

News in Brief

After its initial two-year product rollout in the US, **Alexseal Yacht Coatings**, the German parent company of which is 100-year-old Mankiewicz, has expanded its Stateside power team of yacht coatings professionals by hiring Alex Sandas as US West Coast Manager and Alastair Smith as US Northeast Manufacturer's Representative.

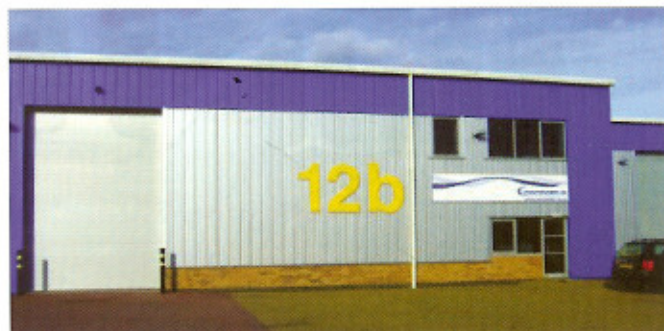
Reflecting the growing importance of the Chinese markets across all the **Lloyd's Register Group's** business sectors, its board of directors recently held a formal board meeting in Lloyd's Register Asia's Shanghai Office – the first time such a meeting has been held outside Europe. The delegation was led by David Moorhouse, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, on his third visit to China in 18 months. The visit also coincided with the signing of a classification contract between Lloyd's Register and the Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipyard (SWS).



Jakob Hatteland Display (JHD), a leading manufacturer of marine displays, computers and panel computers, has announced the opening of 'Plant 2', a new 500-m² production facility at its headquarters in Nedre Vats, Norway. The company has invested over €2 million in the facility itself and its newly formed display development division, Optical Technology, AS (OTE).



Joseph Sanelle,
Managing Director of
OTE Plant 2- Hatteland2



Contender UK has announced its move to new, much larger premises in Segensworth South, Fareham, following continued expansion. From its previous role as a sailcloth and accessories distributor, Contender UK has diversified into distributing a range of high-tech and innovative sailing products.

Jim Bronstein, currently the Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for Broward Yachts and previous owner of Rybovich Spencer, has joined the investor team for the world class marina and service yard project **Marina Pez Vela** in Costa Rica.

Hubbell Marine Electrical Products has named **Svensden's Marine**, based in Alameda, CA, and **Diversified Marine**, which has offices in Sacramento, Los Angeles and Spokane, Washington, as its newest distributors on the West Coast.

Glendinning Marine Products and **Yacht Controller LLC** have formed a strategic partnership to offer Glendinning's Complete Controls Electronic Engine Control system with Yacht Controller's wireless remote yacht command system, winner of the NMMA Innovation Award.

Beard Marine of the Palm Beaches is now located at 1748 Australian Avenue, Suite 8 (Riviera Beach). Phone and fax numbers remain the same.

Fred Sommers, who brings with him 20 years' experience in yacht construction and coatings application, has been appointed as technical sales representative for **Awlgrip North America** and will also be involved in providing application training throughout various regions in North America. He will cover the Chesapeake Bay area.