



UNITEAM OFFSHORE SOLUTIONS: FLEET EXPANSION!

Who said that the UNITEAM MANAGEMENT GROUP is only managing other people's ships? Truly a new era was heralded for UNITEAM OFFSHORE SOLUTIONS as ship owners in their own right, when newbuild No. JYB50C366 from JIANGYIN BEIHAI in China arrived in Singapore on the 26th of May 2009. In all fairness, she made her maiden voyage Shanghai to Singapore on the back of a 40ft flat rack container (...), as you mariners will undoubtedly agree that to do this under own power would be pushing it....

The arrival of the 26 person capacity TEMPSC (Totally Enclosed Motor Propelled Survival Craft) plus davit/winch system in Singapore was the first arrival of major equipment for our new Offshore Training Centre (UOTC) in Yangon. Other items to follow are the helicopter training module (somewhere halfway the Indian Ocean), hoist system, and various loose items such as life rafts, survival suits, life vests, fire fighting equipment, etc.



Our TEMPSC is looking pretty miserable, packed in plastic in a Singapore yard, but she will see plenty of action when she makes it to her homeport in Yangon: There she will be used in weekly offshore trainings, as well as marine training such

as lifeboat/davit maintenance, and in the future lifeboat coxswain courses.

What is still missing is a proper name for her, as we are less than pleased with the current "TEMPSC" designation. So what we would like to do is call upon the creativity and ingenuity of the vast workforce, onboard and in ashore, to come up with a name for her. The newsletter committee awards a prize to the person who submits the most original name for the new lifeboat. The winner will get an original "UOTC" jacket (plus eternal glory, of course), and the lifeboat will be named (we will find an appropriate Godmother here in Yangon) when we open UOTC in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Send your suggestion by e-mail to Ms Anja Frauboese on marketing@uniteam-hamburg.de with your contact details, and win that UOTC jacket!

Suggestions to be sent by 1st of September 2009.

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Please send your feedback, articles and pictures & videos for the photo & video competition as well as your solutions to the brain teaser to PR & Marketing at Uniteam Marine, Anja Frauboese, marketing@uniteam-hamburg.de.



OFFSHORE "TRAIN THE TRAINER"

With the opening of UNITEAM OFFSHORE TRAINING CENTRE (UOTC) in the very near future in Yangon, it was high time to start thinking about training & competencies of instructors. With planned courses, such as Helicopter Underwater Escape Training and offshore survival, we soon realised that we needed to recruit: Myanmar nationals who are excellent swimmers, have good physical condition, good English skills (all training in UOTC will be conducted in English language), and preferably with experience in teaching and/or coaching.

Having survived gruelling interview sessions, swim and English tests, the final six 'chosen' ones finally emerged from a field of about 100 Myanmar national interested candidates. They have a mixed background: Some have been in the Myanmar national swimming selection, we have a gym instructor, and we even have an ex waiter from SAVOY Hotel!

We also believe we have a Myanmar "first": Miss Wai Phyto, in all probability, is Myanmar's first and only lady air diver.



Myanmar 'Power Rangers' ready for action: Top row, from left to right: Do Ko Ko, Kyaw Zin, and Ye Htut. Bottom row, from left to right: Ko Min, Zaw Htut, and Wai Phyto Htaiq.



The six (and their appointed 'chaperone'/'drill sergeant', Mr Alex Ruether) could hardly rest on their laurels though, as we 'shipped' them straight off to MacLeod Island in the Andaman Sea, for the first elements of the "Train the Trainer" programme.



The six, plus Alex Ruether (chaperone in chief) and Mr Martin Sigrist (Chief Diving Instructor of Andaman Resort)



A strict no-alcohol policy was in place



One of the locals.....

A 3 hour flight from Yangon to Kawthaung, followed by a 2.5 hour speedboat ride preceded what became known as "boot camp" for the six.



Local shipwreck; not one of ours...

MacLeod Island (and no, it isn't the location where "Highlander" was filmed....) in the Myanmar sector of the Andaman Sea is a very small island.



MacLeod Island



Natural bay

It is completely deserted, save for Myanmar's only professional air diving school: Nabucco Myanmar Andaman Resort. MacLeod (Latitude: 10° 9' 6.24" N, Longitude 97° 58' 38.19" E for you sailors) was truly interesting, with exciting flora and fauna extending into the guest bungalows: Alex Ruether's bedroom was subsequently visited by a Green Tree snake, a Black Cobra, with a Python in waiting .



Nightly visitor to Alex's cabin; Green Tree snake



With a Python waiting outside...

Day after day, with professional diving instructors from Switzerland, the six went out and did multiple dives (up to 30m) in open sea to learn the art of rescue diving and survival. Evening hours were spent on preparing for the theoretical exams on dive theory and first aid. In 16 days time, the six managed to do the practical and theoretical part of three PADI courses: Open Water, Advanced Open Water, and Rescue Diving. No mean feat, giving the worsening weather conditions, poor visibility and strong currents and swell they had to overcome every day.



First aid training (rather grim prospects for this patient)

Sixteen days in total were spent on the island, and the six (made their safe return to Yangon on the 3rd of June. After a few days rest, they will continue their training in Yangon.



It was definitely NOT a holiday.....

This training will include of advanced first aid, helicopter trainer operations, firefighting, teaching skills, etc. By the time UOTC opens, they will be fully qualified, experienced and certified by a UK accreditation body to conduct a series of offshore survival and safety courses in Yangon. Come and see them in action!



Time to relax



Who can identify this bird photographed on MacLeod Island? UNITEAM OFFSHORE SOLUTIONS will give away a UNITEAM OFFSHORE SOLUTIONS jacket. Correct answers will be entered in a drawing. Send your reply (plus proof!) by 1st of September 2009 to Ms Anja Frauboese, marketing@uniteam-hamburg.de