



End-to-End Marine and Coastal Data Management and Decision Support

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Exxon LNG platform in Mobile Bay, USA. August 2014

Issue No 5 of our newsletter is arriving after a very busy summer period, even allowing for staff holidays, undertaking contractual work specifically in the Middle East and UK. Autumn is now with us and our work continues round the clock as we grow the company and extend and improve our service offerings to you, our customers. Thanks for bearing with us at this time!

OceanWise at MTS/IEEE Oceans 2014 International Conference

We recently exhibited, presented and chaired technical sessions at this prestigious annual North American forum held in mid-September in St John's, Newfoundland, Canada. What a fabulous place to be in - with its wild oceans, marine life, ice-bergs, oil and gas hub, good beer and great welcoming local people. How it coped with 1700 delegates at once in a city of 70,000 inhabitants was down to excellent organisation on the part of the Marine Technology Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. OceanWise showcased its oceanography capabilities and enjoyed a fruitful week meeting new customers and distributors as well as some old faces.

2014 Marine GIS Workshop

We will be hosting our annual Marine GIS Workshop on Tuesday November 18th 2014. It will take place at The School for Economic Science in Mandeville Place, London, W1U 3AJ from 1000-1630. The workshop is **FREE** to attend and will include presentations and demonstrations of new and existing tools and techniques and how these can be applied in your own working environment. Existing customers will present practical examples of how our products and services are successfully delivering real benefits and cost savings. You will also have the opportunity to learn from the knowledge and experience of industry experts and practitioners, as well as finding out how spatial data management and GIS can deliver real value! If you (or a colleague) are interested in attending this one day stakeholder event to engage in discussions and to network with others in your industry; then please register with Janet Chaplin (janet.chaplin@oceanwise.eu) by e-mail or telephone as places are limited. The latest programme can be found at http://www.oceanwise.eu/Marine_GIS_Workshop_programme_2014.pdf

The 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference

The importance of hydrography and its role in an increasingly geospatially enabled world took centre stage at the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco in early October. OceanWise's Director, John Pepper (pictured), presented on the status and future of Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDI) alongside Jan Pierce, Deputy Director of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) who demonstrated how New Zealand is delivering its National SDI embracing



both land and sea datasets to create true operational interoperability. The overdue recognition by Hydrographic Offices that hydrographic data is '*not just for charting*' was unanimous, marking a major milestone on this path, which started around 10 years ago with the change in the IHO's constitution to include 'economic development and environment protection'. This led to the setting up of the Marine SDI Working Group, which OceanWise's personnel helped instigate and John Pepper chaired for 4 years while at UKHO. OceanWise continues to provide expert advice to IHO on data management and MSDI matters and will deliver a programme of Capacity Building training in 2015 in South East Asia, the Caribbean and South West Pacific regions.

New Distributors appointed

We have recently appointed two international distributors for our oceanographic software and services. **Hydronav** are leading suppliers of Geospatial & Marine Survey equipment across South East Asia wide, supporting clients in the Onshore and Offshore Industries including Oil and Gas Dredging, Submarine Cables and Pipelines, Harbour and Marine, Mining and Construction sectors. **Geofisica y Posicionamiento Satelital, C.A (GPS)** based in Caracas Venezuela provides similar services in South and Latin America. We welcome both companies to our partner network.

Why not come and see us at the following events:

Hydro 2014 Conference: Aberdeen Conference Centre, 28th-30th October 2014 where we will be exhibiting and speaking.
www.hydroconferences.org/hydro2014

Seatronics (Middle East) Technical Days: Abu Dhabi, UAE, 5th- 6th November 2014 where we will be demonstrating our oceanographic software and systems.
www.seatronics-group.com/InformationCentre

Marine GIS Workshop: London, 18th November 2014 (*see main text*)

UK Harbourmasters Association Autumn Seminar: London, 19th November 2014 where we will be exhibiting.
www.ukhma.org/events.php

2nd Mexican Hydrographic Convention, Manzanillo, Mexico, 8th-10th December 2014; Data Management & MSDI workshop.
<http://bit.ly/1BzhLpW>

Coastal Futures 2014, SOAS, London: 21st-22nd January 2015 where OceanWise will be exhibiting and speaking.
http://cmscoms.com/?page_id=345

Training for Falmouth Harbour Commissioners completed

OceanWise has provided training for the Environment team at Falmouth Harbour Authority using the Cadcorp SIS marine GIS platform. During the course the team learnt about creating and editing marine datasets, analysing datasets and standardising mapping outputs. Harriet Knowles, Environment Manager at Falmouth Harbour Commissioners said afterwards that "We've got pretty stuck into Cadcorp since your visit, having got an enormous amount of value from your time with us. Many thanks for putting together such a good first course for us."



GEBCO Intern from University of New Hampshire, USA, works at OceanWise

OceanWise was pleased to welcome Lt Cdr Ramli Mohd RMN, Staff Officer 2 - Oceanography (Data) at the National Hydrographic Centre, Malaysia, as an intern in Alton during July and August. He spent time learning about the management of bathymetry in a database environment. Ramli had previously been a student at the Nippon Foundation/GEDCO faculty at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, NH, USA. Rochelle Wigley, GEBCO Co-ordinator at UNH said after his visit "I wish to thank you all for the time and effort you put into helping Ramli during his visit to your office. His report on the visit was full of praise for the time you spent helping him and the knowledge you shared with him."

OceanWise appoints Operations Director



OceanWise is proud to announce that Caroline Levey has been appointed Operations Director with immediate effect. Caroline will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the office, customer and product delivery, HR and Health & Safety matters and all the other less visible tasks a thriving business has to undertake. Caroline said that she is looking forward to being able to "boss with authority!" OceanWise has recruited a replacement to fill her previous role as Senior Information Developer (GIS); more details to follow.

OceanWise acts as UK lead on UN-IOC Caribbean Marine Atlas

Mike Osborne, OceanWise MD, represented the UK Government at the UN-IOC Caribbean Marine Atlas (CMA) start-up workshop on 25-28th August in Miami, USA. With its extensive knowledge of data management best practice, OceanWise's contribution will ensure that UK and its Dependent Territories in that region adopt a proactive approach to data interoperability and sharing through the Organisation of East Caribbean States (OECS).