the work within HMS Queen Elizabeth (QNLZ) has been no less impressive in terms of its speed of completion.

Jon Pearson, Delivery Director for HMS Queen Elizabeth, reports that the team has made great strides in improving performance right across the work stream. Not only did HV Live (see weekly update 28 October) start the process of the systems on-board being brought to life and tested ahead of autonomous power from the ship's generators coming on-stream next year, but the progress on outfitting has been equally impressive. "Progress on outfit has also been huge," says John. "Last month we were making real progress in improving our electrical termination and pipe pressure testing strike rates and this month it's been outstanding.

"Pipe pressure testing averages have exceeded 640 per week over the month and last week we managed to test over 1,200 pipes. This is a staggering improvement on our 130 per week back in June!"

Jon adds that cable terminations have also exceeded expectations, averaging over 10,000 per week over October. "Again, this has been a massive improvement. Both of these results are down to everyone's hard work and the leadership demonstrated by my team. I'd like to thank everyone on QNLZ for their efforts and to keep it up."

AIM Feedback Booths Roll Out

As previously disclosed in a recent ACA newsletter we are delighted to advise that the AIM Feedback Booths have now been rolled out across the Rosyth site and can be found at the locations below.

Amenity centres: Beatty building, 392 north, 392 south, Building 95, J Berth, Sea view and the centre past the Duncan building.

Offices: 392 north in passageway at main entrance
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On Ship: 3 areas stores (Hilti, tools and material)
J and K Berth workshops (one in each)

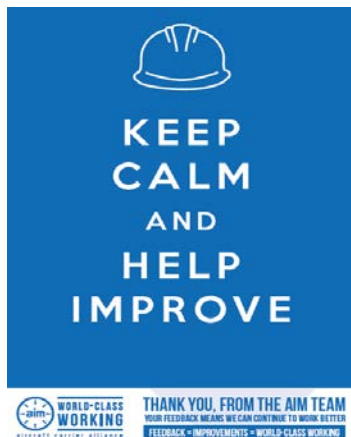
Within the booths you will find ring binders containing details of your feedback to date and what we have done in relation to challenges raised as well as where we have identified issues and taken steps to improve them.

If you have ideas on things you think could be done better, we want to hear about them. Simply fill in a feedback form and drop it in the feedback box in the areas provided and we will look into it.

So please look out for the poster pictured in the areas above, have a read of what we've been working on and share what you think needs looked at to make your working day a better and more productive one.

You can also share your suggestions via email by getting in touch with the AIM team at:

programmeaim@babcockinternational.com



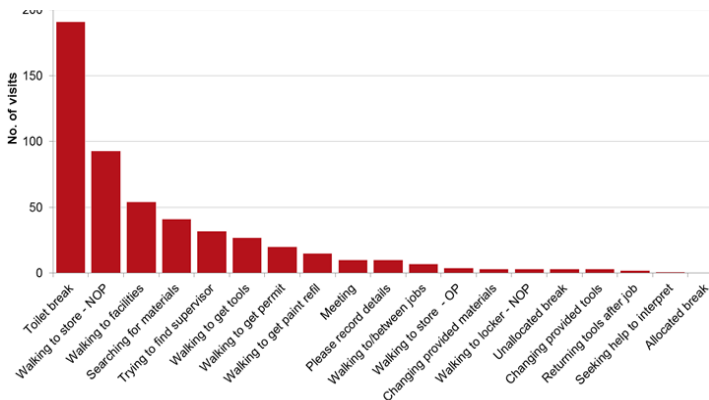
AIM Productivity

Off Ship Trips - Bringing parts and services closer to you

After receiving feedback from the operators at their monthly breakfast forums, the AIM Productivity Team has been looking into what takes people off ship on a daily basis. The objective of this is to look at what can be moved onto or nearby the ship to reduce lost time.

In addition to the data gathered during our RAG studies on board, AIM has engaged with a number of people over the last three weeks to gain an insight as to why they're leaving the vessel during their working day.

The information gathered so far has given a picture of the main issues to tackle in order to reduce the amount of time lost and these are shown in the graph below.



The biggest issues were lack of toilet facilities on board, a more complete stores including a paint facility, and improved communications on-board to assist with Supervisor contact. We are pleased to announce that two additional urinal facilities are now available on ship one, located at the forward and aft end of the hangar.

AIM will continue to gather data through ongoing RAG studies and ask people what is taking them off the vessel – this information will be anonymous but invaluable in helping shape the required solutions.

While a plan is in place to address these areas, the AIM Productivity Team would welcome your thoughts or suggestions which could lead to further improvements. Your views are vital to delivery of the right solutions that could make your working day better.

Please speak to any AIM team member alternatively, email us at: programmeaim@babcockinternational.com

Twin bridges run reaches new heights for HMS Queen Elizabeth

Amidst the morning hustle and bustle in Rosyth Dockyard, ten sailors from HMS Queen Elizabeth, set off on an impressive 40 mile run recently covering a scenic but challenging relay route spanning the great river, taking in the Kincardine Bridge, along the south bank and back over the Forth Road Bridge.

They completed the run in a speedy seven hours, raising over £270.00 for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.



Merseyside CB04 making progress

P01 inspections continue to CB04 A ring compartments with a total of 18 compartments now fully inspected with five partially inspected IWO ring splits.

Paint work is now complete within A ring to nine compartments with a further seven to commence this week. Insulation within A ring is progressing well with the majority of the compartments being metal cladded.

Insulation to 2MA2 is now complete in readiness for Lloyds' survey prior to metal cladding. Lock out equipment has been placed within B ring in readiness for the lift and turn of two deck units four and six this week.

Hot work continues to B ring hangar, port and starboard units. The structural dry survey was completed last week to C ring unit three. Welding continues to D ring two deck plates onsite.

Prince of Wales Clyde

LB04 preparing for paint

Last week there were zero recordable accidents on the block and none to date this week.

A formal care and protection audit took place this week, which was assessed as satisfactory. In such a busy environment, it is clear that there is still focus on care and protection of structure and equipment.

The P01 plan is now being progressed at pace, with hot work completion opening up significant areas to SSSL to prepare for painting. This preparation is underway and painting will open up substantial areas to support Alliance partners Ticon and Balfour Beatty as the latter target a milestone to install 300km of cable. The work to meet this milestone is being supported via cross-function and management walk rounds to prioritise and manage areas.

The throughput of P01s has been strong again this week with 21 P01s barcoded last week, with a further 26 targeted for this week.

There is continued attention on change with additional controls implemented to focus change against the new level 3 plan, which will be closely monitored in the coming weeks.

The CHOI programme continues to remain ahead of the plan, with eight compartments achieved last week taking the total CHOIs achieved to 200. A further nine compartments are due to be washed up this week, with volumes to increase over the coming weeks.

This week the first LB04 block handover meeting took place as the build and assembly teams from Govan and Rosyth increase their engagement in preparation for next year's block handover, due in July.

As the accelerated detail plan is being embedded across the Project, the build and project teams are determined to develop the culture of working closely together to resolve and prevent any potential operational issues.