

Helping Hand



This month, our publishing house hosted the first annual Yellow & Finch Charity Golf Event for Maritime Businesses. With nearly fifty participants, sponsors such as CADmatch and the Artec Group as well as additional donations from All Techno Support and Axces – the event raised over EUR 6,000 for Stichting KiKa (Foundation for Cancer Free Children).

Charities exist largely due to the amount of donations they receive. The more one donates, the more a foundation can do to help. Since this is the first time the golf event was held, we expect it to grow steadily and raise even more donations – and moreover, make it a staple maritime networking event you cannot miss. So please keep an eye on our publications in order to register in time for next year's event. The final date will be announced soon!

Helping each other, either via charity or in business terms, it is more or less the same. Am I wrong when I state that we have to help each other one way or another in business? From our perspective we intend to help by informing you, our precious reader, about the latest developments within the offshore industry. Not only with general trends and market reports, but also from your point of view, for instance, by highlighting your company and your special products and/or services.

This issue, for example, includes an industry outlook article showing how deepwater exploration is seeing new frontiers, a number of technical articles and a preview of EWEA. Last but not least, Offshore Industry personally witnessed the charter agreement's official announcement in Batam, Indonesia, early last August. An in-depth article covers the announcement and highlights the Jack-Up Barge's Self Elevating Platforms giving special emphasis to the JB-117.

We intend to bring the most relevant news your way, but we are still dependent on your input. So please continue to forward us your news and press releases. And in case you have any suggestions for improvement, please feel free to share your thoughts with us as well.

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Front cover: Together with Jack-Up Barge's JB-115 jack-up platform, the JB-117 – original scheduled for transportation to the Netherlands this October – will assist in the completion of the BARD Offshore 1 offshore wind farm. More on page 10.

Background picture contents page: Fields that were considered unfeasible to develop ten years ago are becoming viable prospects as deep water continues to mature into a long-term growth sector. More on page 50.