

# JACOB NEWS

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ Company event - La Cocina 2023
- ✔ Welcome new Technical Superintendent - Mr. Ehsan Askari
- ✔ Sale of Nordic Tristan completed
- ✔ Renewal DOC audit completed
- ✔ Four Jacob vessels transferred to new owners - Continued management
- ✔ Sale of Nordic Tatiana completed

## A warm welcome to our new Technical Superintendent!

*We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new Technical Superintendent - Mr. Ehsan Askari. Below he shared a few words with us about his background and how his first months with us at EJ has been so far.*

I was born on 06<sup>th</sup> May 1981 in Mashad, a city located in Northeast of Iran, far from any sea. My father was a lawyer and my mother a teacher- in a family where nobody has any idea or background about shipping. Summers we mostly spent driving my home city to the Caspian sea coast and childhood memories were my whole idea about sea.

The first time in the age of 18, I heard about marine engineering when NITC, National Iranian Tanker Company announced for a scholarship program for 10 yearly contracts! When I discussed with my parents, they were



Mr. Ehsan Askari onboard Nordic Basel

not very happy as my elder sister and brother were both doctors and it was difficult for them to let me sail and be away from them for so many months each year.

But I managed to convince them to allow me to enrol to the Marine Faculty of Chabahar Maritime College in 1999, a small port in south east of Iran in Oman sea coast where I graduated in 2003. Before graduation, and to comply with STCW 98, I joined as a cadet to an almost

### Let's celebrate EJ employees



We don't say goodbye but auf Wiedersehen to Capt. Dierk Boedeker who after 21 years with EJ, took his early retirement in February 2023. We thank him for his hard work, his dedication and his jovial attitude in the office. May he enjoy his retirement in its fullest - he has truly deserved it.



## Welcome to our new Technical Superintendent! *continued*

2 years old aframax tanker in Khark Island in Persian gulf. I signed off in the same port after 182 days. After just 1 hour on-board I was in doubt if I should continue or not! The **life on board is not an easy one** and it is something I will remember to this day. Being away from friends and family for such long periods, it can so easily become problematic, even with the great closeness you share with the rest of the crew.

But my wife helped me through it. I got married in 2003 and she was my best friend and support throughout all those years on-board. She was at home to handle all difficulties of life and in all these years she never got used to my absence!

I also felt the same, so we decided to try to find a way around it by me staying longer on-board and therefore longer at home as well! So my first attempt was to stay 7-8 months on-board each year in one contract. However it was of course completely exhausting in case of VLCC's when you have no chance to go ashore! Back in those days there wasn't any MLC, so the only entertainment on-board was the gym or reading books; **no satellite no internet!** We were allowed to send an email once per week to say a hello to the family, as well as receive any good news from them! But by the time I would return home, I would look like a guy who had just woken up from a coma!

We have a proverb in Persian that says: 'Humans are harder than stone'. I survived all those days and here we are, with much more respect for those who continue to do so year-in year-out!

In March 2017, my daughter was born and we decided that it would be best for our family if I made the jump to start working ashore. From Jan 2017 I immigrated to Germany and started my job as Technical-superintendent at a dry cargo fleet company! All vessels seem similar but honestly I missed tankers in both companies when finally a colleague advised about the Technical Superintendent vacancy at Jacob shipping! Such a nice opportunity to go back to my life, working for a tanker Company, even if as a TSI. Over the last 5 years I realised that I missed something from my professional life and that was - Tankers! I joined the company in February 2023 and each and every day reminds me of the life I lived on-board! The seaman's life - full of good and bad memories! However, despite all these bad memories and hardships away from family, I am sure that if I ever had the chance to go back to young man aged 18, I would surely make the same decision. **The tanker life is for me!**

***A special thanks to Mr. Ehsan Askari for sharing his story with us, and we look forward to creating some new working memories with him - may they all be good!***



Mr. Ehsan Askari during our EJ team Cooking Event

## Man Overboard

*Below is an interesting account from one of our Second Officers - Mr. Jessie Larisma, who experienced a most extraordinary situation on board our previously owned vessel - MT Nell Jacob.*

Let me introduce myself, I am 2/O Jessie Larisma currently serving on board M/V "Nordic Bern". I joined this company in 2004 as O/S. While we were heading towards Long Beach, as I was standing watch, and talking with D/CDT about our previous experiences, I remembered an interesting story. It happened on M/T "Nell Jacob" in 2020, with Captain Ante, during his first command.

It was a normal voyage and the vessel was heading towards China, as always there was a lot of traffic in the China Sea. Me and the D/CDT at the time were on the bridge, keeping a sharp look out. It was then when we sighted some debris floating approximately 3 cables from our ship. Amidst this debris we spotted something orange which appeared to look like a person wearing a life jacket and a life buoy. Assuming it was a survivor at sea, D/CDT maintained a visual contact with the "person" while I informed the Captain about the situation. When Captain arrived on the bridge, he decided that **it could in deed be a survivor!**

Vessel's in vicinity were informed about MOB and followed their emergency procedures. The vessel's reported that they could not see the "person" and proceeded to their destination without slowing down. Captain's immediate actions were as per company's emergency response plan. We



waited to be clear of the vessel to our starboard for turning and sounded the general alarm. Next was the Williamson turn, while the rescue boat team was preparing, I transmitted the PAN PAN message to alert the other vessel's in vicinity. After completing the turn, speed was reduced to 4 knots and we started to approach the survivor. It was then reported from our forward look outs that the survivor was **actually a dummy** dressed in immersion suit, life jacket and fasted to life buoy. Rescue operation was aborted; PAN PAN message cancelled.

After it all passed, I realized how important it is to keep a good look out, to make decisions without panicking and to react in a timely manner. The lesson I learned that day was that all of these things can make a difference between a successful or unsuccessful rescue operation.

***We would like to thank Mr. Jessie Larisma for having taken the time to share his account with us.***



*View from Bridge of the ,Man Overboard'*

## La Cocina—Office Cooking Event February 2023

Cooking a meal together with your colleagues? What can originally be planned as team-building exercise can lead to a fully enjoyable evening with the EJ Office Team.

In February 2023, the entire office came together at Cooking School La Cocina in Hamburg for an evening of learning, cooking, drinking and enjoying eachothers company in an interesting environment. An excellent evening indeed!

The evening started with a warm welcome from the head Chef Andreas and his staff, issuance of aprons for all and, once a nice drink was in hand, Head Chef Andreas proceeded to go through the menu and all steps that we would be following throughout the night. It can sound daunting, the idea of creating a meal for around 20 people - all with very different levels of culinary talent - however EJ team was ready for the task at hand. In the end we put together a full table of Italian flare consisting of:

- ✓ Minestrone alla Toskana
- ✓ Mixed anti-pasti platters
- ✓ Freshly made bread and dips
- ✓ Stuffed Ravioli
- ✓ Lasagne
- ✓ Vitello Tonnato Veal
- ✓ Stuffed Mushrooms
- ✓ Fried Prawns
- ✓ Stuffed Aubergine Rolls
- ✓ And much more...



The above were just a few of the amazing items we made. Of course, we can not forget to mention the lovely tiramisu dessert which our young apprentices managed with gusto! Switching between roles or working with different partners helped everyone to get in to the professional kitchen spirit and gain skills which some of us had never had... especially our brave colleagues who were tasked with rolling out dough thin enough for Ravioli!

The best part of cooking together was the sense of camaraderie and support. It was a great reminder of how well we work together as a team and at the end of the evening, we reveled in enjoying the delicious meal together.

A special thanks goes to Miriam Abraham for her efforts in organising this event for us, and of course to Tom Jacob for allowing these events to take place.

# La Cocina—Office Cooking Event February 2023 *continued*



*The EJ Team listens in to Chef Andreas around the main cooking space in La Cocina Cooking School*



*Ravioli and Minestrone stations at the forefront.*



*Lasagne and Prawn prepping stations*



# La Cocina—Office Cooking Event February 2023 *continued*



*Dessert is served! Mr. Alexander Müller-Linow and Mr. Peter Juul Christensen dish out the delicious tiramisu!*



*EJ Team sits down to a well deserved dinner!*



*Antipasti Platters are ready!*



*Our Apprentices whip up a tasty dessert.*

# A View from Ashore and Onboard!



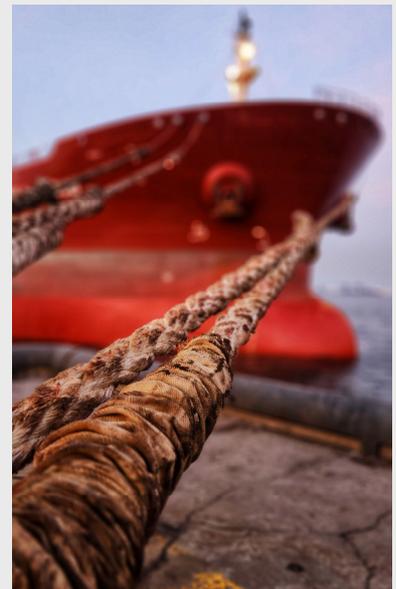
*Post-briefing drinks at Hamburg Wintermarket!*



*EJ staff were presented with special framed photos of the main engines that were produced by DAMEN for our vessels!*



*EJ Office Team enjoying breakfast to celebrate Capt. Boedecker's retirement!*



*View of MT Navig8 Montiel*

### Help us to create our Newsletter

- ✔ Do you have any news you would like to share with the Jacob Family?
- ✔ How about a thank you to a team/crew member for exceptional work or the help they have provided?

If so, please send us any items that you would like us to include and we will make sure that they are entered in to the next Newsletters.



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