

# NEWSLETTER



## ICE Expands its Croatian Office

ICE Marine Design Group has moved its Croatian office to the newly opened Technology Park in Split, Croatia's second largest city and a major seaport. The team relocated at the end of October after more than six years in its previous premises in central Split.

The former office at Jadroplov's headquarters served us well but had become too small for future plans. Expansion was not possible at that site, which limited both operational flexibility and the intended growth of our engineering capacity.

The new premises provide a modern workspace specifically designed for technology and engineering companies. The building offers large conference

areas, meeting rooms, high-speed optical internet, relaxation areas and kitchens on each floor. Ample car parking space is also available, which had been a challenge at the previous location.

The new office is four times larger than before and supports ICE's

plans to increase capacity in Split during the coming year.

Other companies active in the local ship design and marine technology sector are also based in the Technology Park, creating opportunities for closer cooperation.



*New office location within the Technology Park Split at Dračevac 3D*

## ICE at Maritime Horizons Conference in Croatia

The 2025 "Maritime Horizons: Innovations, Sustainability & Strategy" conference took place on 25 November in Rijeka. Organised by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Zagreb and sponsored by leading maritime technology provider Kongsberg, the event brought together representatives from across the region's maritime sector.

ICE Marine Design Group was represented by Steinar Draegebo, Chairman & CEO, who contributed to the panel on Modern Shipyard Requirements. The discussion covered topics including digitalisation, engineering capability and workforce development in modern shipyards.

Mate Lukas, ICE's Country Manager for Croatia, also attended and caught up with many former colleagues from the Croatian shipbuilding industry. ICE has had an established presence in Croatia since 2019, having earlier won its first Croatian design contract – a major conversion of a railcar ferry into an offshore oil production vessel – from the Viktor Lenac shipyard in Rijeka in 2006. ICE's participation in the conference reflects the company's continued engagement with the local maritime sector.



*Image: ICE Marine Design's Mate Lukas left and Steinar Draegebo right with H.E. Arne Saunes Bjornstad, Norway's Ambassador to Croatia.*

## Exploring New Icebreaker Programmes in Finland



ICE Group Chairman Steinar Draegebo and Business Development Director Jason Nunn travelled to Finland in October for meetings with Finnish engineering and shipbuilding companies. The visit coincided with announcements of joint Government-supported programmes involving Canadian, Finnish and American companies for the design and construction of a series of icebreakers for North America, with the first vessels to be built in Finland as part of technology transfer arrangements.

*Image: Pictured in front of the main assembly hall of Rauma Marine Construction (RMC) are from left: Eero Makinen, ICE's Representative for Finland; Tomi Paattilampi, RMC Design Director; Roni Jukakoski, RMC Director Strategic Development; Steinar Draegebo, ICE Chairman.*

## Christmas Holidays

Most ICE employees will take well-deserved time off during the festive season from 25 December to 4 January, with regular operations resuming on Monday, 5 January. Some colleagues will continue supporting project work during this period, and senior management will remain reachable via mobile phones for any urgent matters.

*We wish our customers, business associates and employees a happy Holiday Season, and we thank everyone for their continued support throughout 2025.*



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## FROM OUR PROJECT PORTFOLIO::OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL (OPV) 90M AMAZONAS-CLASS

**Scope of Work:** Basic design updates, detail design for hull and outfitting for complete ship, on-site technical assistance.

**Client/ Shipyard:** VT Shipbuilding, UK

Main contractor at time of commissioning: BVT Surface Fleet Ltd., UK

**Year:** 2007 - 09

**Owner:** Brazilian Navy



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