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*Matej Pinkoš* has joined Aker Arctic as a naval architect in the ship design team.

Matej graduated with a Master of Naval Architecture with High Performance Marine Vehicles degree from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, in 2020.

His association with Aker Arctic began during his last year of studies, when the company became an external advisor for his master's thesis which concerned a Polar Class 2 LNG-powered research vessel. After obtaining his degree, Matej completed a summer internship at Aker Arctic, which allowed him to delve further into this field. Subsequently, for a year he worked for a British superyacht naval architecture company on a ground up development of an innovative technical platform, until he decided to return to Finland and pursue his career with Aker Arctic.

Coming from the Tatra region in Slovakia, mountains are his passion and he loves hiking, skiing and ski touring. However, the lack of mountains around Helsinki means he now makes do with running and swimming after work.



*Henry Vesalainen* has joined Aker Arctic as a machinery systems designer in the machinery and structures team.

Henry graduated from the Energy Technology Department at LUT University in 2021. His master's thesis was related to Arctic LNG carriers and how to execute thermal

analyses related to steel hull structures.

He spent several summers as a trainee at Aker Arctic, as well as one summer at the machinery design department at Turku shipyard, which has given him a solid ground to work in the ship design field.

Having grown up in Helsinki next to the coast, Henry has a passion for everything related to the sea. During his summer internships at Aker Arctic, he enjoyed the atmosphere and his interest in the Arctic ship design field grew. He thrives on the challenging nature of projects at work.

Henry spends his free time with his family, and especially his baby girl who has just taken her first steps. He's a keen sportsman and also enjoys seasonal outdoor activities.

## Tom Mattsson retires

For the past 38 years, Tom Mattsson has managed and supervised Aker Arctic's ice model tests, designed advanced ice going ships, been on ice reconnaissance missions and full-scale trials, accomplished the renovation of an ice basin abroad, and been engaged in countless development projects at Aker Arctic. He has now decided it is time to pursue other interests and retired at the end of February 2022.



"I began as a trainee in 1983 and my first mentor, Pekka Kannari, gave me the task of driving ice model tests," Tom reminisces. "I continued with that until my next mentor, Gustav Lindqvist, decided I should focus on developing hull forms. The vault stern I drafted in 1990-91 is still being used in many projects all over the world."

The ice basin in St. Petersburg underwent a large renovation at the beginning of 1990s, and Tom was sent to supervise it. "The city was different at that time, but I enjoyed my few years there before returning home to plan the ice model basin in Vuosaari, and then take charge of the tests in the new basin," he says.

Well-known icebreaking ship designs such as *Röthelstein*, *Arcticaborg*, *Tempera* and *FESCO Sakhalin* all bear Mattsson's signature. In the past ten years, he has been part of the teams developing the large LNG carriers for Yamal LNG, new oil tankers for Neste Corporation, as well as the polar expedition cruise vessel for Ponant, among others.

"While I will surely miss my Aker Arctic family and the exceptional atmosphere we have at work, it is time for me to hand over the reins to my very talented, younger colleagues," Tom says. His dream is to train work dogs, and that is something he hopes to focus on in the future. ■

