

HELM Marine Operations Software For Penn Maritime

Edoc Systems Group Ltd (Edoc), a leader in marine industry management software, announced recently that Connecticut-based Penn Maritime Inc. (Penn) has selected Edoc's HELM Marine Operations Software to replace their existing scheduling and invoicing system.

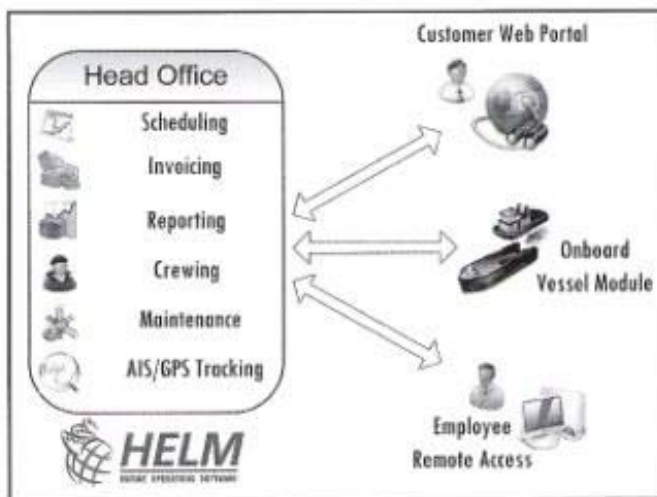
"After reviewing various providers of marine scheduling software, we felt Helm (and Edoc) could provide the most flexibility during the development process," noted Charles Goodrich, chartering manager, Penn Maritime Inc. "The finished product will meet all our current scheduling and database needs along with the ability for future expansion into areas such as Ship-to-Shore data transfer, crewing/payroll, purchasing/inventory, and data sharing with our customers and business partners."

Penn's current fleet of 19 barges and 13 tugs that operate along the east coast, gulf coast and west coast of the United States will have their voyages scheduled, tracked, and invoiced through HELM. Since Penn's business is focused on bulk tanker barging it presented a unique situation for which HELM was adapted. "Being the largest US coastal transporter of heated asphalt products, Penn tracks a large amounts of unique data regarding their voyages. We were pleased at how the flexibility of both HELM and our team could provide them with the solution they required," noted Ron deBruyne, president of Edoc.


HELM's flexibility makes it perfect for Penn's high volume of business and constantly changing requirements. By providing a graphical user interface to plot the vessel's voyages, the system provides another tool for users to efficiently plan schedules. Penn will also be benefiting from the remote accessibility of HELM, allowing users to securely work from offsite locations without making copies of their data.

Penn Maritime Inc. is currently the largest US coastal transporter of heated asphalt products. Eighteen of Penn Maritime's barges are either double bottomed or double hulled and the company continues to add double hull capacity to its fleet through additions and conversions.

Superior equipment complements their experienced and continuously trained crews and their shore side staff who maintains and manages their fleet all with the goal to provide safe transportation and high quality customer service.



Penn Maritime demonstrates its commitment to safety and quality service through ABS audited compliance with the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, the American Waterways Operators Responsible Carrier Program and ISO 9002. Penn Maritime sets high standards for its equipment and more importantly, for its crews and shore side staff to ensure safe petroleum transportation service. For more information, visit the company's Web site at <<http://www.pennmaritime.com>>

Edoc was started with its flagship product HELM Marine Operations Software (formerly TugAssist). The software was developed in partnership with many forward-thinking marine towing companies who wanted to digitize their operations. HELM centrally stores operational, crewing, and maintenance data for marine-based fleets in order to minimize data entry, streamline data flow, and improve overall operational efficiency. Also included in their software suite is a Ship-to-Shore Communication module and a Customer Data Transfer tool. Edoc helps companies in many areas of marine transportation such as harbour docking, barging, and log transportation. The company can be contacted toll free at 866-344-3362 or on the web at <www.edoc.ca> 

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