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Engineering Humor: "One has to look out for engineers - they begin with sewing machines and end up with the atomic bomb." - Marcel Pagnol

What AME's Up To... AME kicked off the year with their annual company meeting followed by a forklift recertification and the new GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals) OSHA class. Most recently, the service team underwent the 10-Hour OSHA class, allowing them to work in shipyard sites that are now enforcing this regulation.

The US Superyacht Association/USSA wrapped up their 2014 Captains Briefing in St. Maarten on 1/23. AME was proud to sponsor the newly formatted program, which was a huge success with attendees from over 50 superyachts and over 50 USSA industry partners.

As a member of Propeller Club, Port of Miami, AME has an opportunity to attend their amazing events that always focus on the most relevant trends and issues in the commercial maritime industry. On 2/27, AME was a sponsor of their Tunnel Night, which featured a behind-the-scenes look at the building of the new Port of Miami Tunnel Project.

On 3/8, AME sponsored National Marine Suppliers/NMS' St. Paddy's Yachty Nationals Invitational Golf Tournament - an industry-favorite event. The AME Yacht Pong Team was on hole 6 having golfers doing flips and tumbles for swag.



Industrial News: An AME service engineer recently completed a week-long Windrock survey utilizing the company's handheld system at a power plant in the Turks & Caicos.



This equipment, which is highly sophisticated and portable, gathers data from mechanical components and allows for trending/monitoring

to diagnose any current or potential issues. AME was brought to the island to collect data on eight of the plant's CAT engines. The data is now being downloaded so it can be analyzed and turned into a Field Service Report that will review conditions and outline recommendations. Want to know more about Windrock products? Visit AMESolutions.com and check out AME's newest editorial on Online Monitoring Systems in the March Issue of Maritime Reporter And Engineering News: www.marinelink.com/news/monitoring-systems365672.aspx

Marine News: AME was commissioned to M/Y BLIND DATE, a 135' Lurssen, to cut out both main engine exhaust flanges where they were heavily corroded. This involved removing the generator exhausts, removing all the lagging from the final stage of the main engine exhaust, removing the last section of



exhaust pipe, and finally cutting out the old flange. That was the easy part. Then they fabricated new flanges and welded them into place. The big problem was gaining access. After multiple tries, sometimes working well into the night, the welds were deemed to pass a surveyors scrutiny and the sections were replaced. "I found AME to be very good to work with, even sometimes in very trying circumstances" said Cpt. Tony Fergusson. "The job was completed to everyone's satisfaction and I would not hesitate to use them again."

\$ Final Thought: Have you heard about Wartsila's new composite bearings? It's a composite filament wound fiber blend, bound with an anti-scuffing resin, and enhanced with dry lubricants. The bearings perform equally well in river, brown, silt, and salt water. Their longevity is proven to outlast the competition's, so you're saving money while also saving the environment. Want to learn more? Call AME, your Seals & Bearings Authorized Distributor.



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