



JACOB NEWS No. 5



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HIGHLIGHTS

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Ernst Jacob welcomes Nordic Josephine to fleet
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Dry dock completed on Till Jacob

Fleet Manager Key Note - Mr. Peter Juul Christensen

“The New Normal” a phrase coined over the past 2 years to signify a time when nothing actually felt normal at all. Who would have thought things would go this far if we look back to February 2020? Who could have foreseen the magnitude of change which has occurred to our daily lives? Who could have predicted the unprecedented shift to our way of life or the new habits that we have all adopted? The political, economical, and social situations have all been turned on their heads. In addition to these challenging times, we have also been very busy within Ernst Jacob over these past 2 years; the takeover of a new vessels MT Nordic Josephine and MT Nordic Tatiana, dry docks completed on three of our vessels along with our continued efforts in aiding our crew with the difficulties at sea.



with our resources in general. Even our collaboration with our customers, vendors, suppliers, partners has been extremely educational. With the COVID-19 situation improving over the recent months, it also meant that I was able to meet together with some of our crew again finally after a long time of being only a face on a Teams-Screen! Although only a small group for the moment, my small seminar during February with some of our seafarers in Split, Croatia allowed us to have that face to face contact that we at Ernst Jacob are so used to and welcome.

We have been grateful to see the relaxing of rules surrounding restrictions and confinements globally, but in Hamburg in particular, allowing our people ashore to return to the office in a flexible routine which fits their personal and professional situations. If there is one thing that the past 24 months has shown us, it is that our teams are fully capable of completing their tasks remotely, but we all miss our comradery when in the office, so the flexibility of a hybrid working model works well. The same flexibility can also be seen onboard. Remote Ship visits, remote surveys and even remote internal and external audits have seen our company adapt with the times and allowed us to work even more efficiently

I am happy to say that 2022 will mark my 10 year anniversary with Ernst Jacob and really shows how time flies. Our fleet has grown, declined and then grown again, but Ernst Jacob’s commitment to quality and service has always been a top priority of both our teams ashore and crew. We also look for ways to continue this level of quality, especially in-house, this is also why we value the training of our Apprentices and how they can develop in to permanent roles within the company. Within this edition of Jacob News are also interesting stories about our current apprentice experiences within Ernst Jacob.

We look forward to the promising times ahead and we remain grateful for the opportunity to work with such talented and committed teams.

Farewell to C/E Ivan Nachev



After more than 22 years with the Jacob Team, we say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to C/E Nachev. Over the years he continued to give his all and shared some great moments with both crew onboard and staff ashore. We wish him all the best for his long deserved retirement, with continued good health and good luck

Thanks to the EJ Azubis!

A special thanks goes to our Apprentices! During these continue hard times, home office rules, periods of sickness and continuous schooling, they endeavor to perform their tasks and help us stay afloat.



Ernst Jacob Apprentices on board!

When asked about the main highlights of completing an Ernst Jacob Ausbildung, most former Apprentices would often mention their time on board our vessels. Azubis are given the opportunity to experience life at sea or at the yard for first hand experience of what the life of our crew involves. Our current Azubis have both been able to provide us with their accounts of their time on board!

In August 2021, Mr. Levent Usta, was given the opportunity to gain a first-hand insight into life and work at sea. Over 12 days, Levent was able to experience how our crew live, work and breath shipping, and he shares his experience with us here below:

Before my journey had even started, I was overwhelmed with the organisational actions that needed to be performed in order for me to join the Nordic Basel; booking train tickets, arranging details with agent, even packing my bags raised questions! What does one pack for a short working trip on board a tanker vessel? However with the help of office staff, all was easily arranged.

I would say my journey fully began the day before I actually left Hamburg, as of course one of the first tasks that I had to undergo was to perform a PCR test in order to travel from Hamburg, Germany to Aalborg, Denmark. Thankfully all went well and I was given my confirmation and able to travel. My journey then began on the morning of August 12th, 2021 at 4:00 a.m. at Hamburg

Central Station, a time which I was not used to travelling but due to unforeseen train strikes in Northern Germany, coach was the only option. I had to take the coach from Hamburg to Aalborg (DK), after a few hours delay and a long, early morning journey I made it in one piece to Aalborg! Once I arrived, the nominated agent had arranged for a taxi service to pick me up and take me to the hotel where I would await until the next morning when boarding the vessel would be possible. On August 13th, once again with a nice and early start, I boarded the vessel in Skagen at 5am together with four other crew members; 4th Engineer, Wiper, Deck Cadet, Fitter, and the normal working day began for everyone.

Upon joining the vessel I first met the Captain of the ship, Capt. Vahid Sinnanovic, who then proceeded to introduce me to the rest of the crew. I was impressed at how friendly all the crew were and I quickly felt comfortable and secure. I spent the next days completely submerged in day-to-day operations on board, including



Mr. Usta participating in the Abandon Ship Waterborne drill



MT Nordic Basel sailing to Ventspils

an unannounced Alcohol test, Lifeboat Waterborne Drill, commanding the vessel under the supervision of the Master and much more. I was able to help with unloading stores and even enjoyed a short day trip ashore in Ventspils while the vessel was loading.

The voyage on the MT Nordic Basel gave me an interesting if not brief insight into shipping and I was able understand life on board well. I was happy to have met such a wonderful, pleasant crew and am grateful for the experience which has given me a lot of additional information and experience, both technically and commercially. In conclusion I would thoroughly recommend the opportunity to sail for a short period to all apprentices; it was a truly wonderful experience!

Ernst Jacob Apprentices on board continued...

Our Azubi Ms. Greta Lüddeke's account from her time on Till Jacob:



Clockwise from top left: Ms. Lüddeke with Capt. Zivko Vukicevic; Inside the Cargo Tanks; Ms. Lüddeke ‚cherry-picking‘

In February 2022 I had the great opportunity to be a part of the class renewal from our good vessel Till Jacob in Dubai. These two weeks were filled with many new opportunities and experiences that I did not expect. It was my first visit on a tanker. From day one I felt very comfortable and safe there, because everyone was super helpful and motivated to show me around the ship and explain the processes in detail.

Each day we went to the vessel between 7 and 8 in the morning where we first had a meeting to discuss the upcoming tasks and repairs for the day. Afterwards I always went with someone from the crew, the superintendent or one of the service engineers and watched what they were doing. We often went to the workshops of the Yard, in which individual parts of the ship and the machines were repaired and renewed. I had the chance to see a lot of things and also try many things for the first time. On the first day, the chief officer took me on a little tour of the deck and went with me into one of the cargo tanks, which impressed me a lot, because I had already heard that the tanks were big, but they were a lot bigger than I had imagined. On another day the second officer and I climbed down into the ballast tanks, which were a little bit scary because of the steep ladder down, the darkness and the tightness, but gave me such a memorable experience.

I was also allowed to help the service engineers from time to time. For example, one of them gave me a stainless-steel pipe, which I had to bend and weld together by myself. Many of my colleagues now joke they have an in-house welder available! It was also very exciting to watch the process of how all the paint was removed from the ship and how the individual, different layers were painted on the entire ship again. The ship looked brand new by the end!

All in all, my visit at the Till Jacob was a very exciting and interesting experience that I would recommend and always do again. It gave me a lot of technical understanding and a better overview of the entire ship. I would like to say thank you to everyone who made this possible for me.

Views from Ashore and Onboard



It's a dogs life in this business—Our resident mascot Iggy gets ready for his hard day ahead in the Inspection Team!



Poseidon returned? A/B Richard Sanson commemorates the Equator crossing in style!

Our fearless Azubi Ms. Greta Lüddecke completing her welding jobs during dry dock on Till Jacob.



Dinner with a view - the crew from Nordic Basel enjoy a great view, greater food and the greatest company—eachother!

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