

MAKING WAVES IN THE GULF

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to another busy issue of Topaz World.

In the last issue of Topaz World, I explained the crisis that has unfolded in the oil and gas industry. This situation continues unabated, and we expect 2016 to be just as challenging as 2015 has been. The whole OSV industry, including Topaz, needs to get used to an environment of US\$50 oil, or lower. That means cutting cost wherever we can, reducing wastage, becoming more efficient, using systems to automate our activities and assisting clients in reducing their cost. We are doing all of this, and I am confident that Topaz will demonstrate its resilience and come out of this crisis a winner. In this issue we take a look at several stories coming from the MENA fleet – drills, training for Saudi students, a rig move, and more.

We also report Topaz's participation in two important industry shows – Luanda Oil and Gas Expo, and Seatrade Offshore Marine and Workboats, as well as Topaz's wins in industry awards.

The 2015 safety culture survey closed with a 77% completion rate. You should have received the final report on this by now.

And thank you for all the great feedback. We really appreciate your support, and please continue to share your photos and stories with us.

Until next time,
René Kofod-Olsen
Chief Executive Officer



OPERATION IN FOCUS



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE AHTSV TOPAZ KHOBAR

Topaz Khobar has been busy. The major task was the tow of the ENSCO 84 jackup drilling rig, which was moved 92 nautical miles overnight from Safaniya oilfield to Berri oilfield, off the coast of Saudi Arabia. The tow operation started smoothly and with the route passing rough numerous other offshore installations, the team monitored it closely to make sure everything goes as per the passage plan.

ENSCO 84 is a substantial rig, with gross tonnage of 4,723 and a drilling depth of 20,000 ft. Saudi Aramco normally deploys

three tugs for rig move operations, the centre one being the lead tug (connected via the tow bridle underneath the rig's helideck). Topaz Khobar was the lead tug for the ENSCO 84 move.

This is routine job for a vessel assigned for towage, and sometimes the Topaz Khobar can do a couple of these rig move operations in a week. Tug masters have to be certified by Aramco for this work, and particular attention has to be paid to the condition of the vessel's machinery and systems.

In total the tow of 92 nautical miles took almost 24 hours from one location to the other, with adverse weather conditions overnight meaning that the towage speed had to be reduced significantly.

The final approach to the location was safely made at dawn.

While Topaz Khobar was the lead tug, the offshore supply ships Topaz Karama along with the Saudi-owned Hadi 22 provided support to port and starboard.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Topaz Khobar has also been carrying out its regular Fast Rescue Craft trials. In good weather the FRC should be able to maintain a speed of at least 20 knots, and that is the target. For accuracy the speed was measured from the Topaz Khobar's radar rather than by GPS.

Chief Mate Vyacheslav was the FRC skipper for the FRC trial. The FRC first made a few circles around Topaz Khobar to check that everything was in order. Once the engine had reached its working temperature, the drill started – from the bridge, Master Dmytro Feyzullayev operated the ARPA and once the target location was locked, he hailed the FRC team: "FRC from Topaz Khobar Bridge: full speed, keep this heading!" and Chief Mate Vyacheslav opened the throttle. To get the maximum speed, the FRC should be properly trimmed so the Chief Mate ordered the FRC crew to be seated closer to the steering position.

After a few minutes the Master radioed to the FRC: "Well done guys, your speed is 26.8 knots!" and the drill was then successfully concluded.

With these regular trials the Topaz Khobar can be confident that its FRC can provide emergency assistance that is fast and reliable when required.

Aside from conducting regular drills onboard, the team also makes sure that they take care of the ship's equipment. The team recently did some maintenance work on the vessel's stern rollers. See photos above.

BIRTHDAYS ONBOARD

Topaz Khobar has also been celebrating with second officer Oleksandr Kurkin, who had his birthday on board recently.

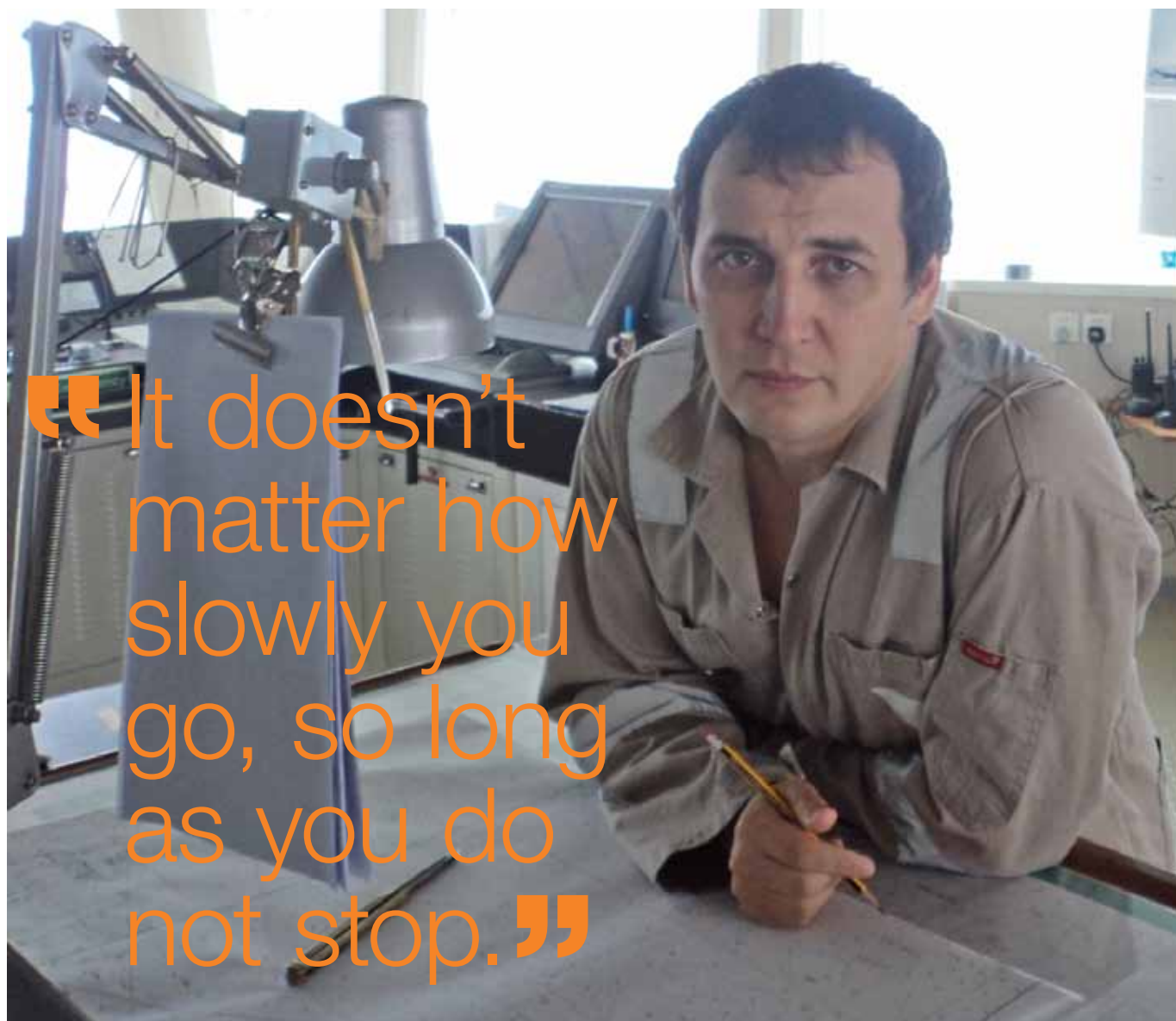
Congratulations also go to Chief Cook Floriano Fernandes and Ankoleker Ajay Anil of the Aramark catering crew for the fine birthday cake!

Amazingly, Topaz Khobar's galley stores include all the ingredients needed to make a fine cake from scratch – and visits from Saudi onshore management confirm that test samples of the cakes are consistently very good!



GETTING TO KNOW...

FOR THIS ISSUE OF *TOPAZWORLD* WE GET TO KNOW **CAPTAIN ANTON APALKOV**, MASTER OF THE TOPAZ KHUBAYB



“It doesn't matter how slowly you go, so long as you do not stop.”

CAPTAIN ANTON HAD NEVER THOUGHT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE CONNECTED WITH THE SEA. BUT A FRIEND SUGGESTED THEY BOTH APPLY TO THE MARITIME ACADEMY AND SIX YEARS LATER HE HAD GRADUATED AS A QUALIFIED ENGINEER/NAVIGATOR. HE JOINED TOPAZ IN 2009 AND HAS BEEN CAPTAIN OF TOPAZ KHALIDIYA FOR 18 MONTHS. WHILE THE TOPAZ KHALIDIYA IS UNDER REPAIR IN DUBAI DRYDOCK, CAPTAIN ANTON IS IN CHARGE OF TOPAZ KHUBAYB.

Please tell us a bit about the Topaz Khubayb and the kind of work it is doing.

Topaz Khubayb has been chartered by Saudi Aramco to replace another K-class ship as that vessel undergoes repair in Dubai Drydock. Topaz Khubayb is a good, seaworthy AHTSV, mostly engaged in cargo supplying operations to rigs in KSA waters – fresh water, fuel oil, dry bulk and various other deck cargoes which are required for the normal work of offshore installations. Sometimes the Khubayb takes part in rig move operations under the control of the rig move master, but the number of moves is significantly lower in the winter.

As the Captain of the Khubayb, what is a typical day for you like? What are some of the challenges you encounter as you go about your duties?

The Captain of any ship has the ultimate responsibility for human life, the vessel's integrity and the company's reputation in the eyes of the client; and I am always aware of these obligations.

No two days are similar, even if we have the same operations and duties everyday. There are always many factors which are out of our control and which affect the safe operation of the vessel – weather conditions, regular changes of instruction from our Logistics Team, sudden equipment malfunctions, and difficulties in getting the spare parts which are sometimes required immediately for continued safe operation of the ship and to keep the vessel available to fulfill its duties.

In spite of all the difficulties we encounter here, my job makes me proud, happy and inspired. I am doing the job I studied for, it is my favourite occupation, and it gives me all-round satisfaction.

We understand that crew welfare is an issue that is close to your heart. What issues do you feel are important in crew welfare?

In my opinion the crew's welfare depends on many factors. But the most important, I think, are the relationships on board – how people live together, how they respect each other, how they can communicate and work with their colleagues in different situations. When people come on board they should trust and rely on each other, especially the guys who keep duty on the same shift, without reference to age, nationality or religion.

How long have you been with Topaz? Any career highlights with Topaz you want to share?

I joined Topaz in 2009 in the Caspian Sea as Chief Mate of AHTS DMS 2000. After almost two years of anchor handling work in Turkmenistan, I was transferred to Topaz Qatar and joined Topaz Jafiliya, where I spent about a year; and finally in 2012 the company moved me to KSA, where I joined the Topaz Khalidiya. Two years later I was promoted to Captain and took over command of the Topaz Khalidiya. I am currently with the Topaz Khubayb while the Khalidiya is under repair in Dubai Drydocks.

How do you see your career progressing over the next few years?

At the moment Topaz has a contract in KSA for the next three years, thanks to the titanic effort put in by our management team to secure it. So for that period our future is more or less clear and we will continue our work as before. After that is anyone's guess but human resource is an important part of any company, and I believe that Topaz will take care of people in the future.

What made you decide to take up a career at sea?

To be honest, when I completed school I never thought that my life would be connected with the sea. It just happened that one day a friend of mine suggested I apply to go to the Maritime Academy with him. We both passed all the required exams for that and became students at the Academy. After six years I graduated as an Engineer-Navigator with an OOW (Officer of the Watch) license and went to sea – where I am now!

Please tell us about your family.

My family is not too large – my wife and a three year old daughter. I am sure a lot of my fellow seamen can attest to this - it is hard for all the wives and children of seamen to wait for their husbands and fathers in the same way it is hard for us to care for our families when we are so far away; but that is a part of the life that we have chosen.

Lastly, please tell us about yourself. Who is Captain Anton outside of his professional life?

I am a family man and I like to spend my time with my wife and daughter. At the weekend we usually visit parents, relatives and friends.

As for my other leisure time, I like surfing the web, reading books, watching my favourite TV channels and sometimes traveling. I also sometimes go fishing and have barbeques with family and friends.

In a snapshot, what is your favourite:

Sport: Boxing, MMA on TV
Movie: Action and horror movies
Food: Seafood

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

TOPAZ REINVESTS IN SUBSEA FLEET WITH TWO NEW SUBSEA VESSELS

Topaz had acquired two modern Subsea vessels from Vard Brattvaag in Norway at a purchase price of approximately US\$115 million.

Specifically developed for light subsea construction with intervention duties, the vessels will be of VARD 3 08 design and are scheduled for delivery in 3Q 2017 and 4Q 2017. Topaz retains an option for two more vessels.

René Kofod-Olsen, CEO, Topaz Energy and Marine, said: "We have confidence in the growth of the Subsea sector and accordingly we're reinvesting in our Subsea-capable fleet with these innovative and fit-

for-purpose vessels. By building in what is a challenging time for the industry we have minimized costs, and believe that at the time of delivery the market will have rebalanced sufficiently to be generating healthy demand. These highly capable, energy efficient and cost-effective vessels will benefit Topaz and our global clients immensely.

"Vard is one of the leading global designers and shipbuilders of high-end OSVs. Their longstanding shipbuilding traditions, cutting-edge innovation and technology coupled with an integrated design house, made us comfortable in entrusting this project to Vard."

The DP2 class vessels will have a 120-ton active heave compensated offshore crane with the capability to reach working depths of 3,000 meters. Subsea equipment can be lowered down onto the seabed through a moonpool or over the shipside. In addition, both vessels will be prepared for two Remote Operated Vehicles (ROVs), which are deployed via Launch and Recovery Systems (LARS) in the ship's side. The vessels will be built according to the latest Special Purpose Ship (SPS) regulations, with diesel electric engines and the ability to accommodate up to 82 persons in high standard cabins.

5 YEARS WITHOUT AN LTI ON THE SALALAH

The team on Topaz Salalah has again been recognised for its exemplary record by Maersk Oil Qatar (MOQ). For achieving five years without a single Lost Time Incident – a great achievement by the team on board – MOQ awarded the ship with a plaque and provided gifts for the crew.



TOPAZ FLEET REACHES 100 VESSELS WITH THE ADDITION OF "MAMLAKA"

The Topaz fleet has expanded its fleet to a 100 vessels with the acquisition of a 5220 BHP, 1300 DWT and 60 tonnes bollard pull anchor handling tug supply vessel (AHTS) 'Mamlaka'. Meaning 'Kingdom' in Arabic, the Mamlaka is a 61.8 metres DP2 vessel built by Malaysian offshore shipbuilder Berjaya Dockyard.

CEO René Kofod-Olsen said: "The addition of the Topaz Mamlaka marks a milestone for our company as it brings the number of vessels in our fleet to 100. Over the last 12 months we have strategically expanded our fleet to take advantage of market conditions, focussing on acquisitions which are in line with our strategy of operating a modern and high-spec fleet, the benefits of which will strengthen us as our clients place increasing emphasis on safety, operational uptime and efficiency. The quality and youth of our fleet positions Topaz favourably against the higher average age of the worldwide OSV fleet."



TOPAZ WINS 'SAFETY AND QUALITY AWARD'

Topaz has recently been selected as the winner for 'The Safety and Quality Award' at the 2015 Seatrade Maritime Awards. This award recognises the Company's uncompromising focus on safety and reputation among clients for maintaining a consistently strong safety performance over its 40-year history.

Topaz constantly invests in initiatives to further deepen awareness of safe operating procedures among its employees. 2015 saw the third year of Topaz's annual "Safety Culture Survey" in addition to the launch of the "Mobile Safety Observation" application, together with new training initiatives.

CEO René Kofod-Olsen said when accepting the award, *"We would like to thank the judges and organizers of the Seatrade Maritime Awards for selecting us as winner for 'The Safety and Quality Award.' As the premier maritime awards for the Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and Africa, it is an honour to be selected amongst such a strong peer group."*

Safety is our absolute top priority and we are therefore delighted that we have been recognised for the work we have done to achieve high safety standards. We will continue to invest in innovative solutions to help us improve safety and quality which in turn helps drive our long-term sustainable business plan in the region."



TOPAZ SCOOPS TWO AWARDS AT LLOYD'S LIST AWARDS

Topaz scooped two more awards at the 2015 Lloyd's List Middle East and Indian Subcontinent awards evening in the categories of 'Offshore and Energy' and 'Maritime Services'. Topaz was also Highly Commended for the Safety Award. The awards recognise Topaz's excellence in providing services to the offshore industry with entries judged on elements such as customer service, safety, environmental protection, cost management as well as vessel efficiency and reliability and company profitability.

CEO René Kofod-Olsen said of the recognition, *"It is an honour to be selected for not one but two awards at the highly regarded Lloyd's List awards event among a highly competitive peer group. At Topaz, we pride ourselves on our young and technologically advanced fleet, our model of securing medium to long-term contracts and our ability to actively manage costs in a difficult operating environment."*



These awards provide external recognition of our efforts in providing best-in-class services to the offshore industry and I would like to dedicate the awards to our seafarers working across the MENA, Caspian and African regions who dedicate themselves every day to excelling in our industry."

FINANCE

UPDATE



Continued pressure on oil prices cascades into an unprecedented crisis period for the offshore industry

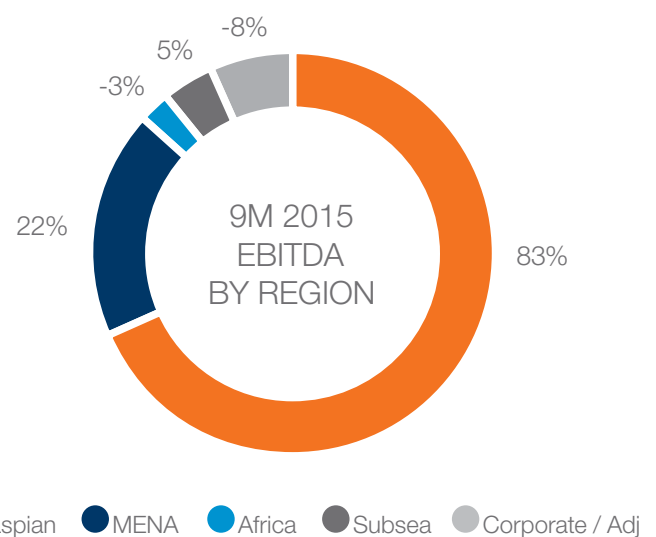
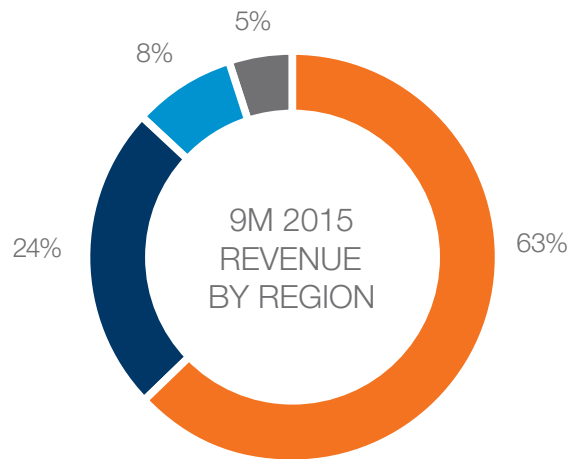
The company's results for the nine months of 2015 is a reflection of the toughening of the market, with lower revenue of US\$274 million (LY: US\$ 289 million) and EBITDA (earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation & Amortization) of \$129 million (LY: US\$ 144 million). Under these conditions, we need to achieve operational excellence and realize cost efficiencies to emerge from this crisis as a resilient company.

The industry is more unpredictable than ever and this is a time when "all hands are on deck" and each and every one of us needs to think outside the box to contribute, regardless of the size of the contribution. We have recently formulated a cost optimization drive aimed to realign our costs with the current market environment. Apart from day to day operations, we need to pay focused attention to our projects and dry dockings. These measures along with our robust contract backlog will drive us home and we need to continue to strive harder for us to come out on top!

✉ For comments, please email our CFO
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SUNSET PHOTO AT RIG NSM 339 FROM TOPAZ KARAMA



FUN PAGE

Scan and email us your correct submissions on or before 15 March 2016 and one lucky winner will win a prize.

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Excerpts from the **TOPAZ WAY**

STATUS QUO—IS REGRESS

- What worked yesterday may not work tomorrow because of our dynamic industry, and technological and legislative changes
- We need to be at least one step ahead of every external and internal stakeholder, always ambitious

Congratulations to TopazWorld Q2-2015 winner: Naresh Sanda, Office Assistant. Thank you to all who submitted entries.

Word Search

1. Topaz recently announced the purchase of these kind of vessels from Vard Brattvaag in Norway
2. The ENSCO 84 jackup drilling rig was moved 92 nautical miles from this location to Berri oilfield
3. This assisted the MV Aurelia in Ras Tanura with anchor handling works
4. The first two _____ have just completed their first tour in Azerbaijan
5. The theme for this expo was 'Challenges, Opportunities, Partnerships and Innovation'
6. The Khubayb was in this location in Saudi Arabia when it had a chance to run a series of safety drills
7. Topaz recently won this award amidst strong competition
8. The portside tug during the rig move operations of PN5 Abu Safah
9. The Topaz Salalah assisted in the evacuation operations for this rig off the coast of Qatar
10. The Topaz Khubayb is currently under charter with this oil and gas major
11. The Nabors 655 was towed by this vessel to Zuluf oilfield off the northern coast of KSA
12. This Latin phrase means the existing state of affairs, particularly with regards to social or political issues



* Remember some answers can be found backwards. Type "wordsearch" in the subject and email us at topaz.communications@topazworld.com

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



TOPAZ KHUBAYB SAFETY DRILLS

A spell at the Arabiyah West Anchorage in KSA gave Topaz Khubayb the ideal opportunity to run safety drills.

The Fire drill, Abandon Ship drill and H2S drill were led by Chief Officer Edcel Viraque under the supervision of the Master Andrey Rudnitskiy. Before starting the drills, toolbox talks were carried out to ensure that all activities will be done safely. All 14 crew participated.

"It was a great pleasure on my side that I was assigned as one of the fire fighters," said Oiler Yohanes Wangga. I've learnt so much on these drills."

Said Second Mate Yevgen Tupitsyn: "During the Abandon Ship drill, I demonstrated the quick release unit for the life raft, and the purpose of EPIRB, SART and the emergency VHF radio. All crew showed good knowledge in emergency situations, so we can sleep well!"

The main aim of the exercises is to confirm that the vessel's crew can respond appropriately and effectively in the event of a real-world emergency; to achieve the performance levels required by charterer Aramco; to protect the environment and physical assets; and, most importantly, to preserve the safety of the people on board.

Bosun Moustafa Mohamed said: "I appreciate the diligence of the Master and Officers for conducting regular drills. This will help us to understand and practice our duties and responsibilities."



MOB DRILL BY THE TOPAZ COURAGEOUS

The team onboard the AHTSV Topaz Courageous was all smiles as they conducted a mob drill recently at Hamriya anchorage.



SAUDI CADETS TRAIN ABOARD THE KHALIDIYA

A group of Saudi trainees have been honing their boat steering and handling skills on board the Topaz Khalidiya.

The trainees are in process of obtaining their full qualification as 'rating deck', supported by the Faculty of Marine Sciences at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University. As part of their course they have to learn the real working condition of seafarers and the practical application of the theoretical knowledge they have gained from the classroom.

During a recent training session on the Topaz Khalidiya, the trainees took the helm, steering and manoeuvring the vessel.

The trainees each have to complete the Training Record Book issued by the King Abdul Aziz University, tailor made for Topaz and in accordance with international maritime standards to confirm their competence at key tasks. This is the basis for grading on their course and is an essential step towards full qualification.



HR AND
CREWING

PRIDE AND LOYALTY PROGRAM

During 2015 we communicated the details of our Employee Value Proposition (EVP) which summarises the benefits of being part of the Topaz family, namely:

- A consistent, dynamic leadership with clearly defined strategies and accountabilities
- A strong commitment to your safety through best in class Safety Management System and practices
- An open working environment that encourages sharing of new ideas as well as challenges on the way of achieving the strategy and 'The Topaz Way'
- A merit based performance culture with solid career opportunities, caring for individuals' success and growth
- An environment of recognition and well-being with consciousness of cultural differences and respect for the individual

In support of our EVP we have developed our Pride and Loyalty program, which is designed to improve employee engagement as well as working and living conditions on board. You will be familiar with some Pride and Loyalty initiatives currently being implemented, which include the design of the new Topaz coveralls, the enhancement of our training delivery (using maritime simulators), and the roll out of our Competence Assurance Program. We will keep you updated on plans for 2016.

Soon we will ask you to take part in a short Employee Engagement Survey. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on what improvements you would like to see on board, whether it's regarding work processes or recreational facilities. We look forward to everyone taking part in the survey, as your responses will shape our future Pride and Loyalty initiatives. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us at any time with your comments or suggestions.



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TOPAZ EVENTS

TOPAZ JOINS INDUSTRY PEERS AT WORKBOATS SHOW IN THE CAPITAL

Topaz Energy and Marine joined industry leaders to discuss the opportunities and challenges in the marine and offshore sector at the Seatrade Offshore Marine and Workboats conference in October.

The event, held in Abu Dhabi, is regarded as one of the largest and most important workboat events outside the USA.

Topaz was a sponsor of the event. Topaz CEO René Kofod-Olsen said: *"The Seatrade Offshore Marine and Workboats Conference facilitates the opportunity to debate the dynamic and complex business environment in which we currently operate and how our industry can, under tremendous cost pressure, provide even higher standards of technological innovation, operational quality and safety for clients."*

Mr Kofod-Olsen took part in the Opening Keynote Summit speaker panel alongside executives from Emirates NBD, Abu Dhabi Ports, Abu Dhabi Shipbuilding Company and Ali & Sons Group.

The panel addressed the most challenging issues facing the region's dynamic but complex workboat and offshore sector, with the focus firmly on the effect of low oil prices creating an unpredictable business environment.

Mr Kofod-Olsen told the conference that the industry would need to go through a period of consolidation. *"These are turbulent times. It seems that we are looking at low oil prices for the next decade. But we have gone through such times before and prospered, we just need to reset the way we are structured and consolidate."*

In addition to participating in the conference and hosting a welcome reception at the end of the first day, Topaz had an exhibition stand at the event. Also confirmed at the event was the transfer of Topaz Engineering Limited to Chalmers Holdings.

On a separate but related note, Topaz Energy and Marine was a finalist for three categories at the Seatrade Maritime Awards and was eventually named the winner of the Safety and Quality Award. Topaz was also involved in another accolade, the Seatrade Deal of the Year Award won by Standard Chartered Bank for the \$550 million facility it arranged for Topaz.





TOPAZ PLAYS MAJOR PART IN LUANDA OIL & GAS EXPO

Topaz Marine was prominent in both the conference and the exhibition at the Luanda Oil & Gas Conference and Expo in October.

The Conference is growing into a major regional event for the industry. The second edition, run as before by the Angola Business Support Centre CAE with the support of Sonangol and the Ministry of Petroleum, had the theme 'Challenges, Opportunities, Partnerships and Innovation'.

CAE's strategy is to promote national business in the oil sector, in particular by promoting Angolan goods and services to international operators. Said the Minister of Petroleum, Botelho de Vasconcelos: *"The strategy of developing local content in the oil and gas sector aims on one hand for the reduction of imports of goods and services and ensuring the diversification of the economy, and on the other, the identification of weaknesses and risks associated with the policy of promoting local content in a sustainable way."*

Topaz is active in local development and has a 100% Angolan operation; the Luanda Oil & Gas Conference demonstrated its good relationship with CAE, and was able to meet clients, make important contacts at the Ministry of Petroleum on key issues like work visas and the ability to import vessels under our local organization.

Topaz was also able to meet several potential suppliers that will help achieve the best pricing when procuring parts and services locally. These ranged from lubrication oil suppliers and insurance companies to guest house options for crew and other employees.

The event was perhaps not as busy as anticipated, but Topaz does consider that its participation was successful. The company's impressive exhibition stand demonstrated its commitment to the region, and a satisfactory number of sales leads were collected.

Topaz also hosted a cocktail party with music, and this was certainly regarded as one of the highlights of the event. Angola's business scene is very social-oriented, and Topaz feels that the effort to build relationships with clients will pay off.

IN BRIEF

TOPAZ KHALIDIYA KEEPS ACTIVE IN THE GULF

Last September 18, the Topaz Khalidiya team did a FRC launch exercise...



...as well as an emergency generator start-up procedure exercise. Well done guys!



The team was on the move during another FRC exercise in Zuluf oilfield.



Also on the move was Nabors 655, towed by Topaz Khalidiya to a new location in the Zuluf field off the northern coast of Saudi Arabia.

HELPING HAND

At Aramco's request, Topaz Karama assisted MV Aurelia in Ras Tanura to 'twist out' Aurelia's anchor chain. The work was done successfully on Topaz Karama's deck, and as a result MV Aurelia was able to heave up its anchor and proceed.



The team was all smiles on deck afterwards as they celebrated a job well done.



TOPAZ SALALAH TO THE RESCUE!

On a fine day in early July, the Topaz Salalah was engaged in survey operations at the Al Shaheen Echo platform off Qatar. Then came an urgent call from the Al Shaheen Field Offshore Traffic Control (OTC) – the support rig Rumailah, a floating staff accommodation block with three jackup legs, was in distress.

“We immediately aborted our current operation and informed the platform operator about the emergency”, said Wilfredo Yao Jr, Chief Officer of the Topaz Salalah, who informed the Offshore Traffic Control that it would render assistance with the ETA at the location of around 20 minutes.

When the Topaz Salalah reached the stricken rig, it was already listing to port. The ship's Rescue Team – composed of C/O Wilfredo Yao Jr, 2nd Engineer Akbar Bin Patahuddin and Bosun Lito Delos Santos – launched the Topaz Salalah's Fast Rescue Craft and soon joined other FRCs at the scene evacuating crew from the Rumailah. The Salalah team picked up the last remaining crew off the rig and transferred them to safety to the awaiting Seacor Leopard.

The whole rescue operation was a success. No one was reported hurt, and Topaz Salalah officers and crew were praised for their part. The rig had apparently suffered a punch-through incident, where one of its support legs had broken through the seabed. The Rumailah will now need months of repairs, its owners said in an official statement.



QHSSE UPDATE

NEW OPERATIONAL ASSURANCE TEAM TAKES SHAPE

Topaz has begun to recruit senior officers into its new Operational Assurance (OA) Team, aimed at providing coaching and practical guidance to operational staff.



The first two OA Officers, Captain Geoff Legg (right) and Chief Engineer Marek Tomaskiewicz (left), have already completed their first tour in Azerbaijan. They spent around eight weeks with the fleet and shore teams there, covering all aspects of the day-to-day vessel operations, including a rig move and several drills and exercises.

The Operational Assurance team is a key element of Topaz's operational strategy for the future, and any senior officer interested in applying for a role in the team is invited to contact Katie Lea – email Katie.Lea@topaz-marine.com.

SAFETY FIRST – EDGES AND LEDGES!

The QHSSE Team has seen a number of near misses and other incidents around slip, trip, fall and impact hazards. The “Edges and Ledges” safety campaign has been rolled out to increase awareness and emphasise the hazards.

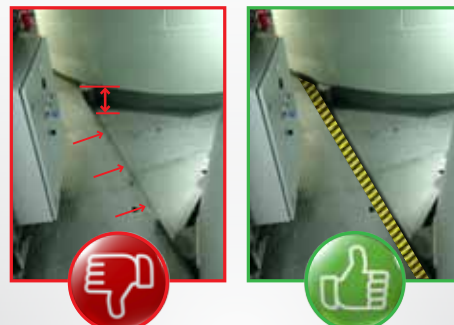
As the safety poster shows, even the cleanest and most well maintained spaces can hide hazards – a narrow walkway with a 10cm step that isn't sufficiently highlighted can easily lead to a twisted ankle or worse.

The solutions are often simple and usually effective. For instance, ‘tiger stripes’, high-visibility coloured paint, barrier tapes, and warning signs can all help prevent injury.

The poster below is being distributed to all vessels and offices.

Edges and Ledges

Can hurt...make sure they're highlighted in all ships and sites!



Edges and Ledges should be highlighted
Edges and ledges should be highlighted to avoid slips, trips, falls and impacts in all spaces.
Be aware of your surroundings
Even the cleanest and best-maintained spaces may hide hazards – at first glance, there may appear to be no danger at all.
Always take measures to highlight hazards
Use any means available to temporarily highlight hazards (tape, warning signs etc.) until permanent markings can be applied or posted.

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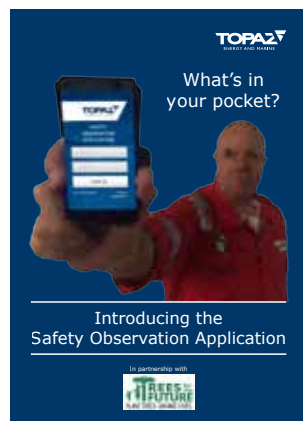
SAFETY OBSERVATION APP NOW READY FOR DOWNLOAD

The latest safety tool to be introduced by Topaz is the Safety Observation app, a free downloadable app for Apple, Android and Windows smartphones and tablets.

Use of the app is optional, but it can replace the existing paper Safety Observation Cards in most cases. Using the app means that observations are received by the QHSSE team within minutes rather than days.

Saving on paper obviously has environmental benefits as well, and Topaz has partnered with Trees for the Future to plant one new tree for every single observation received through the app.

The app works only on wi-fi, so the user does not have to run up any personal data costs to submit safety reports.



QHSSE PERFORMANCE EOY 2015

MEASURE	OUR PERFORMANCE
FATAL ACCIDENT RATE (FAR)	ZERO
LOST TIME INJURY FREQUENCY (LTIf)	0.91
TOTAL RECORDABLE INJURY RATE (TRIR)	2.20
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT FREQUENCY (ENVf)	0.73
SAFETY OBSERVATION FREQUENCY RATE (SOFR)	1,198
MANAGEMENT VISIT RATE (MVR)	36

✉ For comments, please email Ian Trebinski , Head of QHSSE, at qhse.news@topaz-marine.com



Congratulations to **Captain Dmytro Feyzullayev** of the Topaz Khobar for submitting the winning photo of the first Photo Competition.



Winning photo: Topaz Khobar was the portside tug during the rig move operations of PN5 Abu Safah, offshore Saudi.



Captain Dmytro (left) receiving his prize, a Canon camera, from Saudi Country Manager, Willem DeVries.