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HIGHLIGHTS 3rd QUARTER 2021

- ✔ Completion of Georg Jacob dry dock
- ✔ EJ/Nordic Azubi Workshops

INSIDE STORY: RISING WITHIN ERNST JACOB - MR. NINO DELALE

Ernst Jacob is always looking for talent within our ranks and when possible promoting within. One of our success stories can be seen with Mr. Nino Delale who started with us back in 2014 as a cadet on board Nell Jacob. After being promoted through the years, he was lastly promoted during his last contract on board to Second Officer. We were happy to hear a little about his background and experiences as part of the Ernst Jacob crew.

becomes used to that way of life. However, even though I almost knew what to expect—in other ways it is a really difficult life full of responsibility. I would say that the education standard in Croatia is very high and that the university I attended was very respectable and therefore gave me enough background.



I also remember fondly my first passing the equator. I was part of a special ceremony to note the occasion and this will forever stay in my memory of one of my first special moments at sea. I received a special diploma with the seaman name “El Nino” which the Chief Officer Mislav Sapunar gifted me. It was a truly wonderful experience and I was congratulated by all crew on board and offered best wishes for my future seaman life.

This was of course many years ago now, and so much has changed even in my 7 years, who would have foreseen the situation that Seamen face nowadays. COVID-19 restriction are everywhere but we seamen face it often. I just do as we all have to - follow the rules of the government in country where I am and follow rules and regulations on board. I believe in being vaccinated in order to prevent disease, but of course to be vigilant and wear masks and wash hands as usually.

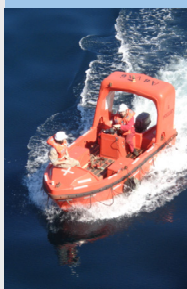
My final words will be for our new cadets—following the following and you will be well at sea: receive a quality education, be safe in your duties, follow environmental protection trainings; show good discipline and of course respect all others on board.

We thank Mr. Nino Delale for taking time to help us with our Newsletter even during his off time and for sharing his inspiring advice for all our future crew to come!

My name is Nino Delale, I am 32 years old, single and currently live in Solin, a small town close to Split. I completed nautical university 7 years ago and have been sailing with Ernst Jacob ever since the beginning of my career in 2014. Presently I am second officer and happy with my job. During my free time I enjoy playing sports, especially playing and watching football. I have also been part of a football team for the past 12 years and presently play in the second amateurs league in Split.

From an early time in childhood I knew I would choose a Nautical career. Both my father and my uncle are seaman and so I was given and inside look in to the industry at a young age especially the engineer roles as my father was first engineer and my uncle was chief engineer. After finishing nautical university I applied for a job at the Globtik Express agency in Split and they gave were able to offer me the opportunity to work for Ernst Jacob as I had always planned to work on tanker vessels.

During my first contract on board Nell Jacob I was lucky to have such a good team on board and overall left with a positive feeling of my first months at sea. It was exactly what I had expected from a seaman's life. At the beginning it was little hard because it was the first time that I had left home for such a long period of time, but of course one adapts and soon



Nordic Basel welcomes Office Apprentice onboard



One of our current office apprentices; Mr Levent Usta, was fortunate to spend almost 2 weeks aboard our good vessel Nordic Basel in late August. We would like to thank Master, crew and all involved with the organization, a big thank you for contributing in what we have heard was an unbelievable experience. We look forward to having a full report to share with our readers in the next Newsletter.



Ernst Jacob & Nordic Hamburg - First Internal Apprentice Workshop



The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic seem to be limitless and even our dual apprenticeship here in our Hamburg offices suffered due to the restrictions and lack of office presence. Both the formal schooling and the training in our office took place remotely and further external education opportunities were mostly cancelled. In order for us to accept the circumstances as they are, but to also provide additional training within the limited work frame, we decided to create a tailored Apprentice workshop “from us - for them”. Together with Nordic Hamburg we designed an Agenda with topics that we felt would be interesting in order to broaden their horizons, to come together again and to give our “Youngsters” a better understanding of shipping. We received great interest from our employees and many internal and external speakers attended with a very positive response. Our apprentices (2 Ernst Jacob, 4 Nordic) started with the topic “our companies” and each had to introduce the company where they are conducting their apprenticeship. This was a great start and brought them a little closer together. The individual, and often remote, Maritime lectures were conducted between August and September 2021.



The following topics were included in the Agenda: **Project development; Chartering, Freight & Demurrage; Coast Guard/water police; LNG; Maritime academic studies; Piracy; Tanker Design, IGS, STS, Class; Vetting; and Insurance.** We would like to express our gratitude to all speakers who made this workshop possible. Thanks for your ideas, your support and your involvement. This might have been our first “Ernst Jacob & Nordic Shipmanagement Apprentice workshop” but certainly will not be our last.

COVID-19—EJ Crew gets vaccinated

For most of 2020 and 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic has seen tens of thousands of seafarers stranded on board ships or unable to join ships. Although the IMO had intervened in this humanitarian and safety crisis, by urging its Member States to designate seafarers and other maritime personnel as “key workers” the situation with flights, port restrictions and many other obstacles have made it still as difficult as ever. So, when our crew were given the opportunity to get vaccinated by the USCG in



Corpus Christi earlier this quarter, many of our crew decided to sign up. Below are some photos from their experience:



We hope that the efforts of those who wish to be vaccinated, mean that they can continue to travel between the ships that constitute their workplace, and their countries of residence, as well as disembark from their ships to seek medical treatment ashore. This is one of the key actions of the Neptune Declaration, created in order to promote Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Changes, of which Ernst Jacob are full supporters.



red\line Group - Traffic disaster concerning Covid - 19

At the beginning 2020, from one day to the other we were all faced with severely reduced or even completely cancelled transport possibilities by air. Sea freight suffered later on in the same way. The virus hit the transport business unexpectedly and directly to the core. Suddenly, we and our customers were confronted with the difficulties of how we could secure the operation of fleets all over the world with necessary spare parts, maps, etc.



Passenger, as well as full freighter flights, were more or less not available and the operation was reduced from Europe by 95 %. At the same time additional difficulties arose due to government restrictions like "lock down" and border closures for foreigners.

Harbors were closed too and crew change was impossible. Of course, this had a strong effect and influenced scheduled cruises whereby, especially in sea traffic, container changes between Far East and Europe are completely out of control. These delays and non availabilities are still valid and could not be solved.

Many airlines have grounded most of their aircrafts which can't be reactivated from one day to the other.

Also crews are not available because of the immigration restriction in various countries. This situation has not completely changed as of yet but all involved parties are trying to increase their field of operation.

The blockade through "Ever Given" at Suez Canal has enhanced these problems additionally, resulting that transport schedules are further delayed.

The shortage of space by air/sea traffic and container shortage in Europe developed tremendous freight costs increases by air and sea. It is almost impossible to prepare fixed quotations. Airfreight rates are changing day by day and sea freight charges are changing month by month. A stableness of the present situation seems to be unrealistic within a short period of time.

We hope that the vaccinations executed all over the world will promote some welcome developments and relaxing of restrictions in order to get back to a normal transport situation by mid 2022.

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