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PROPELLER CAVITATION DAMAGE REPAIRED WITH BELZONA

CUSTOMER

Ship Dockyard, Bulgaria

APPLICATION DATE

June, 2008

APPLICATION SITUATION

Bronze propeller of bulk carrier.

PROBLEM

The cavitation demage close to the edges of the bronze propeller caused lower hydrodynamic efficiency and propulsion capabilities of the vessel.

PRODUCTS

Belzona® 1311 (Ceramic R-Metal) Belzona® 1321 (Ceramic S-Metal)

SUBSTRATE

Bronze

APPLICATION METHOD

Application was carried out in accordance with Belzona Know-How System Leaflets SOS-1 and SOS-2.

BELZONA FACTS

The rebuild of cavitation damages by conventional welding and remachining were considered as too time consuming and required special skills to restore significant metal losses. The Belzona repair, in spite of being sacrificial, was chosen as more cost effective and time saving. After 1 year minor damage, mainly mechanical was found and locally repaired with further Belzona using an MBX Bristle Blaster for surface preparation.

PICTURES

- 1. The general view of cavitation damages after grit blasting
- 2. After rebuild with Belzona® 1311 two coats of Belzona® 1321 were applied
- 3. Inspection one year after the repair found some small mostly mechanical damage that were prepared by Bristle blasting
- 4. The damaged areas were corrected with Belzona® 1321









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