

Must Read

A year has passed since this magazine was successfully launched with full support of the Netherlands' Shipbuilding Industry Association (VNSI). ShipBuilding Industry finds its origins in the fact that for many years, I've felt the need to publish a magazine which is more applicable to the international shipbuilding industry, flexible enough to include Dutch-specific content and with a strong worldview. Demand for such a representative shipbuilding magazine has been fuelled by more than a quarter of a century of experience as Editor-in-Chief of several marine business magazines and the never-ending feel to set up my own independent publishing company.

The success story of this no-nonsense business-to-business magazine that directly meets the needs of readers especially in the Dutch shipbuilding industry, is underscored by readers' response and the very positive feedback received in abundance in the past year. Now, only one year later, it can be concluded that ShipBuilding Industry has become the 'magazine of industry' for the Dutch shipbuilding industry.

It was, is and will always be the primary goal of this magazine to help keep readers abreast of technical developments and events that are daily reshaping their business environment. Publishers and editors are fully aware that timely, relevant information is vital in the management of today's shipbuilding and other related industries. We hope that our editorial contributions will make for stimulating and enjoyable reading, and that you, our readers, will give us feedback and help us keep ShipBuilding Industry on course.

It is the aim of this magazine to be the key reference source for the maritime industry. Within that frame, it is encouraging to notice that this periodical is already recognised as a 'must read' for anyone involved in marine technology. It is our mission to serve the marine industry in its widest sense of the word. ShipBuilding Industry will therefore include several exciting new features that we are going to keep a 'secret' for the time being. However, get ready for an independent, beautiful, colourful, thorough, accurate and inspiring maritime publication that will appeal to everyone involved in the shipbuilding scene. It will even include elements that are sure to captivate non-nautical readers. We're sure you'll love it!



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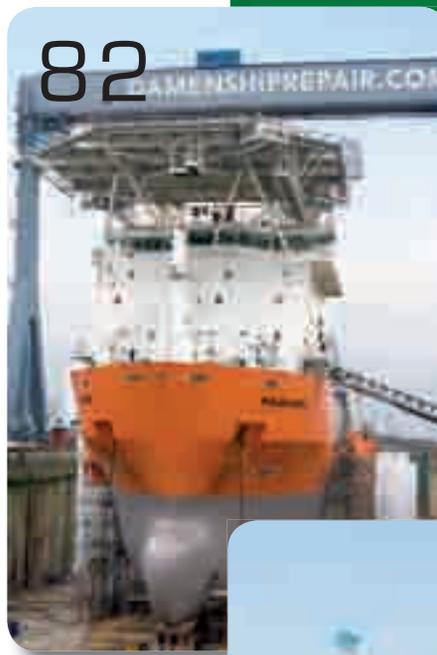
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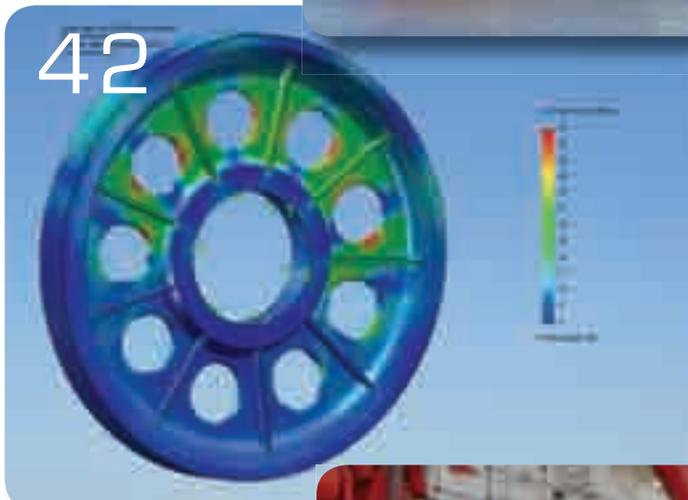
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The Vikingdiep, built by Bodewes Shipyards for Feederlines BV, depicted on her way for a series of technical sea trials on the Eems. Photo courtesy of Henk Zuur.