

People in the news



Sheila McClain

Braemar Shipping Services Group has appointed Sheila McClain, executive vice president of Braemar Engineering, as new managing director. Based in Houston, Texas, she will have management responsibility for global operations, as well as developing and promoting Braemar Engineering's expertise in marine, offshore and land-based LNG projects, dynamic positioning and engineering consultancy. Geoff Green, the company's MD for the past 15 years, will remain within Braemar Engineering as chairman and non-executive board member.



Brent Bruun

KVH Industries has promoted Brent Bruun from executive vice president of mobile broadband to the newly created position of chief operating officer. He assumes direct responsibility for KVH's corporate development, and operational responsibility for mobile communications products and services for maritime and land markets. His role covers the 'customer lifecycle' from sales and manufacturing to long-term services, support and customer retention.

Hans Laheij will take over as vice president, sales and marketing, at **Schottel**, assuming the responsibilities of Dr Jens-Erk Bartels, who retires in October (see page 8). Laheij has extensive experience and expertise in the area of ship propulsion. He began his career with Lips BV in the Asia/Pacific region. On his return to the Netherlands, and following the takeover by Finnish competitor Wärtsilä, he steadily took on greater responsibilities, assuming a management position in Singapore in 2005 and, as of 2011, serving in Shanghai as area sales director for the Middle East and Asia.



Andrew Buchmann

International law firm **Hill Dickinson** continues to strengthen its growing commodities team with the return of partner Andrew Buchmann. After qualifying in South Africa, Buchmann joined Hill Dickinson's London office in 2003. He returned to South Africa in 2008, where he established a commodities consultancy, advising on commodity trading transactions and contentious issues in relation to physical trades, shipping, finance and insurance.

BIMCO has opened a new regional office in Singapore in order to increase services to its members in the Southeast Asia region and boost collaborations with regional maritime associations. General manager is Maite Bolivar Klarup, who brings 16 years of commercial maritime experience to the role.

In a move to strengthen its senior management structure, **The Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass)** has made significant changes at its top level – realigning the position of chairman and managing director and creating two new senior positions. Executive chairman Arun Sharma will focus on broader policy, overall strategy and mentoring. Suresh Sinha becomes managing director, with Vijay Arora as joint managing director. Sinha, a marine engineer with more than 39 years of experience, will lead operations, marketing and day-to-day functioning of the organisation. Arora, also a marine engineer, with more than 33 years' experience including representing IRClass at forums such as IACS and IMO, will be responsible for all technical and allied functions.



Suresh Sinha



Vijay Arora

The **Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI)**, a pioneering coalition of companies from across the global shipping industry, has appointed Ian Petty as its first general manager. The new appointment reflects the SSI's strengthening in depth and wealth of industry experience, as well as its commitment to providing further resource to delivering its vision of creating a truly sustainable shipping industry by 2040.

Tatham Macinnes, the firm of specialist maritime solicitors, has announced two new appointments. James Hickland has joined the firm as a partner. He joins from Ince & Co, where he has spent more than 10 years developing a successful commercial litigation and arbitration practice, encompassing high value shipping contract disputes, international trade, aviation and insurance matters. Nick Phillips has joined the firm as a solicitor consultant. Previously with Hill Dickinson, Phillips has spent more than 30 years as a solicitor and partner in the maritime sector and has an impressive track record dealing with charterparty disputes and all aspects of ship construction.



James Hickland



Nick Phillips

Crowley Maritime Corporation has promoted veteran company executive Eric Evans to vice president of strategy, a newly-created position that will focus on facilitating long-term growth through external business partnerships, including mergers and acquisitions. Evans, who most recently served as vice president of finance and planning for several of the company's business units, will continue to be based in Crowley's Jacksonville HQ, and will report to Carl Fox, senior vice president of corporate services.



Eric Evans