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Updated Training on Electrical Drives for PPOS Technicians



PPOS Technicians pay close attention to the Nidec Field Engineer

PPOS technicians attended a refresher master class focusing on the electrical drives on cranes, to ensure that they are skilled to perform repairs fast and efficiently should the need arise. The class was held from February 11th to February 14th in the Conference room.

In very simple terms, the systems which control the motion of the crane and its electrical machinery are known as **electrical drives**. PPOS' two older ship-to-shore cranes STS 001 and STS 002 were retrofitted with digital controls drives from Nidec-Avtron in 2015. This was done to improve safety and reliability of these two cranes.

Using specially designed training units, each technician participated in Interactive Training Exercises – allowing more hands-on time with the equipment, including ADDAPT™ Software. The course facilitator was Hector R. Correa, Senior Field Service Engineer, Nidec Industrial Solutions – who was the chief Commissioning Engineer in 2015.

CRUISE SEASON ENDS IN APRIL



An MSC ship coming to berth in Port of Spain

The 2018-2019 Trinidad cruise season comes to an end on Wednesday 3rd April with the visit of the MSC Preziosa. This cruise ship made the most frequent calls, nine in all, to Port of Spain for the season- arriving every two weeks beginning in December 2018. The MSC Preziosa has a passenger capacity of 4,346, and approximately 1300 crew members.



A Princess cruise ship calls at Port of Spain

Ships from the Princess Cruises Line were next with most calls - there were five calls by the Caribbean Princess and one call by the Royal Princess. For the 2018-2019 season, there were a total of 26 cruise ship calls – bringing over 58,000 passengers to the Port of Spain shores.

PPOS EFFICIENTLY HANDLES HEAVY LIFTS



Operations workers ensure the lift proceeds smoothly

Commendation must be given to members of the PPOS Operations Team, who on Tuesday 05th February 2019, efficiently and effectively completed a complex Heavy Lift operation. This was a Tandem Lift operation, requiring a group of machines functioning together to complete a common goal – regarding a heavy lift.

A rigging plan was developed to ensure control was maintained of these machines at all times, and that all safety precautions were established. In this case, under the management of Head Rigger Mr. Dale Samuels and his team, two ship cranes maneuvered the Intermarine Shipping vessel into place during the course of a 12-hour long operation, two hours for rigging the vessel, two hours for lifting and the remainder spent on the latching.



The boat "At Ease" being lowered into the water

There was another heavy lift of a boat "At Ease", into the water, which was performed with ease and efficiency by the PPOS team.

PPOS MEETS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

<Sailing Forward Together>

On Thursday 14th March, 2019 the PPOS Marketing Department held a Stakeholders Forum after an absence of three years. The theme of the meeting was 'Sailing Forward Together' and it facilitated a transfer of information between the Port of Port of Spain executives and its internal and external and stakeholders.



Members of the Head Table listen to stakeholders' comments

On the dynamic panel was the Ag. General Manger/CEO PATT Trudy Gill-Conlon who shared greetings and introduced the Board of the Authority; next, Deputy Chairman of the Board of PATT, Adrian Beharry gave opening remarks; followed by Ag. CEO PPOS, Ricardo Gonzales who delivered an informative presentation on updates and future plans of the Port's operations. Regional Maritime Advisor Caribbean Technical Cooperation Division, Colin P Young, presented on the IMO Single Maritime Single Window Project; and finally, Project Administrator of TTBizLink Unit of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Neshan Singh gave an update on the strengthening of the Single Electronic Window (SEW) for Trade and Business Facilitation Programme.

The presentations were followed by an interactive feedback session where the stakeholders raised any questions or concerns, as well as suggestions

on the way forward which help to maintain a positive and lucrative relationship with our port.



Stakeholders listen attentively to the PPOS updates

At the end of the programme, Ag. Divisional Manager Operations Patricia Persad gave the Vote of Thanks. Afterwards there was a networking session with the stakeholders and the management team of PATT and PPOS – over a buffet lunch.

Teamwork on the A-Shift – Making Moves

We wish to highlight the commendable achievement of the members of the A-Shift on Sunday 13th January. The team achieved a total of 288 moves from 0700 hrs to 1600 hrs.



Some members of the A Shift

We extend congratulations to all members of the Operations team who contributed towards the achievement. **The names of employees are listed below.** Thank you team members, and keep on achieving in 2019. Teamwork works.

ITV OPERATORS W. Phillip V. Guerra A. Mohammed E. Alexander Y. Abdullah R. Ottway J. Sammy D. Baptiste	LASHERS S. Hutchinson J. Snaggs E. Waldron N. Wallace E. Winchester W. Alexander
DECKHAND C. Eversley	ECH OPERATOR S. Watts
R/S OPERATOR K. Singh	SHIP FOREMAN A. Holder
GEARMAN D. Samuel	QUAY OFFICER J. Nimblett
TALLY CLERK K. Edwards	DISPATCH K. Richardson
FULL YARD CLERK A. Isaac	EMPTY YARD CLERK K. John
ASM N. Benjamin	FOREMAN A. De Souza
REEFER YARD CLERK I Henry	PLANNERS D. Hypolite S. Seebrath C. Pritchard
SUPERINTENDENTS S. Hosein M. Cooper	STS OPERATORS R. Delancy J. Tyrel
RTG OPERATORS S. Escalante K. Baird K. Alleyne S. Rampersad G. Pierre S. Furlonge A. Andrews S. Hosein	MUSTER CLERK P. Martin

STUDENTS VISIT PPOS TERMINAL



Students pay attention to Electro Mechanical Engineer David King

Three students of the Logistics and Supply Chain programme at Chaconia Educational Institute visited PPOS on Thursday 31st January to learn about its service. They also went on a tour of the terminal to get a close-up and first-hand view of the equipment and operations. The tour was led by PPOS Electromechanical Engineer, David King.

Home Health Education Service Display



Representatives of HHES with the book display

PATT is always ready to encourage its employees to lead a healthy and vibrant lifestyle. In this regard, Home Health Education Service paid a visit to PATT, to provide information and display a variety of books largely focusing on health and healthy habits.

There was a display of books for sale - ranging from recipes to prepare juices, smoothies and natural drinks in a fun and creative way; to books offering guidance on what to eat, when and how. There were also books on parenting, family life, social issues, and books for children and teens encouraging them to adopt a healthy mindset from young. Other books also provide clear and reliable answers to questions about nutrition, including the healthiest recipes to lose weight as well as prevent and cure diseases.

FAREWELL TO LAYNE DE FREITAS

47 Years at PATT



Layne gets gift from Manager Jason Berkeley & cuts cake with wife

Managers and staff said a fond farewell to a very valued Messenger, Layne De Freitas, who proceeded on pre-retirement leave in March. Mr. De Freitas joined the Port Authority as a very young man in 1972 and was known as the always friendly and energetic messenger.

His last posting was with the Finance Department. The Finance family held a farewell lunch and presented him with a parting gift. His lovely wife attended the luncheon and cut the cake with him. Best wishes are extended to him for the future.

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