

Smooth operators



Carnival Cruise Lines chose International Paint's Intersleek 900, the new biocide free, foul release coatings system for the recent dockings of Carnival Victory and Carnival Valor.

Intersleek 900 was chosen by Carnival following a long evaluation of the Intersleek 700 foul release system which benefits include decreased fuel consumption and improved hull maintenance, claim the manufacturer. Secondary benefits, it says, include a reduction in the amount of hazardous wash water and contaminated grit produced during

coating repair, fewer coats and less paint applied at subsequent drydockings, fewer volatile organic compounds released during the painting process and less time spent in drydock.

In 2007 CCL signed a long term supply agreement with the UK-based coatings

manufacturer and extended the Intersleek fleet usage to 10 vessels.

Introduced in February 2007, Intersleek 900 offers savings of a further 2% percent compared to Intersleek 700 and 6% compared to SPC (self polishing copolymer) antifouling, reports International Paint. Since launch, Intersleek 900 has been applied to 90 vessels. MSC Cruises' latest delivery MSC Poesia's underwater hull was applied with the product at a pre-delivery drydocking at Aker Yards in St Nazaire (above), becoming the first newbuilding to receive Intersleek 900.