

## APRIL- OCEANOLOGY NEWSLETTER 2008

Early March was a busy period for RoDMA, with the biennial Oceanology International exhibition held at ExCeL 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March. The proximity of the water to the exhibition halls provides a unique chance for ships to visit the Royal Docks, and this year has been no exception with nine vessels moored alongside.

First arrivals included the French Navy survey vessel **FS LAPLACE**. With an 1100 tonne displacement and length of 59 metres, she is Based in Brest, and recently spent 3 months along the West African coasts conducting hydrographical and geodetic measurement surveys.



*RS Alliance*

A return visitor was the NATO research vessel **RS ALLIANCE**. The vessel is owned by NATO, registered under the German flag and with German, British and Italian crew. She is 93 meters long and has a 3,180 tonne displacement.



*HMS Ledbury*

The Royal Navy's Hunt Class Mine Countermeasures vessel **HMS LEDBURY** is employed on behalf of DEFRA and the crew is specially trained for fishery protection work.

The 17 tonne catamaran **MV YANTLET** owned and operated by the Port of London Authority, is a regular visitor to the Royal Docks, as she undertakes the pre- and post dredge hydrographical surveys in the KGV Bellmouth for RoDMA.



*MV Yanlet*



*Coastal Digger*



*Wessex Explorer at KGV 5*

**MV WESSEX EXPLORER** has been a regular visitor to Oceanology show, and this year was demonstrating a high resolution bathymetric and side scan sonar. The vessel stayed on after the exhibition and has been carrying out survey work associated with the Crossrail project.

**COASTAL DIGGER** the 23 meters long special service/support vessel and **MV CONFIDANTE** were also visitors.



## LONDON CITY AIRPORT APRON EXTENSION

MV Confidante

Construction of the new airport aircraft apron extension is almost complete, and RoDMA's involvement in the process drawing to a close. Precast concrete units have been transported aboard barges from a plant area adjacent to Royal Victoria Dock, through the Royal Albert Dock and to the site at the western end of King George V Dock. This necessitated almost twice daily operation of the footbridge at the Connaught Bridge, and close liaison with the Regatta Centre to avoid conflict with rowers. Barges have also been utilised by the Contractor Carillion to transport excavated materials downriver to the disposal site at, the tugs used for towing accessing to and from the River Thames through KGV Lock.

2008 EVENTS	KING GEORGE V DOCK	ROYAL ALBERT DOCK	ROYAL VICTORIA DOCK	Notes
<b>APRIL</b>				
24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>			London Golf Show	Golf Show
<b>MAY</b>				
7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>		Docklands/Poplar Regattas		
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>		John Groom Dragons		
19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	Wine Fair
<b>JUNE</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>		London Youth Games		
8 <sup>th</sup>		Hong Kong Economic Trade Office Dragon Boat event		
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>		FINA Swim		
26 <sup>th</sup>		Dragon Boat Event		
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>		London Youth Games	28 <sup>th</sup> -London Youth Games	
<b>JULY</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup>		Dragon Boat Event		
5 <sup>th</sup>	London City Airport Family Day	London City Airport Family Day		
7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>		Anthony Nolan Trust Dragon Boat Regatta		
12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>		London Triathlon		
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>		BDA Dragon Boat Event		
<b>AUGUST</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	British Motor Show
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>			London Triathlon swim section	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
6 <sup>th</sup>			Sea Cadet Regatta	
9 <sup>th</sup>		Docklands Small Boats		
10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound to/from RVD	Vessels transit in/out bound	World Travel Market
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>		BDA Dragon Boat Event		
12 <sup>th</sup>		Organisation Dragons		
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>		NSPCC Dragons Alive		
<b>DECEMBER</b>				

18 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound to RVD	Vessels transit in bound	Boat Show 2009
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