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Main picture: 'Belait Barakah' is a new 75-metre vessel from Malaysia's Muhibbah Marine Engineering, envisaged as a DP2 offshore support and maintenance vessel (16).

Smaller pictures (left to right): Ishigaki Dream Tours from Japan took delivery of the ground-breaking 'Premium Dream' from Richardson Devine Marine, Australia, in early September (44); The 50.29m 'Cayo Largo' from Blount Boats was delivered to the Puerto Rico Maritime Authority with a second 13.7m vessel - 'La Plena' - as cargo (48).

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Following the general maritime news and eight newbuild vessel reviews, our Focus on Japan reveals some of the most important contributors to the contemporary Japanese maritime industry



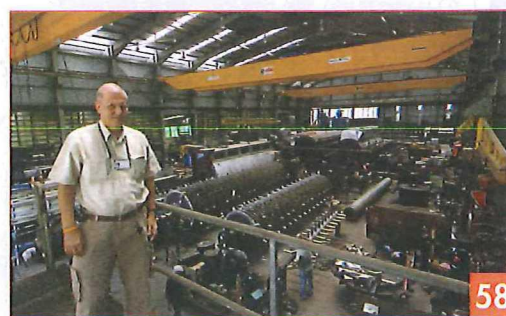
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Our summary of news germane to the passenger ferry, tourist and charter vessel sectors is followed by reviews of five of the very best new passenger vessels



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Our roundup of advances in marine electronics highlights some important new breakthroughs in products for the maritime industry, followed by the latest developments in marine interiors from a range of suppliers and manufacturers



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Alan Haig-Brown examines the success of Thai-Norwegian venture A&S Thai Works, which supplies fish meal and rendering equipment to plants throughout the world