

Once again the Chairman attended the September breakfast meeting at Mersey Maritime at their office's in Birkenhead. Following on from the tea, coffee and bacon rolls and the chance to meet other members there was a very interesting presentation from Stone Marine Shipcare.

The company was universally known on Merseyside and the rest of the world, for many years as Stone Manganese Marine. The manufacturer of ship's propellers. The company was founded in 1832 by Joseph Stone when he established his foundry and workshops in Birkenhead. The company's name changed a few years ago when the manufacture and 90 percent of the business transferred to Asia. They continue to produce ships main propellers but also now include azimuth pods, and bow and stern thrusters.

They see their engineers as craftsmen in the field who apart from basic skills in safety, lifting and welding have advanced skills in propeller design, surveying, rotational grinding and metallurgy meeting the stringent criteria demanded by the world's Classification Societies.

Stone Marine Shipcare provide a worldwide service to shipyards, Ship owners and managers as well as Insurers.

A really interesting talk and good to know that another tradition industry to shipping remains on Merseyside.