

TYCO DEPENDABLE CHRISTENING

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Tyco Telecommunications christened its newest cable ship, the Tyco Dependable, on January 21st, 2003 in Honolulu, Hawaii during Pacific Telecommunications Conference 2003.



Honored guests and VIPs look on as Frank Cuccio, Managing Director of the Tyco Fleet, gets the ceremony underway.

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Over 250 guests, including prominent members of the under-sea telecommunications industry and maritime community, attended the ceremony at the famous Aloha Tower.



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Reverend Kekoa Kordell

The ceremony, encompassing both maritime and Hawaiian traditions, began with a traditional Hawaiian blessing for the vessel and crew that was given by Reverend Kekoa Kordell from the Kamahamaha School.

Following the blessing, Tyco Telecommunications was honored to have Ms. Michelle Carlos of Australia Japan Cable, as Lady Sponsor (a tradition which dates back to the early 1800s), break the Champagne bottle over the bow.

The event also included a Maile Lei ceremony, which is traditional for Hawaiian ship christenings.



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Traditional Hawaiian Maile Lei Ceremony



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David Coughlan, President of Tyco Telecommunications; Ms Michelle Carlos, Lady Sponsor; Capt. Ed Pillert, Master of the Tyco Dependable; Frank Cuccio, Managing Director of the Tyco Fleet.



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Dave Coughlan, President of Tyco Telecommunications, had the following to say during the ceremony:

"As the telecom industry now rides in the trough following the telecom expansion of the late 1990s, we remain confident that this business will rise again as predictably as the changing tide. Ships are not built for this quarter's results; Tyco Dependable and her sister ships are a monument to our long term commitment and success.

Tyco Dependable is the product of a vision that began long ago. She represents the best in ship building technology, and is equipped with the most advanced Navigation, Automation, Cable Handling and Positioning systems available in the world. Her crew is part of a long lineage of cable ship sailors, telecom engineers and technicians that have shaped this industry. They will sail her in this new millennium, fully equipped to meet tomorrow's challenges."



Dave Coughlan, President of Tyco Telecommunications

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Tyco Dependable is the fourth Reliance Class cable ship delivered to Tyco Telecommunications by the Keppel Hitachi Zosen Shipyard in Singapore. The Tyco Reliance, the first ship to be delivered, as well as her sister ship, the Tyco Responder, have successfully installed 3,466 km of cable for the TGN Pacific system. The Reliance Class vessels are optimally configured with a 20 wheel pair Linear Cable Engine for deep sea installation and plowing, as well as two 4 meter cable drum engines for cable maintenance. Economies achieved in crew size, fuel consumption, and equipment standardization will ensure that Tyco Telecommunications' fleet is competitive in both the installation and maintenance markets. This flexibility enables these vessels, which will be stationed around the globe, to perform both installation and maintenance activities, allowing Tyco Telecommunications to be fully responsive to customers' varying needs.

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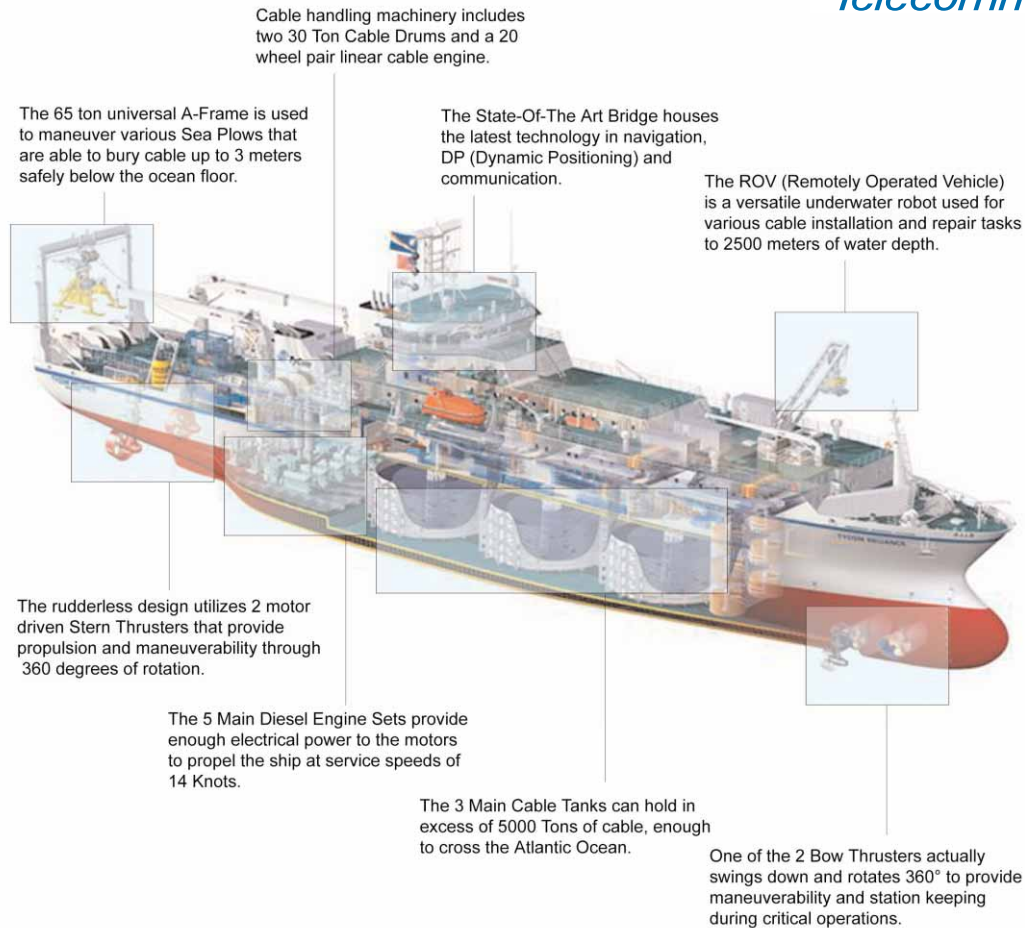
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Tyco Reliance Class Particulars

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<u>Length</u>	140 meters overall
<u>Molded Beam</u>	21 meters
<u>Cable Capacity</u>	5465 metric tons of cable in 3 tanks
<u>Gross Tonnage</u>	12,184
<u>Main Engines</u>	5 x KRGB-9 Bergen 1990 kW each
<u>Bow Thrusters</u>	1 x Ulstein- 1700 kW/ 0-900 RPM (Tunnel), 1 x Ulstein- 1700 kW/ 0-1800 RPM (Drop Down Azimuthing)
<u>Stern Thrusters</u>	2 x Ulstein- 3100 kW/ 0-720 RPM (Azimuthing)
<u>Cable Machinery</u>	1 x ODIM, 20 wheel pair Linear Cable Engine, 2 x ODIM, 4 m diameter cable drums
<u>Dynamic Positioning System</u>	Kongsberg Simrad SDP 21 DP System, dual redundancy
<u>Sea Speed</u>	14 knots
<u>ROV Capability</u>	Equipped with a Dynacon Launch and Recovery System capable of handling all Tyco ROV's
<u>Plow Capability</u>	The 60 ton A Frame and 60 ton traction winch are capable of handling our largest 3 meter plows