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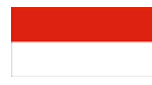
### C. Peter Ziehl, President



After almost 35 years of service with Slickbar Products Corporation, Peter Ziehl is venturing into other life aspirations. Peter started in April 1974 as a draftsman. Soon he became the head of drafting & engineering.

When the company was purchased from Millard Smith in 1987, Peter then became the Administrator of Manufacturing. In 1997, when Russ Blair retired, Peter became the President of Slickbar Products.

When asked what he will do, Peter stated that he has just been accepted into the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, New York on a full time basis. “I would like to be the best chef that I can be” Peter says. In the future, Peter would like to open a Bed & Breakfast with his wife Heidi and travel to the Mediterranean . Sounds exciting and we wish Peter all the happiness life has to offer.



## JBF 6000 CNOOC



The latest JBF OSRV is the first ever designed and built in China. There are two more under construction in China at this time as well. This JBF OSRV is 47m long (longest built so far) and can be controlled and operated from the bridge or the bow stations (where the operator can see directly down into the spill). The bow doors open within minutes of arriving at the spill site and the JBF Dynamic Incline Plane (DIP) Skimming System inside the bow area can start recovery of oil immediately thus dramatically reducing set up and deployment times which equates to tremendous cost savings for the spill and reduces environmental damage by limiting the spread of the spill area.

To learn more about our complete line of JBF Oil Spill Recovery Vessels, please visit our [website](#) or contact Steve Reilly, [steve@slickbar.com](mailto:steve@slickbar.com), at any time.

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**TIDE FLOWERS: Hudson River Park, Pier 32 New York, New York**



As part of a revitalization project for the Hudson River Park Trust, prototypes of Tide Flowers were made here at Slickbar Products to enhance the beauty of the Hudson River. Tide flowers are custom designed fabric petals with an internal foam buoyancy pocket and hinged collars to allow the petals to fall against the piling at low tide and rise to full “blossom” at high tide. Eventually a total of 129 flowers will be placed permanently on the river.

Slickbar was contacted by Stacy Levy, an artist from Pennsylvania, who was working in conjunction with the Hudson River Part Trust. She has been involved with numerous projects throughout the US.

Stacy says “as a sculptor, my interest in the natural world rests both in art and science. I work within the two fields using art as a vehicle for translating the patterns and processes of the natural world into the language of human understanding.”

Stacy writes, nature does not stop in the city. The Hudson River, brushing against the concrete and glass of the urban fabric, rises up and down twice a day with the eternal clock of the tides. This tidal activity connects us to the ocean, to the moon and to a daily schedule that is nature’s own. And every body of water has a tide, from the sea to a glass of tap water; even our bodies, being 75% water, have a tide. But we cannot easily reckon whether the tide is up or down. Many people do not have any idea that there is even a tide in the Hudson River, let alone if it is ebbing or flowing. I want to build Tide flowers to show the tide to everyone using the park, or living in the apartments with a view down to the river's surface.



Tide Flowers will register the tidal movement with a simple visual presence of brilliantly-colored flowers attached to the pilings of Pier 32. They will bloom or open at high tide and close at low tide. It is so essential to have a sense of nature's presence while we are in the midst of our cities. And while we rush around muddled in our own concerns and schedules, the tide flowers will be registering the globally- scaled turning of tides, sharing nature's own time with us.

Two different prototypes being tested in the Hudson River.

Slickbar is always open to working on special & unique projects.

To see other projects that Stacy has been involved in, please visit her website [www.stacylevy.com](http://www.stacylevy.com).



## JBF DIP 500 VOSS Skimming System Okinawa, Japan



The rapid response [JBF DIP 500 VOSS](#) Skimming System enables the conversion of an existing vessel of opportunity into an advancing oil recovery vessel. The unique design of the DIP 500 skimmer allows simple air transport to the spill site. The DIP 500 incorporates independent flotation which enables the skimmer to operate in waves independent of the vessel of opportunity. Additional sweep width can be obtained using JBF's extended sweep system or by use of additional containment boom and a second tow vessel. The skimming module incorporates either one or two positive displacement screw pumps for transfer of recovered oil to storage.

## Catch of the Day



Captain Kenneth Parker of Westerly, Rhode Island, and his granddaughter, Sabrina Sluss are pictured proudly displaying the nice striped bass they caught with the "infamous Slickbar lure." "It was a good day of fishing," states Captain Parker.

Keep sending us your own photos of "successful catches" with our Slickbar lures. These lures have been traveling all around the world and have caught several different types of fish so far.

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## Sabtank—Yanbu, Saudi Arabia



In October/November, Tony Strange, Director of Corrosion Engineering, visited the Sabtank facility in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia to sign off on the completed installation of [Retrowrap](#) STD 19 carried out by global contracting. Start up training was provided by Bob Overgaard, Middle East technical manager, based in Kuwait pictured above on the left of the other gentlemen, Mr. Abdulrahman Al- Yahya, Assistant Director General for Operations and Maintenance and Hassan Al Saad, Inspection Technician, both of KFCA.

Tony states that the "photographs show excellent scaffolding being constructed and high standard of installation cleanliness on 36" repeated batter piles." Note residual hoop tension causes the gel to exude and seal the upper and flange extremities.



**How does Retrowrap work?** Absorbent polyester felt is impregnated with a water repellent thixotropic gel containing corrosion inhibitors or biocidal treatments. Elastomeric properties in fabric allow Retrowrap to be stretched around structure for a snug fit to ensure that it is water & air tight. Flange closure system is designed for easy field installation and removal for routine inspection. It will accommodate all fabric thicknesses.

Once installed, corrosion inhibitors commence the pacification process to neutralize & maintain surface contaminants to an inert state. Any water is expelled during installation causing the gel to flow and fill surface irregularities.

Hope to see you at [Underwater Intervention](#) March 3—5, 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana and also at [NACE](#) March 22—26, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia

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