



Capt. Daley's Sea Stories

Bourgeois Tide (1) Equatorial Guinea, Africa

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The sun was very kind in the past week and afforded me some interesting shots. We are working for Noble Energy supporting their ATWOOD HUNTER and PRIDE SOUTH PACIFIC semi-submersible drilling rigs. We have had several interactions with the Tidewater Enabler, the largest vessel in our fleet.

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Why are the best croissants in the world made and served in Paris, even at the airport???



Here you see what the Bourgeois Tide does best, receiving a back load. Notice the prop wash out of the side of the vessel. Dynamic Position computers control the Z-drives, providing a stable position.



The Maslenny Tide, a Fast Supply Vessel, is an oversized crew boat at 175 feet in length. She has dynamic positioning computers. She has four propellers at the stern and a drop down Z-drive bow thruster.



You can see the Art Carlson, a VS-480, working the Pride South Pacific semi-submersible drill rig. The VS-480's are our second largest boats. We have eight of them.



The sun "stuck" in the drill tower of the Atwood Hunter. She is preparing for a rig move.



My new camera is better than expected at low light. I should have some fun with this feature.



The Coast Guard, armed with AK-47, coming to tell me that the Enabler must not transfer to us using his crane in the anchorage. What a way to start your day out with a bang, not to mention overkill.



Personnel are being transferred from the Pride South Pacific to the Tidewater Enabler. Riding the personnel basket is a lot more fun than it looks!



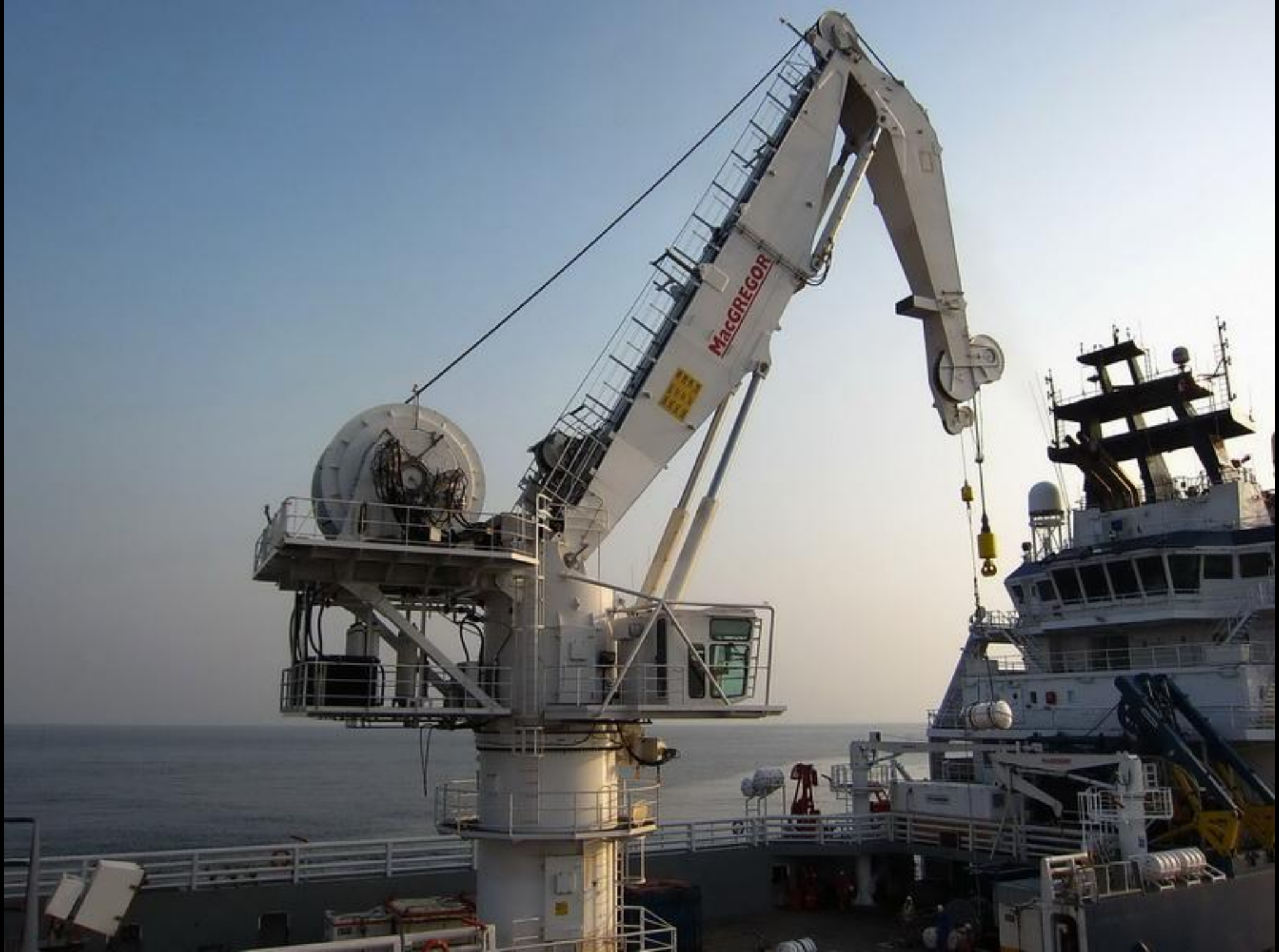
The Tidewater Enabler leaving the rig. Too bad it wasn't a little less hazy and a lot sunnier.



Here's another delta wing, camouflaged bug, this time in Equatorial Guinea. At 4 inches he was considerably smaller than the 9 inch green one in Cameroon.



The Bourgeois Tide is alongside the Tidewater Enabler, preparing to receive two life rafts.



This is called a knuckle crane for the obvious reason. This crane is also heave compensated!



The sun setting on the Delatte Tide, named after our HSE Manager, Patrice Delatte.