

Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd.

Victoria Shipyards, of all the Washington Marine Group yards, had the biggest news with the signing of a \$370-million five-year contract by Victoria Shipyards-led Canadian Submarine Management Group (CSMG) for maintenance of the navy's four Victoria-class submarines.

Malcolm Barker, vice-president and general manager of Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd., said between the submarine contract and the recently awarded long-term frigate maintenance contract the yard had signed \$700 million worth of contracts.

With options for up to 15 years, the total value of the submarine contract alone could reach \$1.5 billion.

He said it is "a good time for Victoria Shipyards" and southern Vancouver Island, adding the contracts will "keep the workforce rather busy for the next 10 years."

Barker pointed out that the contract meant long-term stability for workers as well as "better and bigger training programs."

The yard was busy in the midst of a six-month long refit of the destroyer HMCS **Algonquin** and had HMCS **Vancouver** in as well.

Victoria Shipyards is also completing work on the final two 33-metre (108.27-foot) Orca-class patrol-training vessels for the Navy. They will be delivered in August and October, and work on the vessels is 18 months ahead of schedule.

For the fall, the yard was bidding on some ferry work and Puget Sound-based factory trawlers.

Vancouver Drydock Company

Vancouver Drydock continues work on the 'asset betterment' mid-life refit of the **Queen of New Westminster**, a job that will be completed in September.

Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd.

Vancouver Shipyards has had the new 125-car intermediate ferry **Island Sky** out on sea trials and, at time of writing, was preparing the ship for delivery to BC Ferries.

The yard was also working on a 27,500-bbl double-hulled oil barge for Seaspan which was scheduled for launching July 29th. Vancouver Shipyards will begin cutting steel in August on a 30,000-bbl double-hulled bunker barge for Marine Petrobulk.

The 165-foot (50.29-metre) yacht **Sweet Pea** is due on July 30 for surveys. In July, **Cates 6** and **Seaspan Champion** were in for refits along with a number of Seaspan barges. John McNeill, manager of commercial accounts said "the fall looks strong" with "lots of inquiries."

ABD Aluminum Boats

A.B.D. Aluminum Boats is preparing the second 19-metre (62.34-foot) pilot boat for the Pacific Pilotage Au-

thority for a mid-August launching and delivery by the end of August.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd. had the 2,400-HP z-peller tug **Cates 2 (Charles H Cates II)** in. Malcolm McLaren noted that the tug, built by Allied in 1983, was "Robert Allan's first right-angled drive tug." The vessel was getting its eight- by 10-inch D rubber replaced.

The **Rivtow Princess** was also in for a four-year survey and some D rubber.

Vancouver Pile Driving's 194-foot (59.13-metre) dump scow **Pauquachin** was in for a shave and haircut and some steel work. The ramp barge **W V No. 1** had some bottom damage repairs and the fishing vessel **Knight Dragon** had its four-year survey.

At the Dollarton yard, the **Squamish Rebel** was in for a major refit including work on the towing winch, steel repair and blasting and painting. The wooden fishing vessel **Star Wars II** had its stern tube repaired, and the owner was advised to keep the vessel in the water and not use the stern tube to fire photon torpedoes.

MacTavish Welding Ltd./ Gowlland Towing

MacTavish Welding Ltd. and Gowlland Towing in Campbell River, B.C. are jointly working on a 53-foot (16.15-metre) tug designed by A.G. McIlwain Ltd.


Richmond Yachts

Richmond Yachts' Hull No. 5, the 142-foot (43.28-metre) **Richmond Lady**, powered by two Caterpillar C32 engines, is scheduled for launching in the last half of August.

Hull No. 6, a 148-foot (45.11-metre) vessel featuring both an elevator and a helipad, is under construction for delivery in 2009.

Sylte Shipyard Ltd.

Sylte Shipyard Ltd. continues working on the Jack Davies/Port McNeill berthing tug, which will be delivered in late August or early September.

The yard is also working on an A.G. McIlwain-designed 53-foot (16.15-metre) tug for Catherwood Towing Ltd. for delivery before the end of the year. 



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