

JENKINS MARINE

The Specialised Workboat, Barges and Dredging Contractor – *Annual Review*

Jenkins Marine has reinforced their commitment to providing frontline dredging and support services with relocation to a new base of operations in Poole harbour. This long-term million pound development project involves some 10,000ft² of land just west of the established RORO 3 ferry terminal and sees the company's headquarters and base of operations consolidated at one location. The new site has office facilities, equipment storage and workshops for engineering and maintenance and provides a fantastic opportunity to further expand operations in the UK and around Europe.

Autumn also saw the fleet upgraded to better meet their customers' needs. This included the addition a 25m long, shallow draft self propelled barge *Stour*, equipped with spud legs, deck crane, winches and all the safety features you would expect on an MCA Category 3 workboat. She underwent a complete re-fit; an entire new lower hull, a new 68 T/M hydraulic deck crane and, perhaps most ambitiously, the removal of 5.2 metres of her bow to reduce her length from 30m to 25m to allow operations within "60 miles of a safe-haven" as required under the workboat code. She has quickly become an indispensable part of the company's busy Multi-cat team.

At Christmas the Company was delighted to announce another new arrival with the addition of *Swanage* to its hopper barge fleet; a large 415m³ self propelled split hopper barge. Previously owned by *Besix* in Belgium and named *Split 3* she is highly manoeuvrable for her size and has been completely refitted and updated on her arrival and is now working on capital and maintenance dredging, beach replenishment and coast protection projects.

More recently in March *Jenkins Marine* carried out a re-fit of its split Hopper Barge *SHM5*. Now named *Hurst* the 150m³ dumb Split Hopper Barge is MCA certified with a load-line exemption for operation within the UK coastal waters. She is equipped with a fully remote controlled split hopper meaning she can be controlled by the crew of the towing tug or vessel and making her ideal for dredging operations in restricted locations.

And during all this *Jenkins Marine* still found time to work on some high profile projects including the construction of the new multi-million pound ferry port at *Stranraer*, Scotland and the new *Twin Sails Bridge* in Poole harbour where they successfully oversaw the precision installation of the main bridge sections – a process that involved co-ordinating a large number of contractors and personnel as well as a number of *Jenkins Marine* vessels.

Jim Bright, Strategic Director, Borough of Poole said:

"The sheer scale and complexity of this engineering operation is remarkable and unlike anything we've witnessed before in Poole."

To find out more about any of their projects mentioned here or to discuss their services feel free to contact **Jenkins Marine** direct or visit their web site.

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