

Star Project: SIS's Latest Innovation



The latest version of Star Fleet Management introduces a new and invaluable module that improves the management, coordination and execution of dry-dockings and other projects.

Dry-dockings and repairs are a fact of life as a rig or ship goes through its life-cycle. With Star Project, the entire process from generating a specification to choosing a yard and recording data in the vessel's maintenance history is made quicker, more transparent and less risky.

"We are committed to developing valuable, easy-to-use tools for our customers. We believe that there exists a strong demand in the industry for increased oversight and process-steering of maintenance projects. Star Project is a unique solution built precisely for this purpose," says Martin Karlstad, SIS Director of Sales.

Star Project was developed together with SIS customers and in response to their needs. By obtaining correct information and handling it rationally, the module gives shipowners, project managers and superintendants a powerful tool to organize and efficiently manage a number of simultaneous tasks with a broad number of parties, including yards, ship officers, shore personnel, class and other experts.

"A successful project requires efficient coordination between various shipping

departments and external contractors and SIS's fully integrated system provided a natural platform," says Karlstad. "Star Project aims to help operators reduce costly changes to their orders, and retain lessons learned from project to project."

Star Project controls a broad number of tasks to ensure that projects are completed on time and on budget:

- Generation of specifications
- Requests for quotes
- Receiving of quotes
- Comparisons of quotes
- Awarding of Contracts
- Following-up progress and costs
- Handling change orders and extras
- Settlement with yard
- Reporting work done back into the PMS module

Star Project is a complete onboard solution with a supporting office version. The office version can be integrated with other Star solutions like Maintenance, Purchasing, Document and Budget. It can also be used as a stand-alone program on board or ashore.

For more information about Star Project and the Star Project product sheet, see www.sismarine.com.



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Sperre updates Farstad thanks to SIS

Join us in Barcelona:

Once again it is time for the annual SIS User Conference. This time the conference will be arranged in Barcelona. For SIS it is the most important event of the year. Because our product range has grown, we now need four days to cover all of the necessary topics and to listen to a number of customer experiences and challenges. Exchanging experience and ideas is the key to successful change management.

This year we also include a session for business to business e-commerce. The use of SISCommerce has grown almost 100 per cent over the last 12 months. Each month 20,000 purchasing transactions are sent between buyers and the over 4,000 suppliers registered with SISCommerce. We now experience that suppliers are integrating their back office systems to e-commerce portals. We welcome SISCommerce's registered suppliers to Barcelona.

Star IPS is helping to distribute maintenance information for Sperre compressors to the Farstad fleet; this is another example of how SIS is integrating suppliers and customers, with the crew onboard as the real customer. The new Fleet Supply system will open new data exchange lines between suppliers and the vessels. This incredible system will be presented at the conference.

You have many good reasons to come to Barcelona from 23 - 26 October. Join us!

Via an innovative new arrangement using SIS products, Sperre can ensure that Farstad personnel at sea always have access to the latest operation and maintenance instructions for their compressors.

World-leading offshore operator Farstad Shipping has chosen Sperre compressors for its entire fleet of 40+ anchor-handling tug supply and platform supply vessels, but sought a way to keep the vessels up-to-date on the complementary documentation. This was complicated by the fact that different series of Farstad ships use different Sperre compressors and rotating crews.

How to make sure each crew member has access to correct, updated information on the exact compressor he had to maintain? SIS helped Farstad answer the question.

"SIS's replicator, document manager and messaging systems combined to solve the problem Farstad faced. Documentation is transferred from Sperre Maintenance CD's to our servers, then distributed to the right ships only via Farstad's offices in Norway, the UK, Singapore, Australia and Brazil," says SIS managing director Per Anders Koien.

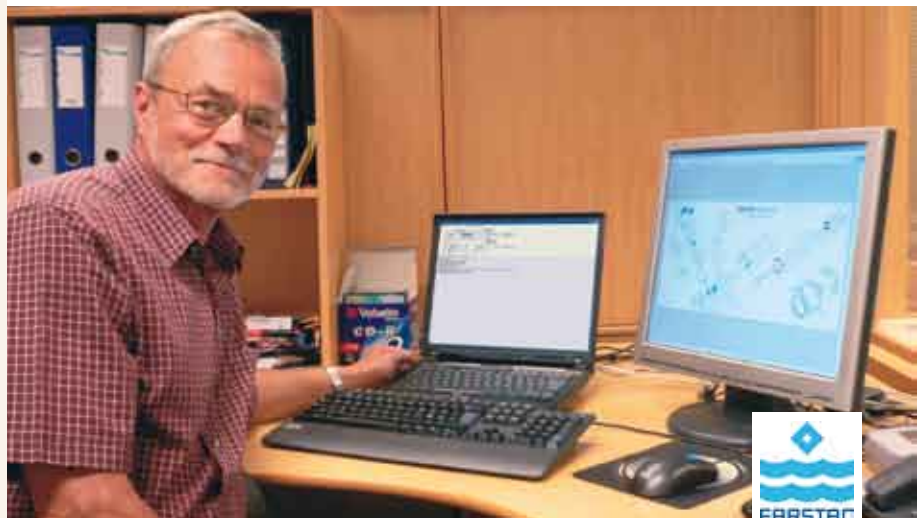
Whenever Sperre updates documentation pertaining to Farstad's compressors, SIS's systems will automatically update the manuals on the vessels it affects, alert both the crew on-board and the next crew shift, and give Farstad offices a receipt when crews have viewed the alert. Each vessel and crew receives only applicable documentation, and no unnecessary data is sent.

"This is a service to assist our changing crews on board. We receive the updates from Sperre directly, and then distribute it using SIS's Star Information & Planning System (Star IPS) and Inmarsat V communication," says Paulus Eliassen, chief engineer with Farstad Shipping.

SIS's Koien reiterates that any SIS customer can set up a similar service for its fleet as long as it is using the latest versions of Star IPS. "This saves time and money for our customers, and we are ready to help other suppliers with similar solutions," he concluded.



Per Anders Koien
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Paulus Eliassen
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Star IPS for superyachts



With some of the same information requirements as merchant ships, today's modern superyachts are investing in SIS systems.

The newest generation of superyachts are highly complex vessels employing some of the most advanced technology available to the marine market. Yacht managers employ professional crews responsible for operating and maintaining the vessel and who need to track and communicate critical information.

The manager of Helios (pictured) has invested in Star IPS onboard, consisting of the maintenance and safety modules, including an onboard direct purchasing solution.

Another superyacht under construction in Germany will also be delivered with Star IPS, and SIS expects this trend to continue, as the needs and skills of the merchant and yachting fleets continue to merge.

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at Kensington Town Hall, London, 13 - 14 September
and SMM, Norwegian Pavilion Hall 2, Stand 103,
Hamburg Germany, 26 - 29 September.**

Customer workshops and courses vital

Trained and updated users of fleet management systems are more active and effective, assuring performance and benefits. Regular SIS workshops back this up.



Picture: Erik Lyngnes (Norgas), Jens Wilhelmsen (SIS), Kim Forssblad (Stena), Ann-Marie Jansson (Wallenius) and Per Anders Koien (SIS)

Last spring, SIS conducted several courses and workshops in Oslo and Trondheim and intends to increase this activity. A workshop held recently in Oslo regarding Star Insurance drew participants from Stena Rederi AB, Wallenius Marine AB, Color Line Marine AS, Norgas Carriers AS and A/S Em.Z Svitser.

SIS will arrange courses and workshops for existing and potential new customers at its training centers in Trondheim and Oslo.

Main course elements include:

- Star Information and Planning System (Version 3.0)
- Star Maintenance with focus on practical use on board and in the office
- Star Project with docking examples
- Star Central Purchasing System for management and staff
- SIS Commerce for suppliers
- Star Safety with use of documents and events

The courses and workshops take from one to five days. See details on SIS's website, including forms for booking.

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More winners!

Congratulations to the winner of the last competition: Duncan Ratcliff of Farstad Shipping (Indian Pacific) Pty. Ltd., in Melbourne, Australia. Enjoy the iPod!

Duncan Ratcliff, Farstad (to the left)
with Adam Butt, SIS



Next competition

When do you expect or hope to begin using Internet solutions for fleet and ship management software?

	Now	Next year	Five years	Never
Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Docking/Repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Document	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget and cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give your opinion for each function and send the results to us. From the respondents, we will draw a winner who will receive a brand new iPod.

You can send your reply to: www.sismarine.com - (Competition)
or direct to Jan Kalland at jan.kalland@sismarine.com or by fax to: +47 22 47 69 19

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SIS User Conference

In Barcelona

The program for this year's SIS User Conference in Barcelona 23-26 October is ready. Register now!

SIS would like to welcome as many customers and users as possible to its upcoming conference in Barcelona. We are committed to providing our customers with tools that improve their operations and instruction that makes the tools most effective. Conferences create this kind of back-and-forth dialogue in an exciting and inclusive setting.

The conference will take place over four days at the Hotel H10 Marina Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain from Monday the 23rd to Thursday the 26th of October. Over the four days, we will have a number of instructive parallel sessions covering:

- SIS Commerce
- Purchasing & Logistics
- Maintenance
- Insurance
- Docking/repairs
- Safety

The program includes a reception, dinner and sightseeing. Interested? Register directly on our web-site or send an e-mail to: conference@sismarine.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 SIS User Conference in Barcelona soon!

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