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METAL TRADES COMPLETES SECOND FUEL BARGE FOR U.S. NAVY



Hollywood, SC - Metal Trades, Inc. announced the completion of YON 331, the second vessel of a new class of 14,000 Barrel Double Hull Fuel Barges for the U.S. Navy. The 200' x 52' barge was designed by Bristol Harbor Group of Bristol, RI to carry either Diesel or JP5 Jet Fuel in five cargo tanks. Metal Trades was contracted by Maybank Industries, located in Charleston, South Carolina. The barge will be delivered to the Naval Supply Systems Command Fuel Depot facility in Norfolk, VA. Several key robust design features include:

- 40 year design service life
- Sherwin Williams paint system
- Byron Jackson Deep Well Cargo Pump driven by Caterpillar Diesel
- Northern Lights 12KW generator
- Ohmart VEGA Radar Tank Level Indication System

Shaun Flynn, Metal Trades' VP of Operations was elated with the successful completion of the U.S. Navy's final acceptance trials - "We are very pleased with positive feedback and complements received from our customers (Maybank Industries and NAVSEA) regarding the quality construction, house layout, and operational features of the barge. Although we've built many smaller sized barge over the last five years, this is the first new barge program that Metal Trades has been contracted to design and build. We worked closely with Bristol Harbor Group and the customer throughout the entire process. This is a proud accomplishment for the Metal Trades - Maybank Industries team."

More information on Metal Trades, Inc. may be found on their web site at: www.metaltrades.com

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