

CC&S Newsletter

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CC&S Support Contract

The new CC&S Support Contract started on the 1st October 2006. BAE Systems CS&S Naval teams based in Filton and Bristol will be continuing their support to the NP-IPT and in particular their MoD customer Mr Richard Harrop (NPPL3).

Steve Bygrave and George Graham will form the core contract team. Andy Dunning and his Surveillance Support Team - based in Portsmouth - will continue to be responsible for TMaSS and TMaSS NT.

Richard has asked that some changes be made to the way the support work is managed within the new contract. The output focus that has been evident for the last couple of years is to be enhanced to enable a wider stakeholder community to be aware of what we actually do. To that end, George will shortly be organising visits to Platforms, Simulators and Authority Offices in Faslane, Devonport and the Portsmouth area to raise the profile of the CC&S Contract Team.

Contract Responsibilities

Richard Harrop – NPPL3 - MoD Contract Manager

Steve Bygrave – CC&S Project Manager

George Graham – T&V Class CCC Support Manager and ISIS

Andy Dunning – Surveillance Systems Support Manager including TMaSS NT

Mike Lloyd – TMaSS Support Manager

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CC&S Help Desk

Another change is the introduction of a Help Desk - a single point of contact for all technical enquiries, defect reports, requests for information etc. This will be based in Portsmouth.

All enquiries will be logged and passed to the relevant member of the team. The process will be fully explained at the forthcoming Stakeholder meetings.

Newsletter Purpose

Whilst the BAE Systems, CC&S Team will be compiling this newsletter – initially every 3 months - its purpose is to keep the CC&S stakeholders informed of recent occurrences, present situations and future plans. It may also be used for disseminating information from other parts of the CC&S community but should not be used instead of the usual, formal reporting routes.

The subjects to be reported within this newsletter will be the CC&S of V-Boats and T-Boats including TMaSS/TMaSS NT and topics that affect the CC&S Contract.

Spotlight Corner

Hypertac Connectors – DML has found that torque wrenches were issued for the tightening of screws on Hypertac HLM and HSC connectors. The tool is engraved with a prescribed setting which is incorrect resulting in a lot of screws breaking when this level of torque tightening was applied. New comprehensive guidelines will be issued shortly but until then the torque tools should not be used. Any queries regarding this issue prior to the guidance being received should be addressed to the CC&S Help Desk.

Team Member Profile - From time to time it is intended to profile members of the support team including the MoD contingent. It may also be possible to include some Ship's Staff in this, so, if you would like to be considered please e-mail a photo and some profile details to the help desk.

V-Boats & TMaSS NT

Victorious LOP(R)

From a CC&S perspective the LOP(R) is progressing well. The new MCD-Centre Desk has been fitted, although some slight modifications were required.

The new MCD-CD, manufactured by James Wilson Limited (JWL), incorporates modularised areas with plug and socket attachments for the Jay-EI IPBs - improving maintainability.

A new design of V-Boat Harbour Desk Cover has been manufactured, also by JWL and will be distributed to platforms in due course.

As for TMaSS NT: All LSUs have been set to work as well as the MPU cabinet. Six of the seven workstations are also in working order.

Vanguard Update

The Vanguard TMaSS NT system is to be updated with the Release 2 system. This will entail various software and hardware updates including upgrading Windows 2000 to Windows XP, introducing a touch screen into the MPU and changing the keyboard.

T-Boats

Triumph LOP(R)

The Triumph LOP(R) is progressing and DML have taken receipt of panels AD, BA and DA from James Wilson Limited, via BAE Systems.

Mk8 GPI

The Mk 8 GPI is programmed to be fitted to Trafalgar in her present RAMP and it is hoped to BOM the fit into Triumph's LOP(R) also.

TOK Switch Replacements

TOK Switches have had obsolescence issues for some time now. George has been working closely with Santon Switchgear and Ross Manufacturing to provide a solution to this problem. Earlier this year he completed 8 Class Mod Leaflets identifying switch replacements and detailing the replacement procedure. If required, the CM numbers can be obtained via the CC&S Help desk or from BR 5010(6A Mods).

Future Developments

TMaSS/TMaSS NT

The TMaSS NT group are currently investigating potential replacements for the LSU I/O system.

The TMaSS plasma display has been obsolete since 2000. The workstation that was developed to replace this has also become obsolete. A replacement for the workstation is currently being researched which is expected to be cheaper than the current hardware with potentially more functionality and modularity. This should be available late 2007.

Software - Following comments from ship staff various improvements and additions are planned including adding a FOZ diagram and improved trending.

It is also the intention of the TMaSS NT team to produce a more useful "Plant State A" screen for TMaSS NT.

Any ideas for the above or anything TMaSS related would be welcomed and should be reported to the helpdesk.

ISIS

One of the main goals over the next couple of years is for the team to investigate the possibility of replacing ISIS with a Windows based system similar to TMaSS NT. A number of visits will have to be arranged in order to baseline the system and its component parts. The initial investigation work will be carried out over the next 12 to 18 months.

V-Class Environmental Panel

We have recently had confirmation from DASS that the fire detection area of the Env. Panel may be utilised for another purpose. We are looking into the feasibility of creating a Notice/Whiteboard area for handover notes etc. Ideas will be welcomed from the V-Boat community for the re-utilisation of the area, as long as it won't cost Richard too much of his hard earned budget. The widescreen LCD TV idea has already been rejected. Who knows, there may be a prize for the best idea!

