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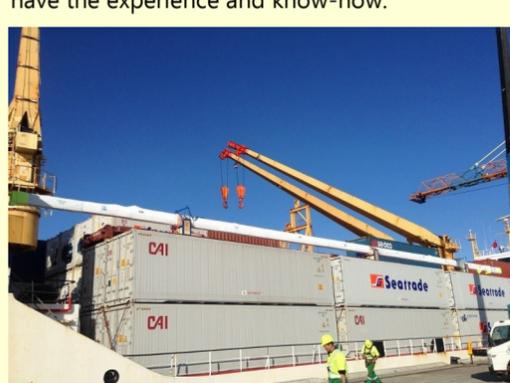
With the completion of the Volvo Ocean Race logistics project, the team at TNL GAC Pindar is busy building their leisure marine logistics business again.

As we crossed the mid-year mark, we are happy to report that the number of boats we handled to-date has surpassed the number handled by the same time last year. It is also encouraging to see optimism in the New Zealand marine industry, an industry that we are passionate about and feel very much a part of.

49m mast makes its way to Finland

Recently, TNL GAC Pindar shipped a 49m yacht mast from Auckland to Jakobstad in northern Finland for Southern Spars Ltd.

Shipping a yacht mast of this length requires special handling and knowledge, so it is important when planning such a move to make sure that all the logistics parties involved have the experience and know-how.



Loading of the mast in Tauranga

The journey to Jakobstad is not a simple one either. The mast first had to be moved 216km by road, from the Southern Spars factory to the Port of Tauranga. It was then loaded onto a ship bound for Zeebrugge, Belgium, and from there, undertook a mammoth 2,500km road trip through five countries before reaching its destination.

Having been involved with similar sized shipments in the past, TNL GAC Pindar's Australasian Manager, Richard Thorpe, knew how to approach the challenges.



The mast, about to leave Zeebrugge for Jakobstad

"Working with the suppliers whom I know and trust in New Zealand and GAC Pindar in the UK, who have the relationship with the European trucking company, we were able to pull everything together quite smoothly," said Richard. "At the end of the day, it is about using the best service providers for a particular project. Working with ones whom our client, Southern Spars also knows means everyone is on the same page, and the job can be executed more smoothly."

Power Cat to Florida

We have recently shipped a 14m Power Catamaran from Auckland to Port Everglades in Florida. Although this is the fourth catamaran we have handled, the same amount of planning and discussion were carried out with the shipping line and the stevedores at the Port of Auckland to ensure the boat was secured safely and complied with the strict requirements of the surveyor and the Chief Officer.



Power Cat loading in Auckland

57ft motor launch arrives in Tauranga

In May, TNL GAC Pindar handled a 57ft launch which arrived from the USA. Loading in Los Angeles directly from the water, the launch was then unloaded directly into the water in Tauranga and was able to motor immediately to the local marina.

Under these circumstances, it is important that the boat passes the stringent quarantine inspection by MPI Officers in New Zealand. If a boat arrives and does not meet the high standards expected, it will be discharged to the wharf and additional costs will be incurred. Bearing this in mind, the team at TNL GAC Pindar always works hard with the owners to make sure their boats meet the requirements on arrival.



Motor launch being discharged to water

16.5m Sportfisher departs for Brisbane

The TNL GAC Pindar team recently worked with their Australian agent in Brisbane to ship a 16.5m Sportfisher from Auckland to Brisbane.

There was a lot of planning and preparation that had to be done as the boat's owner wanted to use his own cradle system which needed to be prepared and placed correctly on the ship before the Sportfisher could be loaded from the water. The separate parts of the cradle were delivered alongside the vessel and lifted onto the vessel on one of the 40ft flat racks the boat was due to sit on.

The load master who had been sent over from Australia worked with the Auckland stevedores and successfully secured the boat just in time for the scheduled departure of the vessel.



Imports & Exports

Other imports handled recently included boats from the East Coast, USA. Being smaller boats on cradles and trailers, these were suitable for the reliable Roll on / Roll off service. The same Roll on / Roll off mode is available from Australia, and we recently shipped a boat from Melbourne to Wellington for a returning local.

TNL GAC Pindar also offers Customs Brokerage services. We are often being asked to assist with the import and quarantine clearance for boat and yacht owners. The procedure is slightly different from that for general cargo, as the quarantine inspections have to be done on the wharf. Nevertheless, the team is highly experienced in this service.

In the past three months, exports that we handled also included two new boats from the same manufacturer going to Adelaide; another boat to Singapore and numerous aluminum boats to Australia.

Understanding

Our team is at your disposal to ease your stress and smooth the way for all your boat or yacht deliveries.

Shipping your precious craft can be a daunting and complex process. We understand the practicalities involved and the emotional investment you have made. The variables are many, from vessel size to port of origin and the final destination. We have what it takes to ensure a smooth delivery of your yacht.

Our specialist team and carefully vetted agents around the world understand your needs and draw on the GAC Group's global experience and resources to make every shipment as hassle-free as possible.

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